

**SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL
RECREATION & LEISURE COMMITTEE
17th November 2021**

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TEAM SHREWSBURY UPDATE

Purpose of the Report

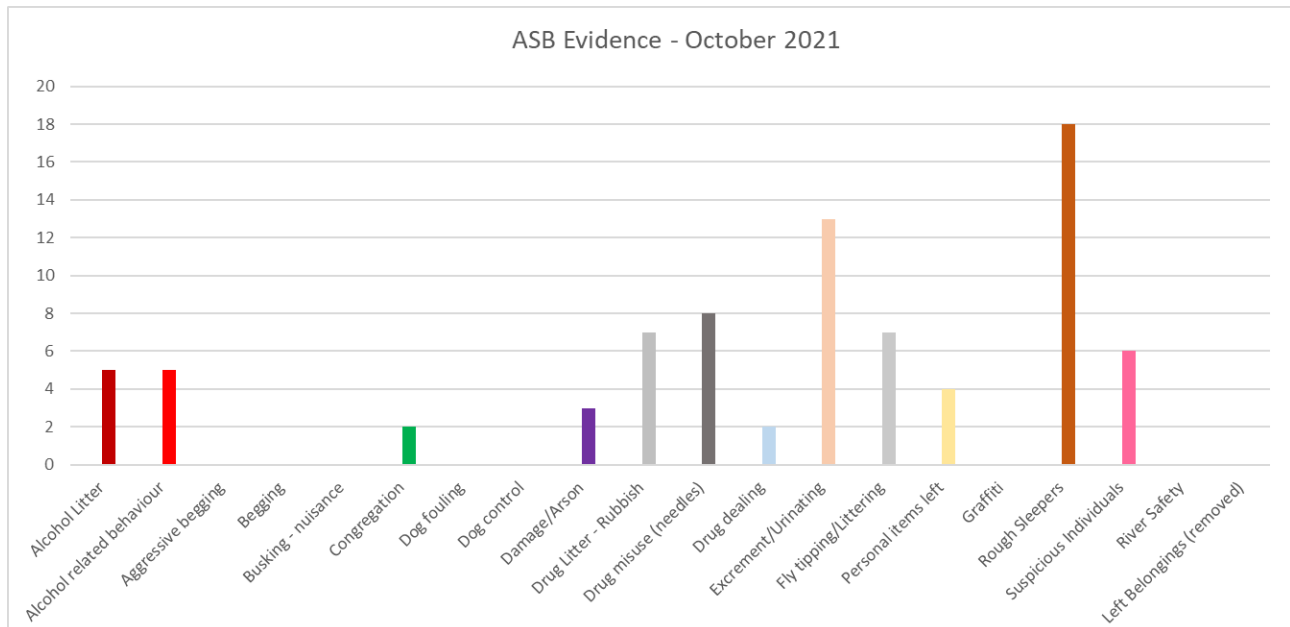
To receive an update on Team Shrewsbury

Meetings

Any ASB issues/concerns please raise. Operational meetings continue fortnightly & Tactical meetings continue monthly via Teams.

Incidents

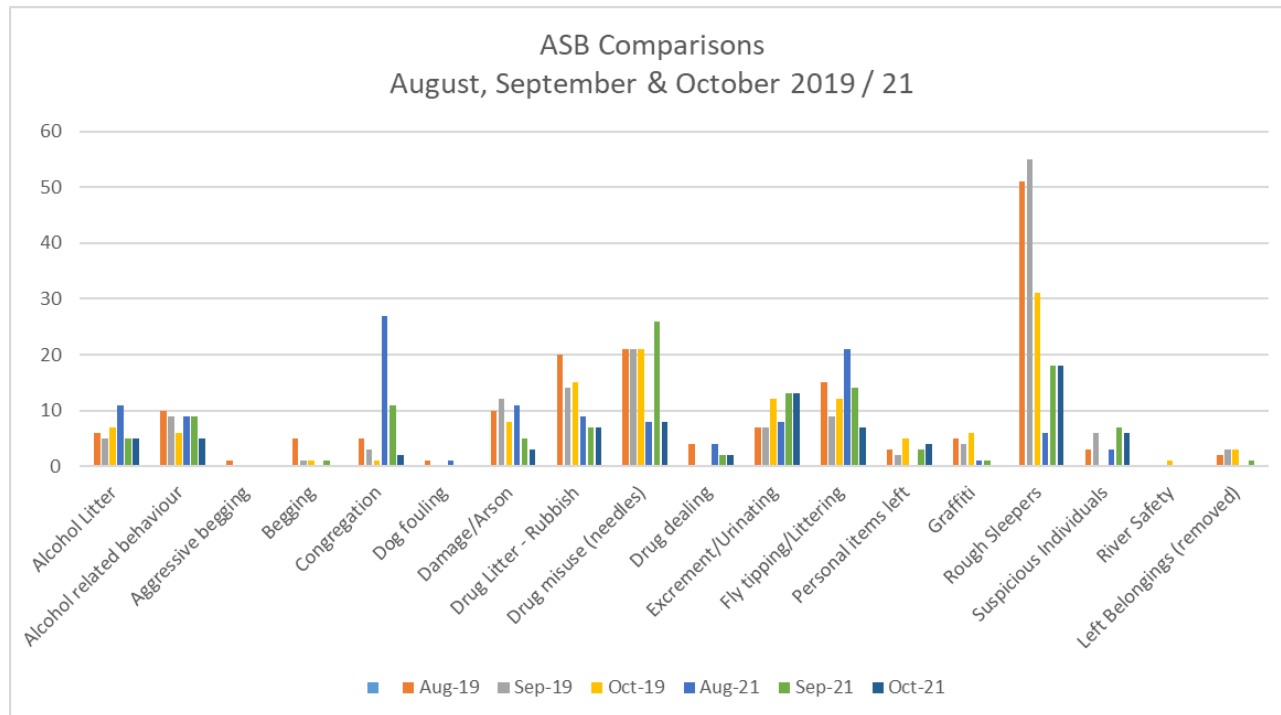
The below shows the ASB incidents recorded by Officers for October 2021.



