

**SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL  
RECREATION & LEISURE COMMITTEE  
22 September 2021**

**Officer:** Helen Ball – Town Clerk

**EVENTS**

**Purpose of Report**

To update the Committee on arrangements for planned events

**Introduction**

The Council organises a number of events a year, namely Battle of Britain Service, Remembrance, Christmas Lights Switch on and Carols in the Square.

Last year the two remembrance events were held with minimal attendees as the COVID Rule of 6 applied and the two Christmas events were cancelled with the Mayor Switching on the lights on her own in the Square with the event being broadcast on social media.

Plans are underway for all events but arrangements are required to stay fluid to accommodate any changes to COVID restrictions.

Government has published its COVID Response Autumn & Winter Plan detailing a Plan A & Plan B Scenario for measures in the event there is a need to protect the NHS

[COVID-19 Response: Autumn and Winter Plan 2021 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-response-autumn-and-winter-plan-2021)

Initial discussions with the Resilience Team at Shropshire Council have outlined a need for a cautious approach in organising events ensuring that arrangements can be amended to meet the current needs.

**Remembrance – 14<sup>th</sup> November**

Initial meetings have been held with colleagues at RAF Shawbury and St Chads on the extent of the service. It is hoped that the Parade can return and plans are being prepared for a service either in St Chads or in the Quarry.

**Christmas Lights Switch-on and Carols in the Square**

Initial bookings for the Square, First Aid, Road Closures, Staging, Bands & Choirs have been made and officers will work with the BID and Shopping Centre to determine extent of events

**RECOMMENDED:**

- (i) That the report be noted
- (ii) That Officers continue with preparations and finalise arrangements depending on the COVID regulations at the time