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UPDATE FROM COUNCILLOR ELISABETH ROBERTS, MAYOR OF SHREWSBURY



It's been a great privilege to be Mayor of Shrewsbury since last May and as I approach the end of my tenure as the First Citizen of Shrewsbury, I would like to take this opportunity to focus on some of the main highlights of my term of office.

I have met so many wonderful people and learnt so much about our fantastic town. There is such a variety of organisations that help those less fortunate than us and it has been so humbling to see what they do first-hand to help so many within our communities.

We have had a number of extremely high-profile events since I took office, including the visit of Her Royal Highness Princess Alexander when she visited Shrewsbury last July to take the salute when members of the Army's largest Reserve Light Cavalry Regiment exercised their Freedom of Shrewsbury for the first time.

With a 145-strong team from the Royal Yeomanry parading from the Castle through the town to the Square, it was a wonderful sight. HRH Princess Alexander is the Royal Honorary Colonel of the Regiment.

The summer months also saw the Queen's Commonwealth Baton arrive in town as part of its globe-trotting journey towards Birmingham for the start of the 2022 Commonwealth Games.

We also saw the sad passing of HM Queen Elizabeth II and the

official period of mourning ahead of the State Funeral in London followed by the Proclamation in the Quarry and at Shrewsbury Castle to announce the accession of King Charles III.

Over the years, we have enjoyed strong links with HMS Talent and its crew, but following a Defence Integrated Review in 2021, the decision was taken to decommission the submarine from 20 May last year.

I was fortunate to be able to travel to Plymouth in May last year when the official decommissioning of the submarine took place led by Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal.



Photo: The Return of Freedom Rights in the Square, October 27, 2023

The Return of the Freedom of the Rights to the Town parade in Shrewsbury last October, which followed on from my trip to Plymouth, was very poignant. It was an honour to welcome the HMS Talent submariners to Shrewsbury as they paraded through the streets of Shrewsbury for the last time and where His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Shropshire took the salute in the Square. It was

heartening to see so many past Mayors there that afternoon.

We wish those members of HMS Talent well for the future.

And just recently, I attended the Montgomery Waters Meadow stadium to see astronaut Colonel Tim Peake deliver the match ball via helicopter from RAF Shawbury as part of the Armed Forces Day.



In addition, I have used my Mayoral term to help promote the work of my chosen charities Omega End of Life Care and Harlescott Grange Community Hub.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my term as Mayor of Shrewsbury, and I am grateful to all those organisations who have sent me an invitation to their events. It has been a privilege to attend, and it has also been an honour to serve my community. I would also like to thank the Town Council staff for all their hard work over the last year, and I have been given an insight into just how much effort goes on behind the scenes to ensure that the Civic duties run smoothly

With best wishes
Councillor Elisabeth Roberts,
Mayor of Shrewsbury.

HELEN BALL, TOWN CLERK OF SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL



As a Town Clerk, I take on much of the operational responsibility of running the Town Council, with a lot of my work focusing on identifying risks and keeping people safe.

The final report from the Public Inquiry into the Manchester Bombing of 2017 was published this month and highlighted some terrible criticisms of partners not working together.

I am always conscious that we hold events in the Quarry and we often have more people in the park than attended the Manchester Arena when those tragic events unfolded.

So, working with event organisers and their staff as well as the Emergency Services, is crucial.

Just recently, I didn't get home until the early hours of Sunday morning, and I cannot confess to have been partying or clubbing.

I spent the night escorting the Purple Flag Judges around the town. We have the biggest night-time economy of any town west of Birmingham and more licensed premises in such close



Photo: Showing the Purple Flag judges around Shrewsbury

proximity, and it was interesting to see all of those partners working well together.

All licensed premises have door staff checking on the welfare of those going into and out of their pubs and restaurants.

There were five Street Pastors out handing out lollies and flip flops to those worse for wear.