Urination primarily Claremont Place and 70 Steps.

Rough sleeper issues are primarily individuals pitching tents and individuals congregating in public areas including 70 Steps and outside the Pride Hill Shopping Centre.

The below shows a comparison of the main ASB incidents during the past 3 months compared to 2019.



Main increase over the last 3 months were congregational & littering issues which were linked to the Quarry.

Drug misuse increased in September – this is primarily Claremont Place & public areas (inc 70 Steps, Shopping Centre, Pride Hill, St Mary’s & Quarry Place).

Partners met with residents at Claremont Place to discuss their ongoing issues with urinating, drug taking etc. Potential interventions were discussed and confirmation is currently being sought from Shropshire Council Conservation regarding installation of more visible CCTV signs.

Homelessness

As at 09/11/21 there were 11 verified rough sleepers in Shrewsbury. Cold Weather Provision will be available from Dec – Feb. Shropshire Council currently locating accommodation within Shrewsbury.

Discussions are taking place with The Lantern Trust (Weymouth) & Dorset Police on how they tackle persistent begging and street based ASB. They have a similar facility to The Ark, however all interventions are under one roof - <https://lanterntrust.org.uk/> (currently updating their website) / <https://www.helpandkindness.co.uk/organisations/401/the-lantern-trust>.

Deployable CCTV Cameras

Shropshire Council liaising with the PCC regarding potential funding for deployable CCTV cameras. Any funding has requests require 50% match funded. The Committee is therefore requested to consider any appetite to contribute towards purchase of deployable cameras.

River Safety

SFRS provided river safety education training during UCS Threshers and Students Safety week. Throwline training also to take place.

Drugs

Police working with Merseyside Police to tackle the active County Lines in Shrewsbury. A number of individuals recently arrested with a large amount of drugs & money seized.

Purple Flag

Accreditation is due for renewal in January 2022.

Spiking

Taskforce group formed to proactively prevent spiking in Shrewsbury. Training will be provided to venues from WMP and standardised procedures will be created.

Financial assistance for Shropshire residents from Shropshire Council's Welfare Support Team

Shropshire Council has received additional funding through the new Household Support Fund. Please refer to the following recent news article regarding this:

[Thousands of Shropshire children to benefit from free school meals and new warm clothes fund - Shropshire Council Newsroom](#)

Money to support Shropshire households with fuel costs has also been given to Shropshire Rural Communities Charity and Marches Energy Agency but we have also received extra money for local welfare provision which we will use for a number of things:

- Food
- Energy and water
- Essentials linked to energy and water (e.g. cookers, fridges, freezers, cooking equipment, sanitary products, soap, warm clothing, blankets, boiler service and repair)
- Wider essentials (eg phone bills, broadband, other clothing, school uniform, essential transport-related costs, other essential furniture - this list is not exhaustive)
- Housing costs "in exceptional circumstances." DWP have placed a number of caveats on using this money for housing costs, including exhausting all other avenues of alternative local funding to the extent that we do not envisage using it in this way – but please remember that we still have money available in the welfare fund that can help with this.

Anyone encountering difficulty please contact 0345 678 9078 (option 2).

RECOMMENDED:

- (i) **That the Report be noted;**
- (ii) **That the Committee considers the request regarding the deployable cameras.**