



Shrewsbury

Town Council

March 2022



@FOLLOW US



www.shrewsburytowncouncil.gov.uk

UPDATE FROM COUNCILLOR JULIAN DEAN, MAYOR OF SHREWSBURY



As I write, Ukraine is suffering terribly from the dreadful invasion by Russian armed forces. Our community includes people from Ukraine, with friends and relatives still in Ukraine. It felt really important to show some support as quickly as possible, so we held a well-supported vigil on 26th February.

A further solidarity event for the first Saturday in March was also organised. There has been important support shown by the organised Polish community in Shrewsbury too,

and I know that this has been welcomed.

Otherwise, February was another quiet month as Mayor. The highlight was the graduation ceremony for University College Shrewsbury. It was great to see so many celebrating the successful completion of their studies. These students will have been studying under really trying conditions, with much of their teaching and learning taking place online and without the interaction, either with staff or with each other, that is usefully a feature of student life.

That feels like a real loss.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at the charity fundraiser for the Lingen Davies Cancer Fund, 'Swingin' at the Buttermarket' on Thursday 24th March. The band has a great reputation and the professional dancers look great! You can learn a few lindyhop moves at the beginning of the evening if you are interested.

As ever, take care and stay safe.

MAYOR OF SHREWSBURY CHARITY EVENT



Join the Mayor of Shrewsbury, Councillor Julian Dean, on Thursday 24 March 2022 for an evening of swing dance with live music from the Jim Wynn Swingtet in aid of the Lingen Davies Cancer Fund.

Doors open at the Buttermarket from 7pm.

Councillor Dean said: "Live events have been massively impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic and it will be great to see people come along to this fundraising event and have some fun.

"We've got a beginners Lindy Hop class with The Swing Era Dance School from 7.45pm, so even if you are new to swing dancing or need to have a little

practise, we should all be able to 'get in the swing' for the evening ahead.

"This is the first fundraising event that I've been able to organise since becoming Mayor and I look forward to welcoming people to the event.

"The band leader, Jim Wynn, is a Shropshire lad who is making a great name for himself on the UK jazz and swing music scene. I had the privilege to teach him briefly when he was studying music A level, and I've followed his amazing progress ever since.

"All funds raised will be going towards my chosen charity for my Mayoral year, and I hope that as many people come along on the night to help support

the Lingen Davies Cancer Fund."

Tickets cost £22 in advance (£25 on the door) and can be booked through Lingen Davies.



Book your Tickets



UPDATE FROM COUNCILLOR ALAN MOSLEY, LEADER OF SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL



I was delighted to join a wonderful turnout parading through the town on Saturday, March 5th before hearing testimonials to the plight of Ukraine at a gathering in the Quarry.

There was a good number of Town Councillors present, including the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Earlier that week, I had called a meeting of all political group leaders to discuss how Shrewsbury Town Council should respond to the war in ways that reflected the anger and heart-breaking sympathy being felt throughout our town.

As expected, we were as one in expressing disgust and an overwhelming desire to show solidarity with the people of Ukraine and to offer humanitarian support especially for those seeking refuge in Shropshire.

Therefore, we have agreed to a statement which is signed by myself, David Vasmar, Alex Phillips and Julian Green and is copied below.

We are also recommending that an initial sum of £25,000 be allocated to support these humanitarian efforts.

We have no doubt that the pledge and financial contribution will be endorsed by the Full Council and by residents throughout Shrewsbury.



Leader of Shrewsbury Town Council, Councillor Alan Mosley, with Deputy Mayor, Councillor Elisabeth Roberts and her daughter at the vigil for Ukraine

SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL'S STATEMENT ON UKRAINE

Like many local and regional authorities across Europe, we strongly condemn the ongoing, multiple attacks on the sovereign territory of Ukraine. On behalf of the residents of Shrewsbury we send our full support and solidarity to the Ukrainian people and to our peers in local and regional government. We deplore the catastrophe we see unfolding as the values of humanity, freedom and democracy that we all hold so dear are viciously attacked by the Russian Federation.

The escalation of violence, repeated bombings and attacks on Ukrainian cities and territories targeting vulnerable people are a serious threat to the preservation of peace and democracy in our society.

Locally, the Town Council will support local community groups and organisations here in Shrewsbury who are coordinating collections and deliveries to Ukraine and its neighbouring countries to support the people within Ukraine. We will also actively play our part in supporting any Ukrainians who find themselves seeking refuge in the United Kingdom and ultimately Shropshire and Shrewsbury.

We are fortunate in Shrewsbury to have such caring organisations who have made Shropshire a safe and caring haven for refugees and we will continue to support them however possible.

We are pledged to provide help however possible be it financial or, through the use of our Councillors, staff and assets. We will also seek to raise awareness and support for Ukraine through our media and networks to maintain that collective global pressure.

HELEN BALL, TOWN CLERK OF SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL



I bought my niece a sweatshirt for Christmas that said “Be Kind” and every time she wears it, my brother sends me a photo and it always make me smile.

At 6 years old, she understands what that means and hasn’t become angered by life.

My Gran used to have a saying “Do as you would be done by” and would instil in me and my brother at a very early age, a level of respect and kindness in others and I hope 50 years later I still live up to her saying.

