



Shrewsbury

Town Council

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UPDATE FROM COUNCILLOR ELISABETH ROBERTS, MAYOR OF SHREWSBURY



Christmas now seems like a distant memory as we approach the end of January, although it was a particularly hectic period for me as Mayor. I was delighted to turn on the Christmas Lights in November and my Mayoral Diary was full of Panto visits, Carol Concerts and Christmas Fayres.



With the start of a new year, I want to spare a thought for those less fortunate. We have seen huge price rises in food and fuel and our Food Hub and Food Bank have been working tirelessly helping those who have found it difficult to cope.

I have also been humbled by so many community organisations in Shrewsbury opening up their facilities to create Warm Rooms, putting on activities to keep our elderly warm and safe.

After a couple of years of uncertainty from the ravages of Covid, we remain in uncertain times with international crises that we don't necessarily have any control over, but yet affect us greatly.

We have seen the county warmly welcoming refugees to the area to start a new life and I am proud to be Mayor of a town that has supported people to settle here.

We have a hugely diverse community and the fact that we can do much to help ourselves is extremely important.

Following heavy rains, we have also recently seen the River Severn flood, causing further damage to residents and businesses who seem to encounter this problem on a more regular basis over the last few years. The disruption also stops people from enjoying the town that we all love.

It has been extremely heartening to see how quickly many of those businesses have recovered to be open for business and how the whole community has shown its support.



I would love to say everything will be much better this year, but we continue to work in very challenging times and that requires councils like Shrewsbury Town Council to make difficult decisions.

Our budget for the following year has been agreed and we are all very conscious of the need for the services that we provide; they make Shrewsbury a happy place – a place that we are all proud to call home.

You have mine and the Town Council's commitment to do everything we can to ensure Shrewsbury remains that wonderful, kind place that we all love.



On a lighter note, we have also launched our quest for nominations for those unsung heroes who have made an outstanding contribution in our town. I am asking businesses, organisations and residents to make submissions on the online form for our annual civic awards in the nine categories available. The winners will be revealed at an Awards evening in the Walker Theatre on April 18.

We want to celebrate all of the people who help put the pride into our wonderful town. I have met so many unsung heroes during my time in office and these people wouldn't dream of putting themselves in the lime-light, so we need members of the public to nominate them. If you know of anyone who has gone the extra mile, please take the time to fill in a nomination form. The closing date for nominations is 12.30pm on March 24.

I'm also looking forward to presenting my Mayor's Special Awards for those people I have met during my Mayoral year and who have played a big part in helping our local communities.

UPDATE FROM COUNCILLOR ALAN MOSLEY, LEADER OF SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL



On Monday (23rd Jan) a full meeting of Shrewsbury Town Council set its Budget for 2023/2024, and in moving the resolution, I said:
“For the last couple of years, we have been able to set a forward-looking budget with a zero increase in the precept for the Council Tax payers in Shrewsbury.

We had hoped to do the same for the forthcoming year, especially as the cost-of-living crisis is causing financial difficulties for very many. However, inflation and rising demands on our services means that we need to raise additional income, and it is with regret, that I have to propose a 5% increase.

However, sound financial control, value for money practices coupled with conscientious and innovative staff, mean that our income from the precept only needs to be 40% of our total revenue.

Therefore, the impact of the increase on Band D Council Tax payers is only £3.00 per annum to £63.23. This is well below the national average of £74.81 and the average in Shropshire of £82.56.

Not only will this enable us to maintain our first-class service delivery, but we will continue to invest in the Capital Programme which we launched in 2019.

Many will have noted our work in replacing bus shelters (£120,000) and other projects are to follow including:

- Moston Road Rec Ground Wheeled sports track (£80,000)
- Kynaston Road Recreation Ground - Wheeled sports Track (£35,000)
- Kynaston Road Recreation Ground – Drainage surfacing and play units (£30,000)
- Upton Lane Recreation Ground Play area upgrade (£70,000)

- Monkmoor Recreation Ground – Tennis court floodlighting upgrade (£60,000)
- Bagley area Beaver Re-Introduction Project and footpaths
- River Safety Report and related issues
- Land adoptions (Bowbrook Meadows, Weir Hill countryside land, Shrewsbury Urban Extensions).

Looking ahead, we are currently undertaking a ‘planning for the future’ exercise which will result in a strategic vision and associated action plans, all based on our roles in service delivery and representing the residents of Shrewsbury.

We will soon go out to consultation with partners and, of course residents, so that all can have their say in shaping Shrewsbury Town Council and its work for the next few years.

