

**SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL
COMMUNITIES & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
11th June 2025**

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TEAM SHREWSBURY UPDATE

Purpose of the Report

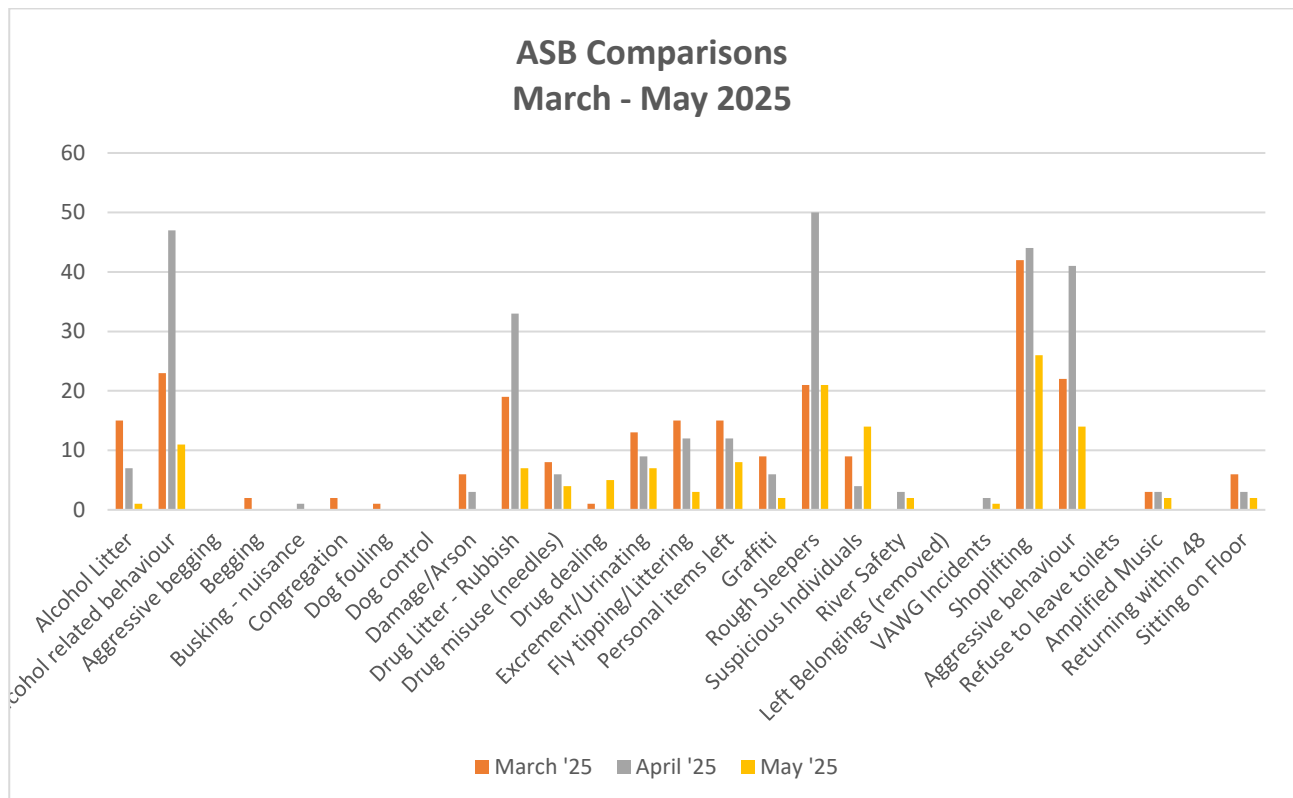
To receive an update on Team Shrewsbury

Meetings

Any ASB issues/concerns please raise via the Office Manager. Operational meetings continue fortnightly, Tactical meetings have been split into the current priorities – River Safety, ASB & Youth.

Incidents

The below shows the ASB incidents recorded between March – May 2025:



Theft of Items Returned

During March – May 2025, approximately £8,356 worth of items registered as stolen from a number of stores. A number of items were recovered and returned back to stores.

River Safety

A draft River Safety Policy has been compiled and being circulated to partners for comments, including Shropshire Council's Legal team.

The River Safety Action Plan is progressing, with updates from partners on a quarterly basis.

Samaritan's signs have been installed on bridges, thanks to Make Our Rivers Safe for funding the signs and WMSAR for installing them.

Mental Health Training is taking place with businesses for Suicide Prevention and the Samaritans are undertaking 'Active Listening' training with the Street Pastors.

Education is regularly taking place with:

- 'Splash Safety at your Pad' campaign aimed at parents - running throughout May & October.
- Don't Drink & Drown campaign – during Sept and a weekend in Dec.
- Drowning Prevention Week – 21st June.
- PSHE is currently being revised to include water safety, this will be a mandatory class-based intervention.
- Water Smarts Schools continues.

RLSS are currently looking to improve water safety resources, including SEND materials and developing a virtual realistic headset around water safety. Access to these and all of the resources for schools can be found: [Water Safety Education Resources for Schools](https://www.rlss.org.uk/education-resources-for-schools/). Alternatively, anyone interested can contact RLSS directly at either andylane@rlss.org.uk or education@rlss.org.uk.

Crucial Crew is currently underway for 2 weeks at the Shrewsbury Flaxmill - for primary school leavers, year 6, which SFRS & WMP are attending. SFRS have separate fire safety and water safety delivery scenarios.

SFRS have a 2-week Water Safety campaign will take place from 14th - 28th July with events and social media messaging. 25th July is World Drowning Prevention Day.