That aspect of respect and kindness for others this week has manifested itself both on a local scale but also on a huge international scale.

All of us have been affected by the tragic events in Ukraine, and it is so difficult to comprehend how Russia can inflict such pain and suffering on its neighbours. We have all watched the TV with a sense of helplessness as events unfold.

But locally, in such a short space of time, it has been so heartening to see how our community has begun to do its bit to support those individuals who have found themselves in such terrible circumstances.



I have spoken to such lovely people this week whose acts of kindness towards these people are immeasurable.

I don’t think they have slept all week co-ordinating collections and deliveries of medical supplies and clothes to be shipped off to Ukraine and its neighbouring countries to support such suffering.

It makes me hugely proud that there are some wonderful people in Shrewsbury with very big kind hearts and I have no doubt if we are to receive refugees from Ukraine they will be made so welcome.

I also this week have been saddened by the increasing levels of abuse my staff receive from the public as they go about their jobs.

None of my staff have been furloughed during the Pandemic and all have found their workloads have increased as they have struggled to meet the demands of our parks and

open spaces being used more than they have ever been.

The lack of tolerance and abuse of some in society has, at times, become intolerable for my staff.

Their work at times is difficult and certainly, over the last couple of weeks, they have worked long hours supporting the flood efforts in the town.

Thankfully, these people are in the minority and many more residents do chat to them about their work, and I regularly receive lovely comments about how kind and helpful they have been.

They also make me proud to have staff who love what they do and genuinely want to make a difference.

All I ask is what is on my niece’s sweatshirt “Be Kind”.

Our world is a cruel place at times and we need to help each other and respect each other as much as we can.



SHREWSBURY RESIDENTS INVITED TO ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Shrewsbury residents are invited to attend this year's Annual Town Meeting, which will be held next month.

The event takes place in the Walker Theatre at Shrewsbury's Theatre Severn on Monday, April 25 from 7pm and is open to residents who live within the Council's 17 Wards.

The session provides an opportunity to raise questions on matters affecting the town of Shrewsbury and learn of the work undertaken by councillors over the last twelve months.

There will also be presentations from key partners in the town including Shrewsbury BID highlighting the development of the Big Town Plan in conjunction with both Shropshire Council and the Town Council. There will be updates from West Mercia Police's Shrewsbury Safer Neighbourhood Team on their work in the town.

There will also be opportunities for members of the public to ask questions, make contributions and raise any other matters not on the agenda.

Councillor Alan Mosley, leader of the Council, said: "I am proud of the Town Council and its partners and the success stories we have witnessed over the last twelve months, despite continuing financial pressures.

"The last couple of years have been fraught with challenges, not only from flooding and its devastating effects on certain areas of the town and some of our assets, but also Coronavirus in terms of the added expense in keeping people safe.



SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MONDAY 25 APRIL 2022

at

The Walker Theatre,
Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury

Members of the public welcome

The Annual Town Meeting is an opportunity to see Local Government in action. It is a chance for residents to meet with Councillors, raise any issues, and have a say on the future of Town Council services in Shrewsbury.

By working together, we can help make our town an even better place to live, work and visit.

To get an item on the Agenda, email:
enquiries@shrewsburytowncouncil.gov.uk

Find us on:

www.facebook.com/shrewsburytowncouncil
[@ShrewsburyTC](https://twitter.com/ShrewsburyTC)
[@shrewsbury_town_council](https://www.instagram.com/shrewsbury_town_council)

Shrewsbury Town Council

Riggs Hall, The Library, Castle Gates, Shrewsbury,
SY1 2AS

Tel: 01743 281010

www.shrewsburytowncouncil.gov.uk



Shrewsbury
Town Council

"The North West Relief Road is another issue that the Town Council has comprehensively objected to, with a need to divert funding towards producing a sustainable transport plan.

"This meeting will give our residents a chance to have their say and we would encourage people to join us with a view to making their voices heard. We always welcome people's views

on how we can best protect and promote the vital local services to maintain the high standards we have all come to expect."

Copies of the meeting agenda will be available to download from our website next month.

Shrewsbury Town Council



LAST CHANCE TO NOMINATE SHREWSBURY'S UNSUNG HEROES

With a closing date of April 1, there's still time to submit your nominations for the annual Mayor of Shrewsbury Awards to acknowledge those unsung heroes who have made an outstanding contribution to the town of Shrewsbury.

The Mayor is asking businesses, organisations and residents to provide suggestions for Shrewsbury's annual civic awards, designed to feature those who have gone above and beyond for the benefit of the town.

The Mayor wants to invite nominations in a range of categories to acknowledge the wonderful work that has gone on in Shrewsbury over the last twelve months.

The categories are:

Built Heritage Award
Business Award
Climate Emergency Award
Community Award
Courtesy Award
Environmental Award
Lifetime Achievement Award
Tourism Award
Youth Award

In addition to these nine categories, which will be judged by a panel of members and officers of the Town Council, the Mayor will also present his special Commendation Awards to people he has met throughout his Mayoral Year who have played a key part in helping make Shrewsbury a special place to live and work.