GREAT NEWS ABOUT THE DANA FOOTPATH

For many years, efforts have been made to create a diversion for the Dana footpath which runs from Howard Street, near the Prison, around the Castle and ending with nineteen steep stone steps on to Castle Gates. The diversion would avoid the steps with a flat path crossing the Castle’s forecourt.

At a meeting of Shrewsbury Town Council in November, I put forward a motion which was critical of the Shropshire Horticultural Society (SHS), who own the forecourt land, and called on them to end their very longstanding opposition to our plans for the diversion to provide

a much more accessible and attractive route.

On the night, I withdrew the motion as the SHS gave an undertaking that they would review their decision.

I am now delighted to report that the SHS Managing Committee has met and decided to approve the plans!!

This is excellent news for the very large numbers of current users of the path and particularly for those with mobility difficulties, buggy users, shoppers, etc. who will now be able to enjoy an attractive

route in and out of town. It will encourage active travel, draw more visitors to the Castle and promote our visitor economy.

There are discussions to be held to finalise details, but Shropshire Council will undertake the work and Shrewsbury Town Council has already set aside £50,000 for construction. Thanks must go to officers at both councils and to SHS for their final approval.

Everyone should also give thanks for the highly significant role that the Castlefields Action Team has played in raising public awareness and their successful lobbying efforts over a number of years.

HELEN BALL, TOWN CLERK OF SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL



This week saw the first meeting of the year of our Shrewsbury in Bloom Group. Made up of Councillors, Council staff and members of the community, it is a lovely group that does lovely things. The group organises the town's entry into the various Britain in Bloom campaigns, decides on the route we take the bloom judges on and sorts out who the judges will meet. They tell the story of our horticultural legacy and activities far better than I can.

The most evident thing from this group is the pride they have in our town and their wish to show that off to our visitors. They are also not afraid to get stuck in. All of them have helped plant bulbs and trees, many of them have been out and about before judging day dead-heading plants and removing cigarette butts from planters and wandering around with rubber gloves on and litter pickers in hand.



Photo: Showing the Bloom judges around the Dingle

Bloom judging isn't about us showing what we as a Town

Council do; it is about showing what we as a community can do and how, in working together with businesses and community groups, young and old, we can achieve so much more.

We have space on our Bloom Group if anyone is up for a challenge. We'd love to hear from you. There is no requirement to know anything and everything about plants; it's about that eagerness to do something wonderful for the town.

Volunteering though goes so much further. Our Countryside Team regularly have a group of volunteers who help to manage our countryside and greenspace. They have helped to plant over 2,000 trees last year, have learnt the art of hedge-laying and made many of our sites accessible to the public by establishing new paths.

We have a group at Copthorne Park who regularly team up with our staff to help maintain trees, plant wildflowers and tidy areas. We regularly have community groups who come to our greenhouse to help us plant up hanging baskets for the town. And we have 18 keen anglers who bailiff the riverbanks, keeping an eye out for poachers, letting our staff know when there is any work to be done and generally maintaining that watchful eye of the river and those who walk alongside it.



Photo: Coppicing at Copthorne Park

What has excited me of late has been the keen interest from many of our schools for students to be involved in volunteering in the town. After all, they will be the guardians of our beautiful town in the future. So if you are part of a youth group or Scouts & Guides or a School Gardening Club and you'd like to help we have lots of ideas on how you could work with our staff.

So this is a call to action. If any of you would like to be one of our volunteers, we would love to hear from you. We have lots of areas that we would appreciate another pair of hands. The more people we can get to help the better. Drop us an email on enquiries@shrewsburytowncouncil.gov.uk or look out for our social media posts.

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR MAYOR OF SHREWSBURY AWARDS 2023

Nominations are being sought to recognise and celebrate those unsung heroes who have made an outstanding contribution to the town of Shrewsbury within the following categories.

Built Heritage Award – This award recognises the achievements of individuals, organisations and companies that own buildings in Shrewsbury and have worked towards enhancing the built heritage through new development in sympathetic heritage settings to reuse and the conversion of existing buildings.

Business Award – This award acknowledges the work of businesses, organisations and individuals who have contributed to the economy of the town, be it through providing job opportunities, business expansion or general promotion and marketing of the town. Not-for-profit organisations are also considered in this category.

Climate Emergency Award – This award recognises the work of individuals, groups, organisations and businesses that have undertaken activity to raise awareness of Climate Emergency locally, promoted efficiency and sustainable use of resources or undertaken initiatives to reduce the impact of carbon.

