



**SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL
COMMUNITIES & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
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Youth Services

Purpose of Report

This report provides an update on the activities, programmes, and developments within Young Shrewsbury for the current term, including youth provision, partnership work, funding progress, and staffing.

Youth Activities

Young Shrewsbury's youth clubs at The Grange, Ditherington, The Hive, and Lodge Monkmoor have now concluded for the May half-term break. Attendance remained strong across all locations, with positive levels of engagement and consistent participation reported throughout the term.

Alternative Curriculum (AC) Programme

Delivery of the Alternative Curriculum (AC) programme has continued throughout the term and remains an important intervention for young people requiring additional support. This term, the programme welcomed new participants from Shrewsbury Academy, bringing the total number of places utilised to 12. The provision was recently subject to a quality assurance assessment by the Marches Academy Trust, which Shrewsbury Town Council passed successfully, with positive additional feedback received in relation to the quality of programme delivery.

Youth Council

A meeting of the Youth Council was scheduled for Thursday 21 May 2026 at Weeping Cross. Owing to apologies from a number of members due to examinations and other commitments, the meeting was inquorate and therefore unable to proceed formally. However, those members in attendance took part in a tour of the Weeping Cross facility, accompanied by Cllr Emma Micklewright. It is anticipated that the meeting will be rearranged for early July.



Million Hours Funding 2026

The Million Hours project is now underway, with activities taking place during the May half-term at locations including the Quarry, the town centre, and Coton Hill. These activities form part of the wider delivery programme and provide opportunities to engage with young people in a range of community settings including the following:

- **Pizza and Pool at the Salopian Bar. (Bank Holiday Monday)**



- **Gel Printing / Art Collage in the Darwin Centre**



- **Drumming workshop in the Quarry Bandstand & Games in the Quarry**



- **Pizza and arcade Games night Dough and Oil**
- **Yoga with Olesia in Quarry**
- **Self Defence and Boxing - The Quarry**
- **Cooking Drop-in with Steve “The Hungry Guy” in the Quarry & Games**
- **Learn to play Cricket at Frankwell Cricket Club**
- **Daytime Music Performances at The Loop Bar - series of music performances from musicians & DJs**
- **Gaming Bus in the Quarry, Coton Hill & Moston Road**



Recruitment

Young Shrewsbury continues to recruit to youth worker posts, including roles associated with delivery of the Million Hours funded project, in order to strengthen capacity and support the continued development of youth provision across the town.

Young Shrewsbury continues to deliver a broad range of meaningful programmes, maintaining strong levels of engagement and supporting young people across the community. Ongoing work, including delivery of the Million Hours project and continued Youth Council development, will further enhance opportunities for participation and positive outcomes for young people.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the report be noted.