



**SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL
COMMUNITIES & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
Wednesday 1st April 2026**

Officer: Ian Thorpe. Commercial, Markets and Events Manager

EVENTS IN THE QUARRY

Purpose of Report

To update the Committee with the events held and scheduled to be held within the Quarry.

List of Events for 2026

Event	Provisional Date/s
February	
MILLION HOURS GAMING BUS	Monday 16 th & Tuesday 17 th
March	
SHROPSHIRE ROCK CHOIR	Saturday 28 th
FUN FAIR - STOKES	Wednesday 25 th to April 6 th – Operating dates 27 th to 6 th
April	
RUN THE DISTANCE – SEVERN HOSPICE EASTER DASH	Saturday 4 th
WREKIN ORIENTEERING	Sunday 5 th
HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY	Monday 6 th
May	
LOOPFEST 2026	Friday 1 st to Sunday 3 rd
RUN THE DISTANCE - 10K POINT TO POINT	Sunday 3 rd
MECHANICAL ORGAN FESTIVAL	Saturday 2 nd to Sunday 3 rd
SHREWSBURY REGATTA	Saturday 9 th to Sunday 10 th
WELLINGTON BRASS BAND	Sunday 10 th
CLEOBURY MORTIMER CONCERT BRASS	Saturday 16 th
RUN THE DISTANCE - 50K	Saturday 16 th
SHREWSBURY MALE VOICE CHOIR	Sunday 17 th

WARWICK COMMUNITY BAND	Saturday 23 rd
SHREWSBURY MORRIS DANCERS	Sunday 24 th
BRASS BUTTONS	Sunday 24 th
WEM JUBILEE BAND	Sunday 31 st
RACE FOR LIFE 2026 – CANCER RESEARCH UK	Sunday 31 st
June	
ZIPPOS CIRCUS	Saturday 6 th to Monday 15 th – Operating dates 11 th to 15 th
BLACKWELL CONCERT BAND	Saturday 6 th
SHREWSBURY CONCERT BAND	Sunday 7 th
BELLE VUE ARTS FESTIVAL	Saturday 6 th to Sunday 21 st
PORTHYWAEN SILVER BAND	Saturday 13 th
SALOPIAN BRASS	Sunday 14 th
SHROPSHIRE MHS – 24 HOUR	Friday 19 th to Saturday 20 th
SHROPSHIRE YOUTH STAY SAFE DAY	Wednesday 24 th
SHREWSBURY FOOD FESTIVAL	Saturday 27 th to Sunday 28 th
July	
SHROPSHIRE MUSIC SERVICE	Saturday 4 th
SHREWSBURY BRASS BAND	Sunday 5 th
SHREWSBURY 10K – ULTIMATE FITNESS	Sunday 5 th
STAGECOACH CHILDREN'S CIRCUS	Saturday 11 th
SHREWSBURY ARK COMMUNITY WALK	Saturday 11 th
IDENTITY SCHOL OF DANCE & CATCHLIGHTS	Saturday 11 th
MOVEMENT CENTRE CHARITY 5K	Sunday 12 th
SHROPSHIRE BRASS ENSEMBLE	Sunday 12 th
SHREWSBURY MALE VOICE CHOIR	Saturday 18 th
SEVERN HOSPICE DRAGON BOAT RACING	Saturday 18 th to Sunday 19 th
TELFORD CONCERT BAND	Sunday 19 th
RUM & REGGAE FESTIVAL	Saturday 25 th
CHESTER BLUE COAT	Sunday 26 th

August	
RACE DURARE HEALTH AND FITNESS	Saturday 1 st
BROAD BAND	Sunday 2 nd
ALVELEY VILLAGE BAND	Saturday 8 th
LUDLOW CONCERT BAND	Sunday 9 th
VITA FITNESS FESTIVAL	Saturday 15 th
CHURCH STRETTON ACCORDIAN BAND	Saturday 15 th
BIODIVERSITY AND REGENERATIVE FOOD FESTIVAL	Sunday 16 th
THE BAND OF THE MERCIAN REGIMENT	Saturday 22 nd
WHITCHURCH BRASS BAND	Sunday 23 rd
September	
SHROPSHIRE SHUFFLERS SEVERN BRIDGES 10K	Sunday 6 th
MACMILLAN CORACLE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS	Friday 11 th
MAYORS CHARITY EVENT	Friday 18 th
RUN THE DISTANCE - 50K	Saturday 19 th
FUN FAIR - JENNINGS	Monday 14 th to Monday 21 st – Operating dates tbc
HILLS FORD STAGES RALLY	Saturday 19 th to Sunday 20 th
SHREWSBURY HALF MARATHON	Sunday 27 th
October	
OKTOBERFEST	Friday 2 nd to Saturday 3 rd

The schedule for 2026 is looking healthy with interest continuing to be received on a regular basis for potential events to be held in The Quarry and elsewhere. As the full list demonstrates the vast majority are from local organisations who recognise the unique setting on offer in The Quarry with its riverside setting and close proximity to the town centre.

As with 2025 there will be less large-scale festivals or concerts being held in the park this year, however this has allowed a greater degree of flexibility to what can be staged and enabled a number of complementary events to be planned for the same day in different areas of the park.

Having said that negotiations are continuing with several local and national promoters regarding potential large-scale events they would like to bring to Shrewsbury in 2027. These discussions are continuing to progress well and there may well be some exciting developments for future events which can be announced later this year.

One event which won't be happening for the foreseeable future is the Shrewsbury Flower Show with the Shropshire Horticultural Society confirming their position shortly after the last report in February. The Town Council has continued to offer its support to the society as it explores which direction to take in the future, meeting several of their representatives for initial discussions in recent weeks.

The "Summer of Music" 2026 programme is growing all the time with the vast majority of performers returning once again and a steady number of new bands wanting to get on board. The schedule has nearly been finalised, which will then allow all the promotional elements to begin in earnest.

The aim will be to take the same focussed approach to promotion and publicity but to try and reach people who may have been unaware last year. New avenues to explore will include contacting places like assisted living accommodation and nursing homes, as well as schools and colleges directly to gauge interest.

The approach last year proved very successful in providing audiences with a consistent message that there will be free musical performances to enjoy on the majority of weekends across the summer. Hopefully the increased variety of music on offer this year will also broaden the appeal.

Severn Trent Water and their contractors have completed the first phase of their large-scale sewerage infrastructure project from St Julians to Kingsland Bridge. We are awaiting their plans for the next phase to run across the main arena although they will now have to work around our event schedule as they were warned.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) That the contents of the report be noted.