Community Award – This award celebrates the work of community groups and individuals who have contributed to the social well-being of the town, from major community projects to someone who looks out for their neighbours.

Courtesy Award – This award recognises individuals, companies or organisations within Shrewsbury who have taken extra measures in promoting Shrewsbury as a friendly and courteous place.



Photo: Mayor's Awards 2022 - Oksana Chapman Amanda Jones and Katarzyna Fejfer collecting their Mayor's Special Awards from Councillor Julian Dean

Environmental Award – This award celebrates the work of organisations, community groups and individuals who have contributed to enhancing the environment and promoting the green space around Shrewsbury.

Tourism Award – Acknowledging businesses, individuals, groups and organisations who have contributed to tourism within the town.

Youth Award – This award acknowledges the work of schools, groups and individuals who have contributed to the well-being of young people within the town. This includes young people who have shown great initiative as well as organisations that have promoted the wellbeing of young people locally.

Lifetime Achievement Award – This award will be given to one person who, in the view of the Mayor, has provided distinguished service and has made a significant impact to the Shrewsbury community over a sustained period.

Mayor's Special Awards – these are awards that are personal to

the Mayor, presented to people she has met throughout the Mayoral Year that have played a key part in helping make Shrewsbury a special place to live and work.

Please complete the online nomination form.

Mayor of
Shrewsbury
Awards 2023



Any queries can be directed to Sally Nicholson, the Mayor's Assistant, on 01743 257655 or email sally.nicholson@shrewsburytowncouncil.gov.uk

Closing date for this year's nominations is 4.30pm on Friday 24 March 2023 & successful nominees will be contacted after this date and an Awards Evening will take place on Tuesday 18 April.

VOTE FOR SHREWSBURY'S MARKET HALL TRADER OF THE YEAR 2023

Shoppers to Shrewsbury's award-winning Market Hall are being asked to cast their vote to find the Market Trader of the Year for 2023.

People visiting the indoor market before March 23 can nominate their favourite trader to win a Mayor of Shrewsbury Award.

The trader with the most votes will be presented with a trophy at the annual Mayor's Awards ceremony in the

Since the inception of the award for Market Trader of the Year in 2014, previous winners have been:

The Market Buffet in 2014 and 2017

Amess Brothers fruit & vegetable stall in 2015



Photo: House of Yum Collecting the Market Hall Trader of the Year from Councillor Julian Dean in 2022

Café Aleoli in 2016 and 2018

The Card Stall in 2019

Ewe & Ply in 2020

House of Yum in 2022

The awards were not held in 2021 due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Nomination forms are available in the market and completed forms should be deposited in the ballot box provided. Voting closes on Thursday 23 March

Duplicate entries will not be counted.

COUNTRYSIDE UNIT UPDATE - REMOVAL OF DANGEROUS TREE AT COPTHORNE

Our Countryside team has been busy this week with the removal of a dangerous tree over a footpath at Copthorne Park.

Our colleagues at Shropshire Council identified the Alder tree as dangerous during one of their regular inspections by tree officers.

The tree was dead, the root plate lifted, and all the weight was leaning onto smaller trees growing underneath.

Our team felled the tree and have left the branches, wood and also the main trunk on site to create vital habitat for invertebrates, birds and fungi.

The smaller trees which were removed to make the job safe were coppiced and will grow back, there are also many seedlings and saplings nearby that can make the most of the new light.



TREE PLANTING AT COLEHAM HEAD

A new addition to Coleham Head was unveiled last month when members of the Belle Vue and Coleham Community Action Group and pupils from Coleham School helped to plant a tree as part of the Queen's Green Canopy project.

We provided the Midland Hawthorn tree as part of the local groups' involvement in the Queen's Green Canopy project to help celebrate Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee.

Councillor Kate Halliday, Member for Belle Vue Ward, said: "The tree is in a prominent position in Coleham and will be a lovely addition to the small park at Coleham Head, as well as a lovely memorial to the Queen.

"It's great that the community has been able to come together to enhance our local environment, and whilst we have lost Her Majesty last year, we are still able to register this tree with the scheme.

"We would also like to thank the Town Council for donating the tree and providing us with advice on



Photo: Eco Councillors from Coleham Primary School together with Councillor Kate Halliday, Ward Member for Belle Vue & John Ingram, Chair of the Belle Vue & Coleham Community Action Group.

where and when to plant it."

Milly Long, from Coleham's Eco Council, added: "The Eco Council is proud to have helped with this project, and it is great to plant another tree in Coleham for wildlife. Every tree planted will help to make a difference to combat Climate Change."