Mayor of Shrewsbury, Councillor Julian Dean, said: "The Mayor's Awards is a great way to recognise the selfless work that so many people undertake within the town that makes it such a



fantastic place for everyone.

"This is the last chance for people to submit their nominations for this year's Mayor's Awards and I would encourage the residents of Shrewsbury to visit the Town Council's website to submit their recommendations to acknowledge those unsung heroes in the town."

Full information on the criteria for the categories can be found on our website where nominations can be submitted via the online form.

For any queries regarding the nomination process, please contact the Mayor's Secretary on 01743 257655 or email carol.pullen@shrewsburytowncouncil.gov.uk

The closing date for completed entries is April 1.

Our nomination form can be found at:

Mayor of Shrewsbury Awards
Online Nomination Form



Winners of the Community Category for the 2020 Mayor's Awards - #Run4Health Community

VOTING CLOSES SOON FOR FAVOURITE MARKET HALL TRADER OF THE YEAR 2022

Time is running out to cast your vote to find Shrewsbury's favourite Market Hall Trader of the Year for 2022.

People visiting the indoor market before March 31 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 at the Walker Theatre on April 28.

Since the inception of the award for Market Trader of the Year in 2014, previous winners have been The Market Buffet in both 2014 and 2017, Amess Brothers fruit & vegetable stall in 2015 and Café Aleoli in 2016 and 2018, The Card Stall in 2019, whilst Ewe and Ply were worthy winners in 2020.

Nomination forms are available in



the market and completed forms should be deposited in the ballot box provided.

Duplicate entries will not be counted.

Mayor of Shrewsbury, Councillor Julian Dean, said: "The Market Hall is a great location providing such a diverse range of businesses and this award is a great way to vote for your favourite Market Trader of the Year.

"For anyone who hasn't already voted, I would urge people to cast their vote for their favourite Market Hall trader and it won't be an easy decision to make."

Mike Cox, outdoor and recreation manager for the Town Council, added: "The Market Hall is a popular place to shop in Shrewsbury and everyone has their favourite trader. If you would like to see them in the running for an award, make sure that you vote before the closing date of March 31 – competition is stiff and so every vote really does count!"



Winner of the Market Hall Trader of the Year for 2019, The Card Stall collecting her award from Mayor of Shrewsbury, Councillor Peter Nutting



Winner of the Market Hall Trader of the Year for 2020, Ewe & Ply collecting their award from Mayor of Shrewsbury, Councillor Phil Gillam



Visit the Shrewsbury Market Hall at Claremont St, Shrewsbury, SY1 1HQ.

Telephone: 01743 351067

Sunday CLOSED

Monday CLOSED

Tuesday-Saturday 8am - 4pm

Limited trading on Thursdays with a selection of stalls open. Individual stall opening times vary, visit the [traders page](#) for more information.

SHREWSBURY MARKET HALL VOTED ONE OF BRITAIN'S FAVOURITE MARKETS

Shrewsbury Market Hall faced stiff competition from markets across the country and has been named as runner up in Britain's Favourite Market for 2022.

The result was revealed at the National Association of British Market Authorities (NABMA) conference in Birmingham last month.

NABMA runs the Great British Market Awards each year and includes a category to find Britain's Favourite Market. With on-line public voting asking people to nominate their favourite market, the markets attracting the most votes were short-listed for the second round of the competition.

The Market Hall was also the subject of a visit from mystery shoppers as part of the judging process.

Helen Ball, town clerk, said: "We are thrilled that Shrewsbury Market Hall has been recognised as one of Britain's Favourite Markets, especially after the tough trading conditions of the last two years. The result bears great testimony to those who

make it happen, showing outstanding customer service and a commitment to providing value for money."

Mike Cox, our outdoor recreation and asset manager, added: "We would like to congratulate Bury market for winning such a tough competition. Being in the Top Ten is an achievement in itself and being announced as Runner-up is such a fantastic result.

"The Market Hall has always done well in the national competition and that's down to the great combination of our Market Hall team, the traders and our wonderful customers.

"Over the last two years, it has been extremely difficult for everyone, but by adapting to the changing circumstances, and with the support from our customers and traders, we've managed to maintain a successful market, which continues to surprise our visitors both locally and from further afield."

The Market Hall is run jointly by Shropshire Council and Shrewsbury Town Council and they collectively pride themselves



on having 100% occupancy and a healthy waiting list.

With its contemporary architecture and the striking clock tower dominating the town's skyline, Shrewsbury Market Hall has been home to traders since 1965.

Selling everything from fruit and vegetables to meat & poultry, books, china, bikes, collectibles, arts and crafts, it is the place with much character and soul. The mix is so varied that the Market Hall is promoted as the only place you can buy your bird nuts right next to having champagne and oysters.



SHREWSBURY MARKET HALL MEMORIAL BENCH



A memorial has been sited within Shrewsbury Indoor Market, close to where a long-established trader ran his market stall.

The late Mike Jones and his wife, Jean, ran their business together for over thirty years, selling antiques and collectibles.

Rob Miles, our market officer, said: "There has always been a bench in this area prior to the Coronavirus pandemic and Mike would sit and have light-hearted banter with fellow traders and customers.

