

**SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
6 MAY 2026**

Officer: Helen Ball (Town Clerk)

ALLOTMENTS

Purpose of Report

To update the Committee on the management of the Allotment Sites

Background

The Town Council runs a number of allotment sites across the town; these include

Bowbrook
Castlefields
Central Drive
Column
Greenfields
Heathgates
Monkmoor
Stanley Lane – Meole
Washford Road – Meole
Vicarage Road - Meole
Sutton Lane

In total there are over 600 plots over 43 acres of land. Each site is run by a management committee that is responsible for day to day running of the sites.

Secretaries Meetings

Every 6 months the Town Clerk & Operations Managers meet with the allotment secretaries to receive an update on tenancies and waiting lists and understand where there are any works required on site.

The recent meeting of the Allotment Secretaries has shown that there are minimal vacancies and a surplus waiting list on all sites. Dynamics of gardeners are changing with younger families wanting more allotment plots.

Over the years the Town Council has undertaken programmes of works to improve fencing and security, utilities and exterior hedge/fence maintenance. Where possible the Town Council arranges for the disposal of waste that cannot be recycled and supplies the committees with wood chip and plainings for footpaths and beds.

Income is received from the Management Committee on a rate set by Full Council Annually. This funding is set aside in accordance with the Allotments Act of 1906 and used solely for the purpose of Allotments.

Currently there are no areas of concern to report to Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) That the Report be noted;**
- (ii) That the notes of the Allotment Secretaries Meeting held on 9 April be noted**