John Ingham, chair of the Belle Vue and Coleham Community Action Group, said "Our group wishes to thank Shrewsbury Town Council for their support in

supplying the Midland Hawthorn tree in recognition of the tremendous service by our recently departed Sovereign and we are pleased to support the Queen's Green Canopy Project."

The Queen's Green Canopy project has proved to be such a success, that registration of trees has been extended until the end of March 2023.

Register your tree on the
Queen's Green Canopy
Map



YOUR VIEWS COUNT

We produce our newsletter in order to provide you with a taste of what keeps staff and Councillors busy.

This is also an invitation for you to tell us what you think of what we do and what you think we should be doing. We are all working together to make Shrewsbury an even better place, so please let us know:

- what you think we should carry on doing
- what you think we should stop doing, or do less of
- what you think we should start doing, or do a lot more of

Just a reminder... all Town Council meetings are open to the public. You are invited to come along and give us your views.

You can e-mail us at:

enquiries@shrewsburytowncouncil.gov.uk

or drop us a line at:

Riggs Hall
The Library
Castle Gates
Shrewsbury SY1 2AS

We look forward to hearing from you.

COUNTRYSIDE UNIT UPDATE - SPECIES SPOTLIGHT

Species spotlight: Jelly ear fungus (*Auricularia auricula-judae*)

Found by our Countryside team on a dead Elder (*Sambucus nigra*) tree in Pimley Community Woodland, Jelly ear likes damp and shady conditions and looks just like an ear growing off decaying branches.



One of the jelly ear's other common names is Judas's ear, which alludes to the fact that the 'ears' appear mostly on elder – the tree species that Judas reportedly hanged himself from after betraying Jesus Christ to his executioners.

Jelly ear was commonly used in



Chinese cuisine where it was thought that fungi which looked like body parts could then be used to treat that particular body part.

For more information on our Countryside sites, click the link:

[Countryside Sites](#)



COUNTRYSIDE UNIT UPDATE - HEDGE PLANTING AT BOWBROOK

To help make the green space at the new Bowbrook housing estate safer, our Countryside and Greenspace Team planted native hedging in a 15m gap in the hedge along Mytton Oak Road. In addition, a 25m area alongside the rails near Woodwynd Close was also planted up. In all, about 150 native trees, including Hawthorn and Holly, were planted by our team.



COUNTRYSIDE UNIT UPDATE - NEW BENCH AT COPTHORNE PARK

Following an approach by the Friends of Copthorne Park, our Countryside team was happy to install a bench at the park this month. The materials for our benches are all sustainably sourced from our sites. The legs are made from ash trees, which have been affected by Ash Dieback Disease and have had to be removed. We mill the slabs ourselves from trees which have

either been blown over in storms or removed for public safety.

We're happy to report that the bench has been well received by those people who use Copthorne Park.

More information on the park on our website:

[Copthorne Park](#)



COUNTRYSIDE UNIT UPDATE - ASH DIE BACK DISEASE

Ash dieback (*Hymenoscyphus fraxineus*) is a fungal disease originating from Asia that is killing our native European Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*) in large numbers.

We manage around 12,500-15,000 ash trees on our green spaces with the vast majority of these on our Countryside sites.

Since 2020, our staff have surveyed our ash trees annually for signs of the disease and have recommended remedial works where necessary, including removal.



Photo: Stem of a tree suffering from Ash Dieback Disease

As part of our Ash Dieback Policy, we replant up to 6 replacements, dependent upon the size of the tree removed. The replacements are chosen from a list identified by Forest Research to best replicate the ecosystem functions and species use of the lost ash and include Oak, Rowan, Birch, Sycamore, Alder, Aspen and Field Maple.

The trees we plant are classed "large" 8-12cm girth bare root and root ball trees, which will allow the tree to establish much quicker than a "whip" would.

The replanting process also includes 3-5 years of after care of the tree to encourage success.

This year's replacements will have a 1m² Biojute mulch mat fitted to suppress weed growth. These are made from natural fibres and will break down within the soil. Our trees will also be protected by biodegradable shelters which degrade and breakdown into water and CO₂.



Photo: Tree suffering from Ash Die Back Disease at Frankwell

We are committed to reducing our reliance on chemical weed killers and single use plastics. Together these actions will reduce the need to spray weed killer and eliminates the need for single use plastic mulch mats.

Our Countryside staff have been busy planting replacement trees around the town this winter and as near as possible to the tree that has been removed to promote continuation of habitat.