"Sadly, Mike passed away in April 2020 and it was decided that once Covid-19 restrictions were eased and it was safer for people to sit and chat, a new bench would be installed and bear Mike's name."

Funds of around £320 were donated by members of the public, which have been put towards the total

cost of the new bench, which has been hand-crafted by local wood worker, Chris Nangle.

Whilst Mike is no longer at the helm, his business continues to thrive as "Generations & Good Night Sweetheart" run by Olli, Mike's grandson, and Teri, his daughter, all under the watchful eye of Jean.



L-R: Teri, Olli and Jean try out the memorial bench for the late Mike Jones in Shrewsbury Market Hall

SHREWSBURY MARKET HALL'S BUSINESS SUCCESS STORIES



Shrewsbury Market Hall has shown the way forward for local businesses wanting to build a reputation without the costly commitment of owning premises in the town centre.

With three success stories from small businesses already trading in the market hall, traders have expanded their stalls, which are managed by Shrewsbury Town Council.

Local chocolatier, Rebecca, had been selling her home-made chocolate on a 'casual trader' basis, but business has been so brisk, she has now become a full-time trader within the Market Hall.



Chocolicious is now trading full-time in the award-winning Shrewsbury Market Hall

The ever popular "Tom's Table" has taken on an extra unit on the ground floor to seat ten more covers due to the demand for his great food, prepared by Tom, his London pastry chef as well as his mother Sarah, offering salads and cakes which are 'second-to-none'.

Meanwhile, English Bridge Flowers, which has two units on the gallery level, has complimented them by renting further space in the centre of the canopy area to fulfil her ever-increasing order book.

Rob Miles, our markets officer, said: "It's so satisfying to see all of our traders making such a success of their business.

"Our award-winning Market Hall can boast full occupancy at the moment, and we have the additional boost of having a substantial waiting list for these very affordable units. We also offer guidance and friendly advice to anyone that seeks it."

And don't forget to vote for your choice of "Trader of The Year" as part of the annual Mayor's Awards. The ballot box situated on the first floor at the Bellstone end of the building.

COUNTRYSIDE AND GREENSPACE TEAM UPDATE

Town Council Works on Ash Dieback Disease

Ash dieback is a fungal disease originating from Asia that is killing our native European ash trees in large numbers and is the most significant tree disease to affect the UK since Dutch elm disease in the 1960s and 1970s.

The disease has been present in the U.K from imported tree stock since the early 2000s, as well as by wind-blown spores from the continent. Symptoms include blackening leaves during summer, often at the tips of branches, discolouration and lesions on bark and eventually death.

Jim Goldsmith, our ranger in the Countryside and Greenspace Team, said: "Since 2020, we have surveyed our ash trees annually for signs of the disease and have recommended remedial works where necessary, including removal.

"As part of our Ash Dieback Policy, we replant up to three trees to replace any we remove. The trees have been 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, aspen and field maple.

"We use large trees to allow the tree to establish

much quicker than a "whip" would.

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

Over the course of the winter, our Countryside staff have been busy planting replacement trees around the town, which are planted as near as possible to the tree that has been removed to promote continuation of habitat.

Matt Wilcoxon, our countryside and greenspace manager, added: "The benefits of Ash are numerous. They help to reduce pollution and flooding, regulate urban air temperature and also store carbon, as well as supporting many native species of wildlife.

"The loss of these trees will have a huge impact on the landscape of Shropshire and the habitats they support. Current evidence suggests at least 50% mortality of our park and street ash, with up to 85% rate of mortality expected in woodlands."

We are working to ensure that ash dieback disease is managed within the tree stock in the town to ensure that the recovery of local woodlands are protected for the future.



Our Countryside & Greenspace Team have been busy replacing ash trees around Shrewsbury over the winter months.

COUNTRYSIDE AND GREENSPACE TEAM UPDATE

Our Countryside and Greenspace team has been busy assisting local residents improve the pathways at their local nature reserve.

Residents using Copthorne Park felt that the paths were becoming too muddy during the winter months and needed refreshing for the benefit of people using the area.

Matt Wilcoxon, our countryside and greenspace manager, said; "We were recently contacted by users of Copthorne Park who kindly offered to spread woodchip along the paths to improve the muddy conditions.

"We were able to deliver several trailer loads of chip produced by

our tree safety works and it was moved in a couple of hours!

"We will be supplying more chip this week for the group to cover the other side of the park." Copthorne Park is a nature reserve in the west of Shrewsbury and is popular with dog walkers, joggers and anyone just wanting to enjoy a peaceful walk. Community involvement is encouraged, and the countryside unit's weekly volunteer party can often be found working at Copthorne Park.

"The local residents also value the park, and usually clear up any litter that appears within a few hours."



Residents helping to spread woodchip at Copthorne Park

SOLAR LAMP INSTALLATION PROGRAMME IN THE QUARRY COMPLETED

Work has now been completed on the installation of solar lights in the Quarry park.

With a total of forty-one solar lights installed between Porthill Suspension Bridge and Grey Friars Bridge, the path along the River Severn will be illuminated throughout the night for people using the park.

Leader of the Town Council, Councillor Alan Mosley, said: "Safety along the river has been a high priority for us to ensure that everyone using the park at night can feel safer and more likely to use and enjoy the enhanced the feel of their park due to the solar lighting.

