

**(i) Town of Shrewsbury Massachusetts 300th Anniversary of Incorporation -
Councillor Jon Tandy**

This Council Notes:

1. That the Town of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, will celebrate the 300th anniversary of its incorporation on 15th December 2027, having been officially incorporated on 15th December 1727.
2. That Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, was first settled around 1717, developing along one of the historic Boston Post Roads, forming a civic and residential centre that remains recognisable today.
3. That the town was named for Shrewsbury, England, reflecting the longstanding and unbreakable link.
4. Shrewsbury Town Council (UK) continues to uphold the historic civic traditions upheld by the former Borough Mayors. The Mayor is the First Citizen of the town and plays an important ambassadorial role. A role which dates back as far as 1638.
5. That preparations in Massachusetts are already underway for the tricentennial led by the establishment of Shrewsbury300 which is planning to establish a few cornerstone events throughout the year.
6. That the 300th anniversary presents a rare opportunity for Shrewsbury (UK) to recognise the shared name, heritage, and historical connections between the two towns, and to strengthen civic, cultural and community ties.

This Council Resolves:

1. To pledge to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the incorporation of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, on 15th December 2027.
2. To establish a cross-party, member-led working group, chaired by the Mayor, to consider how Shrewsbury (UK) can contribute to and support the anniversary celebrations.
 - a. To invite other notable civic representatives to join the working group, including, but not limited to: former Mayors and Juila Buckley MP
3. For the Mayor to write to the 300th Anniversary Celebration Committee of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, extending congratulations and asking how Shrewsbury (UK) may support or collaborate with them.