RECYCLE YOUR UNWANTED TREES

Don't forget to donate any unwanted trees to the Town Council to enable us to continue our work with the Trees Outside Woodland Project.

So, if you're having a clear out of your garden and don't want to throw away or compost those pesky self-setters, donate them to us and we'll monitor them for pests and diseases and grow them on.

We'll also log the trees to a database so that you can discover where your tree has been planted in Shropshire.

Get in touch with us:

E-mail:

enquiries@shrewsburytowncouncil.gov.uk

Telephone: 01743 281010



NEW SIGNAGE AT HERMITAGE GREEN

New signage at the entrances to Hermitage Green in Belle Vue were unveiled by pupils from Coleham Primary School at the beginning of the month.

Pupils were set the challenge of providing designs for the new signs, with elements of the six winning posters incorporated into the main sign.

Councillor Kate Halliday, Member for Belle Vue Ward, said: "The pupils at Coleham Primary School created a fantastic range of images for how they view the park, and it was a difficult decision to choose the winners.

"I am delighted that all the hard work between Shrewsbury Town Council staff and our residents has resulted in a local area that everyone can be proud of, including installations to encourage wildlife in this urban setting."

Last year, our Countryside

and Greenspace team worked with local residents to make improvements for wildlife in the area. New hibernation piles and bird boxes, amongst other features, were installed in the park.

Claire Jones, headteacher of Coleham Primary School, added: "This has been a wonderful community project for our pupils to be involved with. It started last spring when School Councillors collected ideas from pupils to name the park and our Eco Council helped install the new wildlife boxes.

"Many of our children spend their leisure time at this park and the drawings showed how much this space meant to them. It's always powerful when children can actively help make decisions to improve their local area and impact on their local community."



Photo: Councillor Kate Halliday with Matilda Stuzka and Milly Long with the new signage at Hermitage Green

The park is situated off Raby Crescent and South Hermitage and is home to a play area and open space with football posts.

Hermitage Green

TIME TO GET WALKING AGAIN!

With Spring on its way, we start to think about getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Shropshire <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/shropshire> has plenty of walks to download and print, free, as well as books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group, all the information is there in one place.

John Harris, who maintains the



website, said: "There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Shropshire (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you".

With walks from half a mile to more than twelve miles long, along with notes for suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So, home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING IN MEOLE VILLAGE

Working with the local Ward Member, Councillor Bernie Bentick, and the community of Meole Brace, forty residents braved the freezing weather last month to come together and plant seven trees in memory of the late Queen.

We have recently upgraded the facilities at Stanley Lane Recreation Ground, which includes new pathways and new solar lighting.

Councillor Bentick said he was proud of the community spirit in Meole Village and was delighted that so many local residents had come out on such a cold day to help with the tree planting.

Our staff also provided bulbs as well as the equipment for planting and were on hand on the day to offer advice to ensure that the trees were planted to give them the best start.

With a real community atmosphere, members of Priory School, Meole Brace Primary and Secondary schools and Meole Brace Garden and Allotment Club were entertained with music from the Shrewsbury Brass Ensemble.

Members of the community will ensure that the trees are watered in late spring and early summer to ensure that the trees become established for future generations to enjoy.



Photo: Residents of Meole Village plant seven trees at Stanley Lane Recreation Ground in December 2022

SHREWSBURY IN BLOOM LAUNCH NEW WEBSITE

The Shrewsbury in Bloom Group has unveiled a new website which will help to promote the Bloom message to residents and work with the local community by providing encouragement and information to get them started on their horticultural journey.

Shrewsbury-based The Web Orchard was appointed to build a new website following their successful work on the Town Council's website.

The new site has been built using responsive technology to recognise which type of device people are using and adjust accordingly and contains details of the history of Shrewsbury in Bloom, photo galleries of Bloom events, as well as items of interest within the parks and open spaces in the town.

Keith Roberts, chairman of Shrewsbury in Bloom, said: "Until



now, our online Bloom campaign has been part of the Town Council's website. Planning for the future, we thought we needed to promote our own identity and encourage more people to get involved with the Bloom initiative.

"The Bloom Group has been impressed by The Web Orchard's ethical approach to the Climate Emergency with their carbon neutral policies and they have provided a great deal of assistance with helping us to set up this new website."

The Shrewsbury in Bloom website also contains details of competitions run for businesses, residents and schools.

Margaret Thrower, a long-standing member of the Bloom Group, added: "The new website looks fresh and visually appealing and it's great we have our own platform that focusses solely on the fantastic contribution that Shrewsbury in Bloom makes to the town.