"I am delighted that the scheme has now been completed and I would like to thank our staff for all their hard work as we continue to

implement our plans to improve amenities throughout the town.

"Already we have received a lot of very positive comments about this further lighting initiative. Alongside our conversion of footpath lights to LEDs, we are continuing towards our ambition to become carbon neutral well before 2030. We are also looking at all opportunities to use solar power in other operations across the Council."

Stuart Farmer, our projects manager, said: "It has been a great and challenging project to work on with both Zeta Specialist Lighting and Shrewsbury-based Potters Electrical Limited, and I believe we have produced an atmospheric, sensitive light source along the towpath without it being too bright for the Conservation Area.

"One of design specifications stipulated that the solar lights had to provide the necessary wattage to ensure the lights work throughout the year, and working with our contractors, we have achieved the desired result and they look really great."



The new solar lamps in our Quarry park, helping to make the area safer for people

NEW WILDLIFE IMPROVEMENTS FOR HERMITAGE GREEN

Wildlife in Coleham will be getting a helping hand from with new hibernation piles and bird boxes unveiled in a local park.

Our Countryside and Greenspace Team has been working with the residents of Belle Vue Ward to make improvements for wildlife in the area.

Councillor Kate Halliday, Ward member for Belle Vue, said: "A number of residents had approached me to help improve the facilities for this area of open space. We've worked with the Town Council's Countryside and Greenspace team to help with installing hibernation piles for hedgehogs and amphibians as well as nest boxes for bats and birds.

"We also realised that the park doesn't have an 'official' name and we've had a competition at Coleham Primary School, asking pupils to make suggestions and then vote on a name for our local open space. The pupils voted for Hermitage Green.

"We're pleased that the Town Council is backing our initiative, and will provide new signs for the park.

"The open space at South Hermitage is a well-used local facility and is an ideal location to help wildlife in the middle of an urban area. These new installations will not only help to improve the habitat for declining species but will also provide an excellent opportunity for people to learn more about the wildlife around them."

The improvements include several different types of nest boxes, including ones designed for house sparrows. Although these birds are still considered common, they have suffered a 60% decline in towns and cities since the 1970s. Matt Wilcoxon, our Countryside and Greenspace manager, added:



Pupils from Coleham Primary School help out at Hermitage Green

"A lack of suitable nest sites in modern buildings and a reduction in insects are just two of the problems sparrows face. Unlike other birds, they are happy to nest communally, so several boxes can be put up together.

"In addition, small log piles covered with soil, known as hibernacula, have been built around the edge of the park. These are vital for insects, mammals and amphibians to find cover during the winter. Hedgehogs are particularly fond of these and are another species in sharp decline.

"We have also included a strip of 'no mow' grass area along the tree line, which will enable long grasses and other plants to flower. This will give pollinators a chance to feed throughout the year and will also provide food for a host of other animals."

Zackary Black, aged 10 and a member of the Coleham Primary School Eco-council, said: "It's important to make our local park eco-friendly and more natural, to encourage wildlife and protect hedgehogs."

The Recreation Ground is situated off Raby Crescent and South Hermitage and is home to a play area and open space with football posts, owned and maintained by the Town Council.

For more information on our Countryside sites, please visit our website.

[Countryside Sites](#)



JOB VACANCIES WITH SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL



Shrewsbury
Town Council



Personal Assistant to Town Clerk Permanent 25 hours week

SCP 12 - 17, Pay £22,571 – £24,920, Pro Rata (subject to experience)

We are looking to recruit a Personal Assistant to provide personal and executive support to the Town Clerk, Mayor and other members of the Senior Management Team.

You will be the first point of contact for the Town Clerk in dealing with a wide range of issues arising in connection to the post.

Administrative experience is essential to support the Town Clerk in the prioritisation of their workload, maintain diaries and respond to communications.

An application form is available at:

JOB VACANCIES

Closing Date for applications midday Friday 25th March 2022

Interviews will take place Friday 1st April 2022



Shrewsbury
Town Council



Mayor's Officer

Permanent 30 hours week (annualised)

SCP 7 - 11, Pay £20,444 - £22,129 (subject to experience)

We are looking to recruit a Mayor's Officer to support the Mayoral Team, Councillors and Officers in their civic capacity.

You will be required to undertake chauffeuring duties to ensure that the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillors and Officers attend events / functions punctually.

Administrative experience is essential in maintaining the Mayors Diary and co-ordinating civic events.

An application form is available at:

JOB VACANCIES

Closing Date for applications midday Friday 25th March 2022

Interviews will take place Friday 1st April 2022

SHREWSBURY IN BLOOM - TOWN OF FLOWERS COMPETITION 2022

The Shrewsbury in Bloom Group will be holding its annual Town of Flowers competition once again this summer and is asking members of the public to start planning their entries.

The Bloom Group will be looking for entries in the following categories:

- Residential front garden
- Floral container/hanging basket
- Business premises

The annual competition is open to residents' front gardens and business premises and must be located within Shrewsbury Town Council's 17 wards.