ASB

During the winter months, Winter Provision was available for rough sleepers until 24th March.

MDT will be taking place to discuss the wider impact on the public realm, where a consistent message will be compiled for sharing with partners.

Youth

STC - Stay Safe event takes place on Wednesday 25th June, in conjunction when students / parents visiting the Colleges. Stakeholders and partners are all invited to share advice & guidance to young people and parents.

The Youth Council is progressing well - 2 x Youth Councillors attended the Shrewsbury Moves event, discussing how young people travel, migrate around the Town and what they would like to see.

The Youth Council is a great opportunity for young people to have their voices heard with democracy. The Youth Council is a great conduit with the Schools.

STC are currently looking at publishing the Youth Strategy, which will be shared with partners.

Shrewsbury College term dates for term times:

- End of Term – 9th July
- New students – 1st Sept
- Induction Fair – 3rd September, English Bridge Campus (covering English & Welsh). Partners will be invited to attend and liaise with the 1,000 new students

A number of **Schools** have reported an increase in misogynistic language and racist comments. Processes are being followed by the Schools with the Young People and parents if required.

SC Youth. SC Youth Strategy is being presented to cabinet during July and Full Council during September. The Strategic Youth Partnership will be established following Full Council.

SC are looking to start engagement with Town and Parish Councils around universal youth provision and the local Youth Partnerships, via SALC.

The Youth Governance Working Group is set up and external partners will be invited to the next meeting (end of June).

The commissioning process of a new infrastructure support contract will start in September/October ready for March 2026. This will be to support the wider youth sector. Youth partners will be involved in this development.

Financial Assistance

If you're working with anyone who is struggling to meet their essentials living costs, they may be able to apply for some help from the Household Prevention Fund. We may be able to help people with essentials such as food, energy and water charges, essentials linked to food, energy and water and other essential living costs. Each application is considered individually, depending on the circumstances:

- For general queries about this, call the Welfare Support Team on 0345 678 9078 (option 1).
- Customers who would like to make an application should call our application line, on 0345 678 9078 (option 2).

For more information on the Welfare Support Team: <https://shropshire.gov.uk/shropshire-council/welfare-support-team-local-welfare-provision/>

For more information on help with the cost of living: <https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living-help/>

Shropshire Fire & Rescue (SFRS).

Currently running a Fire Setters Interventions Scheme – Firesetting | Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service, which is an educational programme for young people under 17 years old who have displayed fire setting behaviour, with the aim to:

- Raising awareness of the dangers of fires
- Illustrate consequences of firesetting behaviour
- Teach how to control their factors that lead to fire setting
- Provide education on how to keep safe from fire in the home and what to do in the event of a fire.

Scheme is usually undertaken in the home environment. Details regarding how to make referrals are listed on the website - [Firesetting | Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service](#)

Policing Priorities

The Local Policing Charter is based on three principles: visibility, accessibility, engagement. It sets out West Mercia Polices promise to ensure a two-way conversation with continuing to engage with parish and town councils, with regular contact through written updates and engaging with communities both in person, via social media and the Neighbourhood Matters website, ensuring they were accessible to all. The Policing Priorities are collated from Councillors each quarter. These are then sent to the Inspector, in readiness for the next phase. WMP report back with updates on the priorities raised.

WMP Exploitation Training

Young people are now most commonly abused online, via their mobile phones and games consoles. Below training sessions remain available:

- **Parent** - free one-hour online awareness session is available to provide a head start in an ever-changing digital world.
- **Community** A free one-hour online awareness session is available to learn how to protect our young people from those wanting to exploit them.

A free one and a half hour **professionals** awareness session to learn how to keep young people safe and what to look out for.

To book on free training sessions scan the QR code or go to www.westmercia.police.uk/exploitworkshops



Parents and guardians: Our kids are now most commonly abused online, via their mobile phones and games consoles. Do you know how to keep your kids safe?

Learn more about the dangers of kids being online and how you can keep them safe.

Join our free one hour online parent awareness session to give yourself a head start in an ever changing digital world.

Our community: It takes all of us to protect our kids. Whether you are a postal worker, a bin worker, taxi driver, residents, a sports coach, we all need to know what kids being taken advantage of looks like and what to do about it.

Join our free one hour online community awareness session to learn how to protect our kids from those wanting to exploit them.

Professionals and people who work with children: You have a responsibility to keep children safe. You need to know what to look out for. Learn more about why kids are vulnerable and how they are manipulated into harmful situations and exploited.

Join our free one and a half hour professionals awareness session.

Scan the QR code to find out more about our awareness training and to sign up to one of our free sessions or go to www.westmercia.police.uk/exploitworkshops



River Safety (Open Water Safety Group)

A number of meetings and subgroups are taking place around River Safety which includes Education and Signage. The action plan is being reviewed with partners on a quarterly basis.

River safety videos are available via www.shrewsburybid.co.uk/riversafety.

Water Safety Resource Material

RLSS - <https://www.rlss.org.uk/dwp-ttretffgsdg45354367hjksakyuiydauksh>

RLSS - [Winter Water Safety | Royal Life Saving Society UK \(RLSS UK\)](#) - advice for winter water safety/floods

Home and Dry course - <https://westmerciasar.org.uk/homeanddry/free-water-safety-online-course/>

SFRS - <https://shropshirefire.gov.uk/water-safety>

Educational Material

RLSS - <https://www.rlss.org.uk/pages/category/water-safety-education-resources-for-7-9-year-olds>
<https://www.rlss.org.uk/pages/category/water-safety-education-resources-for-5-7-year-olds>

RECOMMENDED:

That the Report be noted;