"More information will be added as we go along, and we hope that members of the public will work with us to ensure the new website provides the information people need to help get them interested in growing and taking a great pride in their local community."

Visit the Shrewsbury
in Bloom Website



GET SNAPPING FOR OUR SHREWSBURY IN BLOOM PHOTO COMPETITION

We're inviting residents of Shrewsbury to submit their photographs in a bid to be featured on the front or back cover of the annual Shrewsbury in Bloom Portfolio of Evidence.

The Shrewsbury in Bloom Group is offering local residents the opportunity to have their photo of the town on the front or back cover of the annual portfolio, which is presented to the Royal Horticultural Society's judges as they assess the town against exacting criteria.

The portfolio contains details of life in Shrewsbury under the 'Bloom Ethos' over the course of a twelve-month period.

Shrewsbury in Bloom was awarded Gold in the Heart of England in Bloom Small City Category last year, and we're keeping our fingers crossed for Gold again this year.

When we think of Shrewsbury in Bloom, we automatically assume that we're talking about the plants and flowers we see around town.

As part of the town's entry into the Bloom competitions, the town is judged on a number of criteria, including Horticultural Excellence, Environmental Responsibility and Community Participation.

Chairman of Shrewsbury in Bloom, Keith Roberts, said: "We had an amazing response to our competition for the 2022 Bloom Portfolio and the final decision for the winning entries wasn't easy. It's wonderful to see so many people helping to support us with the work we do in the town.

I would like to thank everyone who entered our competition.

"We had two worthy winners with Lee Roberts' photo of the entrance to Shrewsbury Castle for the front cover with Liam Ball's evocative sunset over the Kingsland Bridge featuring on the back cover.

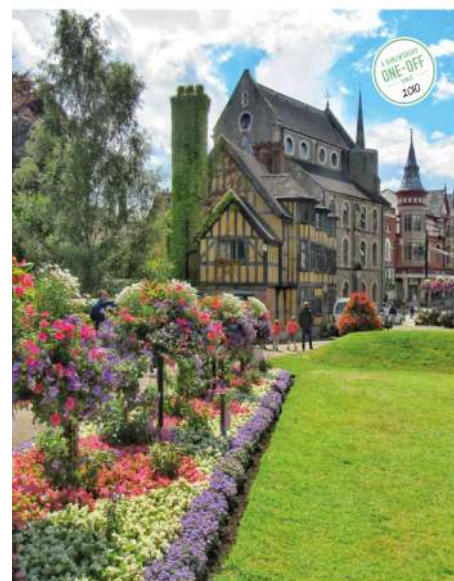
"Whilst we're not necessarily looking for photos of flowers, we want to showcase our beautiful town with pictures of buildings or places of local interest. I would encourage people to get snapping throughout the year and send their best photos for a chance to be featured on our Bloom Portfolio."

Photos should be taken within the last twelve months in the town of Shrewsbury.

Entries should be emailed to: hilary.humphries@shrewsburytowncouncil.gov.uk at any time until the end of May 2023.

To view last year's and our previous editions of the Shrewsbury in Bloom Portfolio, visit our website at:

Shrewsbury in Bloom Portfolio



Shrewsbury
in Bloom

2022 Portfolio

Front cover of the 2022 Shrewsbury in Bloom Portfolio, taken by Lee Roberts



We hope to thank to all those organisations, companies and individuals who contribute to Shrewsbury in Bloom, helping to improve the quality of life for visitors, residents and those who work in the town.

Shrewsbury Town Council, 10000 Hall, The Library, Castle Gates, Shrewsbury, SY13AG

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Back cover of the 2022 Shrewsbury in Bloom Portfolio, taken by Liam Ball

Shrewsbury
in Bloom



YOUNG SHREWSBURY UPDATE



Young Shrewsbury's Youth Clubs are Back!

*It's ALL totally **FREE!** In 2023!*

Mon - Grange Juniors 6:30-8:30pm (Y7-9)

Tues - "Youth Café" @ The Hive 4-6pm (Y-11)

Wed - Sundorne Youthie 6:30-8:30pm (Y7-11)

Wed - Pre-Juniors @ The Grange 6-8pm (Y5&6)

Thurs - Football Coaching @ Monkmoor Rec 5-6pm

Thurs – Monkmoor Juniors @ the Lodge 5-6:15pm (Y5-6)

Thurs - Monkmoor Seniors 6:30-8pm (Y7-11)

Young Shrewsbury's Youth Club Sessions include:

Sport - Football, hockey, rounders, badminton, Pool and table tennis.