The winners of the 2021 competition are:

Residential Front Garden

Winner – Andrew Pugh

Runner up – Tony Bywater

Residential Back Garden

Winner – Tony Bywater

Runner up – Liz Granato

Best Floral Container

Winner – Mr & Mrs Brooks

Runner up – Andrew Pugh

Commercial Property

Winner – The Woodman

Runner up – The Royal Oak



For more details, including entry criteria and a nomination form, please see the Town Council's website at:

**Town of Flowers
Competition**



Entries should be submitted to debbie.entwistle@shrewsburytowncouncil.gov.uk or by post to:

Shrewsbury in Bloom Town of Flowers Competition, Riggs Hall, The Library, Castle Gates, Shrewsbury, SY1 2AS, by midday Friday, July 1.

Judging of the entries will take place in mid-July.

Keith Roberts, chairman of the Shrewsbury in Bloom Group, said: "It has been a very tough couple of years for everyone and with people spending more time at home, there has been a marked increase in people improving where they live, including a greater interest in gardening.

"And it is this increased interest and hard work undertaken by the people of Shrewsbury that the Bloom Group would like to acknowledge through this year's competition.

"With Spring already here, people are starting to think and plan their garden schemes for the summer, and I would encourage people to think about entering our competition, or nominating someone else's great displays."

Shrewsbury in Bloom is a non-profit committee, which brings together interested groups and individuals to implement a programme for Shrewsbury's floral enhancement, environmental improvements and community projects. It is the driving force behind Shrewsbury's entry into the Heart of England in Bloom and Britain in Bloom competitions.



Winner of the Residential Back Garden category - Mr Tony Bywater



Winner of the Best Floral Container/Hanging Basket category - Mr Brian & Mrs Pat Brooks

GET SNAPPING FOR OUR SHREWSBURY IN BLOOM PHOTO COMPETITION 2022

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 Committee 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.

With Coronavirus restrictions still in place this year, judging of the Bloom competitions was undertaken through the submission of the Portfolio.

Shrewsbury in Bloom was awarded Gold in the Heart of England in Bloom Small City Category.

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 2021 Bloom Portfolio and it was 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 Robert Gwilliam's photo of the Library in spring time for the front cover with Nigel Thorpe's dramatic photo of the Porthill Bridge whilst the River Severn was in full flood last January 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 2022.

To view our previous editions of the Shrewsbury in Bloom Portfolio, visit our website at:

Shrewsbury in Bloom Portfolio



Shrewsbury
in Bloom

2021 Portfolio

Front cover of the 2021 Shrewsbury in Bloom Portfolio, taken by Robert Gwilliam



We'll spend time to all those organisations, companies and individuals who contribute to Shrewsbury in Bloom who help to improve the quality of life for visitors, residents and those who work in the town.

Shrewsbury Town Council (Shrewsbury), The Library (Shrewsbury), Shrewsbury 2021

@shrewsbury2021 @shrewsburytowncouncil @shrewsburytowncouncil



Back cover of the 2021 Shrewsbury in Bloom Portfolio, taken by Nigel Thorpe

Important information about your recycling service

You can now order a new bin to replace your black recycling boxes.

The new bin – which is optional – will make it easier for you to recycle your plastic, cans and glass. **But it is not for paper and cardboard, please continue to use your blue sack for these materials.**

The bin which will have a purple lid is being introduced following requests from residents and will help us all to recycle more.



How to order your new bin

Visit www.shropshire.gov.uk/waste

Please only call us if you cannot access the online request form as we anticipate that our phone lines will be very busy.

The number to call is **0345 678 9007**.

When will I get my new bin?

Deliveries will start from **Spring** and will gradually be rolled out across the county over a number of months.

What do I do with my black boxes?

Please keep them – Veolia's collection crews will collect the mixed recycling from both boxes and bins.

Use them for other purposes – for example for storage or planters for the garden. Be imaginative with them!

If you don't want to hang onto your black boxes, please return them to your nearest Household Recycling Centre to be recycled.



Thanks for recycling



To find out more information about recycling please visit:

www.shropshire.gov.uk/waste

 customerfirst@shropshire.gov.uk  0345 678 9007

follow Shropshire Recycles on  @shroprecycles  @shropshirerecycles  @shroprecycles

Working in partnership



**PROUD TO MAKE
A DIFFERENCE**



What can go in your purple lidded bin

✓ Yes please

Please put items directly into the container, **do not** use carrier bags.

- ✓ Aerosols
- ✓ Cans and tins
- ✓ Bottles and jars
- ✓ Bleach, cleaning, shampoo and shower gel
- ✓ Milk, drinks bottles and plastic bottles
- ✓ Tubs and trays
- ✓ Pots
- ✓ Foil

More information on your recycling service please visit:
www.shropshire.gov.uk/recycling-and-rubbish

✗ No thanks

Please **do not** put these items into your purple top bin.

- ✗ General waste (nappies, black bags)
- ✗ Plant pots & trays
- ✗ Carrier bags
- ✗ Food waste
- ✗ Plastic film
- ✗ Crisp packets
- ✗ Take away containers
- ✗ Black plastic, e.g. food trays

REMEMBER
Paper and card can be recycled by using your blue bag, please **don't** put it in your new recycling bin

Cardboard and paper

Paper and cardboard



PROUD TO MAKE
A DIFFERENCE



Working in partnership



NEW HEAD OF YOUTH SERVICES UNVEILED

We have a new head of Youth Services, which sees Andy Hall replace Adam Purnell as our Youth and Community Services Manager.

