

**SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
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FISHERIES UPDATE

Purpose

To update the Council the work of Shrewsbury Town Fisheries.

I am currently busy with the plans for the fisheries for next year and they will be announced in future reports.

Junior Coaching Events 2026

Our coaching events were once again successful this year for our fisheries juniors, local cub groups and local schools working with the Canals and Rivers Trust and the Angling Trust. Next year more is being planned to further expand our coaching activities. It has been encouraging to see a large increase in junior fisheries memberships this year especially in the school holidays.

Shrewsbury Quarry Fishing Marches/Competitions

In October we have run three Saturday open angling matches in the Quarry River section. The catches have been encouraging and it is hoped, river levels dependant, that the momentum of more competitions will grow and increase in participation to get to where we historically should be.

Oxon Pool

I have concerns with the planned development of houses close to the perimeter of the pool. Since the existing new housing development, we have issues with a lack of water coming into the pool in the summer months and excessive water in the winter months due to run off. Due to lack of water in the summer of the last two years, we have had to close the pool for its members. With a new further development of further houses, the green land is a vital source of water feed for the pool. The water feed inlet is at the corner of the new planned development site. The boundary fence must be secured as the pool itself is very silty and dangerous to children if they get in it. Oxon Pool is a vibrant wildlife habitat and a super fishery.

Monkmoor

In 2024 the fisheries repaired the Monkmoor lane at a significant cost as it had been broken up by the farmer and his machinery. Recently over a two-week period we have had 30 articulated lorries' being driven down the lane and also large tractors and they have broken the lane up again. We have contacted the farmer, and he has assured us that he will repair the lane. I wanted to note this as it is access to anglers in cars and walking members of the public.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the contents of the report are noted.