Arts & Crafts - including paper crafts, painting, sand art, Hama Beads, jewellery making and wool craft.

Cookery & Food - including Pizza, Chocolate Brownies, Toasties, Fruit smoothies and Shortbread.

**Contact the Youth & Community Manager Andy Hall
for more Information 01743 344800 or 07976020819**

andy.hall@shrewsburytowncouncil.gov.uk

List of Forthcoming Council Meetings

In accordance with Schedule 12 10(2) (a) Local Government Act 1972, notice is hereby given of the following meetings of the Council.

Monday 23 January 2023

Full Council – 6pm

Tuesday 31 January 2023

Planning Committee – 6pm

Monday 6 February 2023

Finance & General Purposes Committee – 6pm

Tuesday 21 February 2023

Planning Committee – 6pm

Tuesday 14 March 2023

Planning Committee – 6pm

Wednesday 15 March 2023

Recreation & Leisure Committee – 6pm

Monday 27 March 2023

Full Council – 6pm

Thursday 30 March 2023

Climate Change Standing Committee – 2.30pm

Tuesday 4 April 2023

Planning Committee – 6pm

Full details, including Agendas and paperwork, can be found on our website at:

Shrewsbury Town Council
List of Meetings





TEAM SHREWSBURY LATEST UPDATE

STAY SAFE AFTER YOUR NIGHT OUT

West Mercia Police want you to enjoy your evenings out in the town centre but they are also conscious of you arriving home safe. Getting home can sometimes be difficult and fraught with issues, but they would advise that if possible you travel home with a friend or family member - try not to go home alone. The town is, as many of you are aware, surrounded by the river which can be hazardous in the dark if walking along the tow paths.

There are Taxi Marshalls in Claremont Street every Friday and Saturday from 10pm until 4am. The team can assist and wait with you while your taxi arrives. Please also consider letting someone know that you are on your way home.



If you are finding things a struggle, and we realise this time of year can be a difficult time, and you need a chat try calling one of the following who are available to listen:

- Victim Advice Line - 0800 952 3000
- West Mercia Women's Aid Helpline (available to help all victims) - 0800 980 3331
- Men's Advice Line - 0808 801

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- The Mix (for under 25s) - 0808 808 4994
- National LGBT+ Domestic Abuse Helpline - 0800 999 5428
- Samaritans - 116 123

For a full list of advice and support, please see:

**West Mercia Police
Advice & Information**

WINTER WATER SAFETY

Stay safe in winter – the dangers of frozen waters

In winter, children and pets are particularly at risk when tempted to play on the ice formed on open water, and adults can find themselves at risk in attempting to save them.

Taking a nice walk in cold weather with your family, friends or dogs in tow can be really refreshing, just make sure you know some simple tips on how to stay safe in winter.

Areas with frozen lakes, ponds, canals and reservoirs can be beautiful places to visit during the



winter months but all too often many people risk their lives by venturing onto frozen water.

Visit the Royal Life Saving Society's website for useful tips to



help you know what to do in an emergency:

**Winter Water
Safety**

For information on flood issues, visit the Royal Life Saving Society's website at:

**Royal Life Saving
Society - Flood Issues**



ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Anti-social behaviour covers a wide range of unacceptable activity that causes harm to an individual, to their community or to their environment. This could be an action by someone else that leaves you feeling alarmed, harassed or distressed. It also includes fear of crime or concern for public safety, public disorder or public nuisance.

Examples of anti-social behaviour include:

- Nuisance, rowdy or inconsiderate neighbours
- Vandalism, graffiti and fly-posting
- Street drinking
- Environmental damage including littering, dumping of rubbish and abandonment of cars
- Prostitution-related activity
- Begging and Vagrancy
- Fireworks misuse
- Inconsiderate or inappropriate



use of vehicles

If you are experiencing problems with anti-social behaviour, or have any concerns about it, or other community safety issues, you should contact your local council or report this to the Police online. In an emergency, if you or your property are at risk or a crime is in progress call 999.

The police, local authorities and other community safety partner agencies, such as Fire & Rescue and social housing landlords, all have a responsibility to deal with anti-social behaviour and to help people who are suffering from it.

If you have information on ASB please let the Police know using the online 'Tell Us About' form on their website

Contact West
Mercia Police

If you aren't comfortable contacting the Police directly, you can pass on information anonymously to the independent charity, Crimestoppers, by calling 0800 555 111 or by visiting their website:

Contact
Crimestoppers

Thank you for your help. It is only by the police and the public working together that we can prevent and detect crime.