Helen Ball, our town clerk, said: "Since its inception, six years ago, Adam has done a great job in setting up our Young Shrewsbury service from scratch and has done so much for the young people of the town.

"We're sad to see Adam leave, but his cooking career as 'Shropshire Lad' is taking off and we wish him well with his new and exciting endeavours."

Young Shrewsbury was launched in 2016, with regular junior and senior sessions in various locations in town, with the service expanding to include detached youth work and a Youth Forum based at The Hive in the town centre.

Andy Hall said: "Young Shrewsbury has had a great impact on the lives of young people in Shrewsbury and I'm



Andy Hall, our new Head of Youth Services

looking forward to building on Adam's work.

"Shrewsbury Town Council had the foresight to take on Youth Services and help establish a good rapport with the young people here. Coming out of the pandemic, our service will be needed now more than ever.

"We have an up-and-coming town with plenty to offer our young people and this is where Young Shrewsbury can provide important careers guidance and support as well as work

experience with the Town Council.

"It's going to be great to get all stakeholders working together for the benefit of our young people, and it's a challenge I'm looking forward to."

Councillor Pam Moseley, chair of our Youth Services Committee, added: "The Town Council is delighted to welcome Andy to lead the Youth Service in the future, building upon the work of Adam and his team.

"Whilst the Coronavirus pandemic has had an impact on open sessions over the past two years, we look forward to seeing positive results from the opportunities which will be offered to Shrewsbury's young people by Andy and his fellow youth workers."



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.

Tuesday 15 March 2022
Planning Committee – 6pm

Monday 23 March 2022
Full Council – 6pm

Thursday 31 March 2022
Climate Change Standing Committee – 3.30pm

Monday 4 April 2022
Finance & General Purposes Committee – 6pm

Tuesday 5 April 2022
Planning Committee – 6pm

Monday 25 April 2022
Annual Town Meeting – 7pm

Tuesday 26 April 2022
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

BOGUS CALLERS



Always be aware of people who turn up unannounced. Most genuine callers will have a pre-arranged appointment.

Protect yourself from doorstep crime.

Follow our advice to reduce the risk of being scammed.

Doorstep crime can include rogue traders offering home improvement or gardening services, or bogus callers who claim to be the Council, Police, health carers or energy companies.

Pedlars with no pedlars certificate. A pedlar is someone who calls at your door to sell items that they have on offer. This often includes cleaning or household goods.

Bogus Callers may claim to be working for the Council, water, gas or electric company. They could also say they are a Nurse, Doctor or from the Police.

They may say they need to come into your home, or try to get you to go outside.

Check their Identity.

Call the Company to check by using the number from the telephone directory.



E-SCOOTERS

E-scooters are becoming more popular and your child/grandchild may be asking for one as a present. Before buying one please consider the following.

What is an e-scooter?

Electrical scooters (also known as e-scooters) come under the category of "powered transporters". This also covers a range of other personal transport devices which are powered by a motor.

"Powered transporters" fall within the legal definition of a motor vehicle under the Road Traffic Act 1988. Therefore, the rules that apply to motor vehicles, also apply to e-scooters.

As a motor vehicle, they must comply with various pieces of Road Traffic Legislation, including but not limited to:

- driving with a licence
- driving/riding with insurance
- driving/riding other than on a road
- need to be taxed

It is not currently possible to get appropriate insurance for privately owned e-scooters, meaning it is illegal to use them on the road or in public spaces.



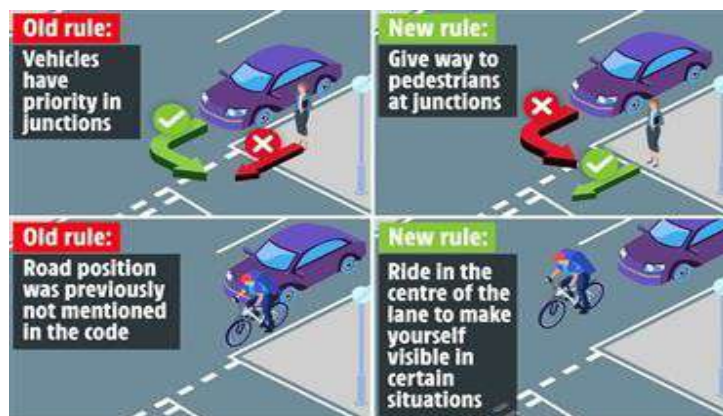


CHANGES TO THE HIGHWAY CODE

Part of the Highway code has changed with effect from **Saturday 29th January**

The changes are as follows:

- Cyclists have priority over cars when cars are turning,
- Pedestrians have priority over cars at junctions,
- Changes to cyclist positioning to ensure better visibility,
- The full updated version of [The Highway Code](#) is available, free of charge, on GOV.UK.



SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL'S WELFARE SUPPORT TEAM



Shropshire Council's Welfare Support Team has a new web page:

Welfare Support Team

The Local Support and Prevention Fund web page has been disabled, and anyone searching for it will be redirected to their new page.

