

**SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL
COMMUNITIES & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
4 FEBRUARY 2026**

Officer: Andy Jones – Shrewsbury Town Fisheries

FISHERIES UPDATE

Purpose

To update the Council the work of Shrewsbury Town Fisheries.

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

Fisheries Grant Application

For the first part of our plans for this year I have applied for an Environment Agency Fisheries Improvement Grant Round One, to contribute match funded with fisheries funds for three replacement fishing platforms for our Emstrey Fishery. The old platforms have badly eroded over time from heavy water and the timbers are decaying. The new platforms will provide easy and safe access for anglers fishing on the river. We hope to install them early summer.

With respect to the Environment Agency FIP Grant Scheme, it was pleasing to receive a communication from the agency to acknowledge that Shrewsbury Town Fisheries have been expressed as champions for our works and projects. Please see below one of the EA and Angling Trust media publications.

Fisheries Maintenance

Over the next four weeks I shall be inspecting all our river and pool fisheries to look at any maintenance issues. Checks will be made on all fishing platforms, our fisheries signs and car parks etc.

Bailiff Team

Four of our bailiff team who are involved in the Angling Trust Voluntary Bailiff scheme with the Angling Trust and Environment Agency, have recently attended further online workshops to enhance their enforcement skills on the fisheries.



SHREWSBURY TOWN FISHERY

A Fisheries Improvement Programme Success Story

The FIP reinvests your rod licence fees back into clubs and fisheries to improve habitat quality and angling experience.

Apply from Dec 1st - 6th Feb - www.anglingtrust.net/funding





The Key Issue

The fishing pegs along Syndey Avenue and The Quarry had degraded due to age and excessive flooding, meaning they were a safety hazard and had to be removed

Shrewsbury Town, Shropshire.
Project work completed 30th June 2024.
£2,971 invested by the Environment Agency's FIP fund out of a total of £6,392 invested in the project in 2024/5.



Benefit to Anglers and Wildlife

- 6 brand new pegs have been created for anglers to use
- Increased safety and comfort of fishing
- Protection of riverbank health through secure infrastructure

Andy Jones - Volunteer Fisheries Coordinator

The Environment Agency-Angling Trust FIP grants have been hugely valuable, helping us improve angling access much faster than we could have otherwise. Local EA fisheries officers are also extremely supportive, so it's always worth seeking their advice. The grants take time to apply for, but the impact they deliver makes the effort more than worthwhile.



Improved angling experience for over 2,500 rod licence holders
2.5km of riverbank better able to be fished!



RECOMMENDATIONS

That the contents of the report are noted.