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SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL
COMMUNITIES & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
14 October 2026

Officer: Andy Jones – Shrewsbury Town Fisheries

FISHERIES UPDATE

Purpose

To update the Council the work of Shrewsbury Town Fisheries.

Heatwave low water levels

Since the heatwave conditions in June, the closure for fishing on the Reabrook, Oxon pool and Radbrook pool remains in place due to low water levels to protect our fish stocks. The levels are still down by over 3 feet, and it will take significant rain to get them back to normal. As our summers seem to be getting hotter and for longer periods, the team keep looking at areas to try and make them more resilient to these conditions.

Junior Angling Coaching

Our coaching sessions for Junior anglers have now concluded for this year. All events at Mousecroft pool plus individual sessions were fully booked and gave to just over 70 youngsters a taste of fishing with their parents. It's also encouraging to see an increase again this year of more junior anglers with their parents joining our fisheries and this bodes well for the future of our sport.

Angling Competitions

On 27 September we ran our first Barbel Match on the Monkmoor and Belvidere stretches of our fisheries. 50 anglers from all over the UK took part and the event was supported by a number of sponsors. The match fished reasonably well and was enjoyed by all. As the competition was successful, we shall be repeating the match again next year.

In addition, our Weekly Shrewsbury Open matches started in the County Ground or Quarry on Saturday 26th September. The catches have been good, and it is hoped the number of competitors will increase in numbers each week. We have also had match bookings in the County Ground for Dawley and Wirral angling clubs.

Permit Sales

Considering the river and pools heatwave closures, I can report permit sales across all categories to be strong, and it is anticipated to be another excellent year with a forecast of being up again on last year.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the contents of the report are noted.