To apply:

Please use Shropshire Council's telephone application line: 0345 678 9078 (option 2).

Shropshire Council is working on an online form that should be available in the very near future.

If anyone is struggling to meet their essential living costs, please encourage them to contact them on the application line above.



SAFETY ON THE RAILWAYS

British Transport Police are advising parents and guardians to ensure the children in their care do not play on the railway tracks.

Children have been seen playing 'chicken' in the Meole Brace area – this is extremely dangerous.

The crossing at Meole Brace is used by children in the area as part of their walk to school and should only be used for this purpose and in accordance with the rules in place.

Local British Transport Police, based at Shrewsbury Station, are asking parents and guardians to highlight the dangers of playing on the railway.

The legal implications of trespassing on the rail network could lead to a criminal record and a possible £1,000 fine.

British Transport Police have been active in local schools to address the issue of railway safety.



BRITISH
TRANSPORT
POLICE



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**

**Telephone: 01743 281010
Email: enquiries@shrewsburytowncouncil.gov.uk**

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**

**Telephone: 0345 678 9000
Email: customer.service@shropshire.gov.uk**



SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCILLORS

 shrewsbury_town_council

 www.facebook.com/shrewsburytowncouncil

 @ShrewsburyTC

Bernie Bentick MEOLE WARD

The Gables
Vicarage Road
Shrewsbury
SY3 9EZ

bernie.bentick@shrewsburytowncouncil.gov.uk



Rosemary Dartnall COLUMN WARD

Byways
2 Luciefelde Road
Shrewsbury
SY3 7LB
Tel: 07890 055168

rosemary.dartnall@shrewsburytowncouncil.gov.uk



Mary Davies ABBEY WARD

69a Yew Tree Close
Shrewsbury
Shropshire
SY1 2UR

mary.davies@shrewsburytowncouncil.gov.uk



Julian DG Dean PORTHILL WARD

10 Ellesmere Road
Shrewsbury
SY1 2PJ
Tel: 07939121607

julian.dean@shrewsburytowncouncil.gov.uk



Phil J Gillam SUTTON & REABROOK WARD

26 Brightwell,
Reabrook, Shrewsbury
SY3 7TQ
Tel: 07527054143

phil.gillam@shrewsburytowncouncil.gov.uk



Nat J Green QUARRY & COTON HILL WARD

94 St Michaels Street
Shrewsbury
SY1 2HE
Tel: 07971043586

nat.green@shrewsburytowncouncil.gov.uk



Kate Halliday Belle Vue Ward

14 Greyfriars Road
Shrewsbury
SY3 7EP
Tel: 07458 117536

kate.halliday@shrewsburytowncouncil.gov.uk



Chris Lemon RADBROOK WARD

10 Cross Roads
Bayston Hill
Shrewsbury
SY3 0EN
Tel: 07908 904163

chris.lemon@shrewsburytowncouncil.gov.uk



Pam Moseley MONKMOOR WARD

116 Underdale Road
Shrewsbury
SY2 5EF
Tel: 07968480982

pam.moseley@shrewsburytowncouncil.gov.uk



Alan Mosley CASTLEFIELDS & DITHERINGTON WARD

11 Queen Street
Castlefields
Shrewsbury
SY1 2JT
Tel: 01743 231834

alan.mosley@shrewsburytowncouncil.gov.uk



Kevin J Pardy SUNDORNE WARD

13 Sundorne Avenue
Shrewsbury
SY1 4JL
Tel: 01743 242350

kevin.pardy@shrewsburytowncouncil.gov.uk



Alex G Phillips BAGLEY WARD

c/o Shrewsbury TC
Riggs Hall, Castle Gates
Shrewsbury
SY1 2AS

Tel: 07957 468 782

alex.phillips@shrewsburytowncouncil.gov.uk



Elisabeth Roberts HARLESCOTT WARD

c/o Shrewsbury & Atcham
Labour Party
Morris Hall
Bellstone
Shrewsbury
SY1 1JB
Tel: 07859 578 107

elisabeth.roberts@shrewsburytowncouncil.gov.uk



David G Vasmer UNDERDALE WARD

15 High Ridge Way
Radbrook
Shrewsbury
SY3 6DJ
Tel: 07738111023

david.vasmer@shrewsburytowncouncil.gov.uk



Alex Wagner Bowbrook Ward

11A Betton Street
Shrewsbury
SY3 7NY
Tel: 07890 055161

alex.wagner@shrewsburytowncouncil.gov.uk



Becky Wall BATTLEFIELD WARD

34 Alberbury Drive
Sundorne Grove
Shrewsbury
SY1 4TA
Tel: 07583 120 863

becky.wall@shrewsburytowncouncil.gov.uk



Rob Wilson COPTHORNE WARD

The Grove
Shrewsbury School
Shrewsbury
SY3 9AQ
Tel: 07966 133598

rob.wilson@shrewsburytowncouncil.gov.uk



Riggs Hall
The Library
Castle Gates
Shrewsbury
SY1 2AS

01743 281010

enquiries@shrewsburytowncouncil.gov.uk