ALTERNATIVE GIVING UPDATE



Generous residents and visitors to Shrewsbury have donated a total of £3,096 via the Alternative Giving window project in aid of The Shrewsbury Ark.

The windows are a partnership between Shrewsbury BID and The Ark and the first window was unveiled in the town centre in 2021.

With two 'windows' in the town centre at each end of Pride Hill, the specially-designed card machine enables people to donate to the homeless charity.

Emily Bell, Chair of Trustees at the Shrewsbury Ark, said: "The donations received from the Alternative Giving windows have never been more welcome at the Shrewsbury Ark.

"Our move into new premises and the current cost of living crisis has meant our day centre costs have rocketed.

"From having to employ additional staff, including cleaners, to higher food and fuel bills, everything is costing more. We have also nearly doubled the number of people using our services each day from around thirty in our old day centre to fifty-five in our new location.



"We are working very hard to ensure that our income from donations and grants matches our forecast expenditure on the services delivered by the Ark. All contributions are very gratefully received."

The Shrewsbury Ark provides ongoing support and day centre facilities for the homeless and vulnerable in the community.

For more information on the charity, visit:

The Shrewsbury Ark



TOWN RANGERS INCREASE PATROLS



The introduction of the Shrewsbury Rangers has been welcomed, with patrols increasing to provide extra reassurance to the public and business owners.

Businesses say the regular patrols have been appreciated by customers, providing a visible reassuring presence and contributing to an improved town centre environment.

The Shrewsbury Ranger project is co-ordinated by Shrewsbury BID and financed by the Home Office Safer Streets Fund, supported by Shrewsbury BID, Shropshire

Council and the West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner. The project began last September, with Rangers patrolling five days a week at various times during the day and evening. They are now patrolling seven days a week, with increased hours both during the day and at night.

Stephanie Mansell-Jones, business liaison for Shrewsbury BID, said some businesses had reported a noticeable reduction in anti-social incidents since the town rangers had been introduced.

She said: "Shrewsbury has always been an enjoyable place

to live, work and visit, and whilst incidents are rare, they do occasionally happen, so it's useful to have this extra support when needed.

"We are grateful to our partners for their support with the Shrewsbury Rangers project, and the extra funding which is enabling us to extend the frequency of their patrols."



Town Rangers Increase Patrols in the town centre
Photo: Shrewsbury BID



HELP AVAILABLE WITH COST OF LIVING



If you are struggling with the cost of living, you may be able to apply for some help from Shropshire Council. The Council's Welfare Support Team administers Local Welfare Provision schemes that can provide support for people

who are struggling to meet their essential living costs.

For queries about this, please call the team on 0345 678 9078 (option 1).

To make an application, please call our application line, on 0345 678 9078 (option 2).

For more information on the Welfare Support Team:

[Welfare Support Team](#)

For more information on help with the cost of living:

[Information on Cost of Living](#)



LATEST NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER

OUR NEWS

FREE NATIONAL NEWSLETTER FOR YOU BECAUSE WE ARE MAKING THIS A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE. TOGETHER.



Neighbourhood Watch is pleased to bring you the first edition of OUR NEWS for 2023 – their newsletter for Neighbourhood Watch supporters across England and Wales.

This edition covers articles on the new government emergency alerts system, how to prevent burglary and protect your friends from romance fraud, understanding 'secured by design', offers from Patlock and Avast, how to avoid Amazon

scams, how to find a trusted locksmith and more.

To read the Neighbourhood Watch newsletter, click here:

[Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter](#)



Shrewsbury

Town Council

**Allotments
Public Open Space
Leisure & Recreation
Play Areas
Shrewsbury in Bloom
Christmas Lights
Events & Festivals
Footway Lighting
Mayor of Shrewsbury & Civic Events
Bus Shelters
Youth Services
Memorials on Town Council Assets
Toilet Facilities in Shrewsbury**

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Which Council does What?

Do you know which Council empties your dustbins, plants and maintains the flowers around the town, or is responsible for education and social care in the county?

We know it can be confusing and it's not always easy to find out who is responsible for what. This information is designed to help point you in the right direction.



Shropshire
Council

**Education
Housing
Council Tax & Benefits
Waste Collection & Re-cycling
Social Care
Public Rights of Way
Highways, Gritting, Street Lights & Potholes
Towpath gates & Cleansing of towpath
Public Protection
Planning
Libraries
Leisure & Recreation
Shrewsbury Shopping Centres
Museum & Art Gallery / Visitor Information Centre
Youth Provision
Car Parks & Blue Badges
Bus Passes**

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