



**SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL
COMMUNITIES & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
Wednesday 3rd June 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 within the Quarry this year.

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 12 th – Operating dates 27 th to 11 th
April	
HKL ENGLAND	Friday 3 rd to Friday 10 th
RUN THE DISTANCE – SEVERN HOSPICE EASTER DASH	Saturday 4 th
WREKIN ORIENTEERING	Sunday 5 th
HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY	Monday 6 th
PEDAL IN THE PARK	Saturday 11 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
PEDAL IN THE PARK	Saturday 9 th
WELLINGTON BRASS BAND	Sunday 10 th
CLEOBURY MORTIMER CONCERT BRASS	Saturday 16 th

RUN THE DISTANCE - 50K	Saturday 16 th
SPECCY SAXES (SAX QUARTET)	Sunday 17 th
STOKES POP UP	Sunday 24 th & Monday 25 th
SHREWSBURY MORRIS DANCERS	Sunday 24 th
BRASS BUTTONS	Sunday 24 th
SHREWSBURY MALE VOICE CHOIR	Saturday 30 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
PEDAL IN THE PARK	Saturday 13 th
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 SCHOOL BUMPING RACES	Thursday 25 th to Saturday 27 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
PEDAL IN THE PARK	Saturday 11 th
SHREWSBURY ARK COMMUNITY WALK	Saturday 11 th
IDENTITY SCHOOL 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
WALK FOR DEMENTIA	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
PEDAL IN THE PARK	Saturday 8 th
ALVELEY VILLAGE BAND	Saturday 8 th
LUDLOW CONCERT BAND	Sunday 9 th
VITA FITNESS FESTIVAL	Saturday 15 th
CHURCH STTRETTON ACCORDIAN BAND	Saturday 15 th
UKULELE PICNIC (FOR CROHN'S & COLITIS)	Sunday 16 th
THE BAND OF THE MERCIAN REGIMENT	Saturday 22 nd
WHITCHURCH BRASS BAND	Sunday 23 rd
HOPE HOUSE TEDDY BEAR RUN UKAC	Sunday 23 rd
FUN FAIR - JENNINGS	Monday 24 th to Monday 31 st – Operating dates 26 th to 31 st
September	
SHROPSHIRE SHUFFLERS SEVERN BRIDGES 10K	Sunday 6 th
MACMILLAN CORACLE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS	Friday 11 th
PEDAL IN THE PARK	Saturday 12 th
MAYORS CHARITY EVENT	Friday 18 th
RUN THE DISTANCE - 50K	Saturday 19 th
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 events schedule for 2026 is now in full swing with a number having already taken place successfully and plenty still to look forward to. By the end of May we will have already hosted the first 6 bandstand performances from this year's 'Summer of Music' programme and the initial feedback has been overwhelmingly positive once again.

The audience numbers have been very good to date which is testament to the additional marketing and publicity measures which have been put in place. As with any outdoor activities the weather will have a huge influence, but the foundations are definitely in place for another successful musical season.

A new larger musical event for 2026 saw Loopfest expand into The Quarry for the first time over the first May bank holiday weekend. Loopfest is a multi venue, community based, music festival which has been growing steadily since it was first held in 2022. The quarry held a stand-alone 3,000 capacity gig on Friday 1st to open proceedings, before the same infrastructure was incorporated into the main festival over the rest of the weekend.

It was very pleasing to report that the festival proved to be extremely successful both from the specific perspective of The Quarry itself through to the wider town centre, which coincidentally reported its second highest ever footfall figures for a Saturday. There were certainly plenty of learning points from the weekend, particularly for the small organisational team, but the intention is to look to build on the success and continue to grow the event in the future.

That first weekend in May saw an awful lot of activity in the park, with both regular park runs, a mechanical organ festival and a separate athletics event all still taking place, despite the loopfest site being set up. It demonstrated just how flexible The Quarry can be through careful planning and a cooperative approach, whilst also illustrating the eclectic mix of events on offer for local people and visitors alike to enjoy.

Negotiations are continuing to progress with several local and national promoters regarding potential large-scale events they would like to bring to Shrewsbury in 2027. Officers also remain in constructive dialogue with representatives of Shropshire Horticultural Society as they consider the most appropriate future direction to take from the available options. It is hoped to be able to make some positive announcements on both of these matters in the near future.

Severn Trent Water and their contractors are continuing with the final phase of their large scale sewerage infrastructure project which runs across the main arena. They did suspend their activities over recent weeks to enable our event schedule to proceed as planned which was appreciated. Hopefully they will be able to provide a completion date and completely clear the site in the next few weeks.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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