Police were also out and about checking on general activity and making sure licensed premises were following their conditions and even the Police Dogs were out looking for those in possession with the intent to supply drugs.

All a comprehensive team working together to keep people safe.

Starting at 5pm, I also witnessed the work of our very own Quarry security staff, patrolling the park and neighbouring areas, damping down a bit of over-zealous behaviour from some, warning people of the risk of going too near the river and generally chatting to park users who have mentioned how safe they now feel with security staff around.

The Town Rangers operate in the town centre, watching out for anti-social behaviour, liaising with businesses to help them be more resilient to shoplifting, catching shoplifters and returning stolen property as well as watching out for the welfare

of those vulnerable people on the streets.



Photo: Quarry security at work

And as I went into the early hours of the morning, I caught up with our Taxi Marshals, working with the door staff and the Street Pastors to help one or two a little worse for wear get home in taxis safely.

The thing that impressed the Purple Flag judges the most was that partnership working, which brings me back to my first point about what happens in the event of an emergency.

Our working together, ensuring all those public facing staff, regardless of who employs them, are trained the same way and being able to trust in both their individual and collective ability to respond to a crisis means that we do have a very safe town and that is something that we should all take comfort in.

But it is never a time for complacency. We await new legislation (Martyn's Law) that is being created as a direct lesson from those 21 people who went off to the Arianna Grande Concert and sadly never returned to their families.

Let this be their legacy – Rest In Peace.

GREENFIELDS STATEMENT - 1 MARCH 2023

Although the Supreme Court's judgement concerns an appeal against Shropshire Council, Shrewsbury Town Council is referred to in their decision.

We welcome the clarification provided on a number of matters which have been subject to legal deliberations over the last four years. This clarification would not have been possible without the strenuous efforts of the Greenfields Community Group and no doubt the judgement will have national significance.

We have accepted our error in not advertising our intention of selling the portion of recreation space at Greenfields which we had identified as surplus to our needs in 2010. Having commissioned the Redfern Report we have already apologised for that mistake and agreed to seek to return the land to public ownership. We have also adopted a much more rigorous policy to ensure that our mistake cannot occur again.

We remain committed to providing open spaces to support the health and well-being of

residents as evidenced by our recent purchase of two large areas of land at Frankwell and Weir Hill and the creation of a beaver re-introduction scheme at the Old River Bed nearby to Greenfields Recreation Ground.

However, we must now take some time to more fully understand the ruling and its implications. We will also seek to meet with Shropshire Council, the developer and, of course the Greenfields Community, whilst looking at ways of engaging with the wider Shrewsbury community to ascertain their views.

SHREWSBURY MARKET HALL VOTED BRITAIN'S FAVOURITE MARKET

Shrewsbury's iconic Market Hall has been voted Britain's Favourite Market for the second time in five years.

The win was announced at the National Association of British Market Authorities (NABMA) awards ceremony in Birmingham in January.

The citation for the award read: "When voting closed before Christmas over 35,000 votes had been recorded. One market in particular had huge support.

"The public vote for Britain's Favourite Market has chosen a market known locally as a unique food and drink and shopping destination, that offers a vibrant and eclectic fusion of the hand-crafted and the hard-to-find."

Mike Cox, our outdoor recreation and asset manager, said: "It is testament to the hard work by



Photo: L-R NABMA President Councillor Mick Barker, Shrewsbury Market Hall facilities manager Kate Gittins, Shrewsbury Town Council outdoor recreation and asset manager Mike Cox and Allan Hartwell of sponsors Market Place

everyone at the Market Hall that members of the public have voted in such large numbers for Shrewsbury.

"The last three years have proved to be a challenge for everyone, but our traders have come through everything and provided a resilient approach to trading and maintained their standards to their customers.

"This is a fantastic endorsement for such a vibrant location, and we hope that this award will help to attract new customers to the venue."

Shrewsbury Market Hall is home to around sixty independent traders and is jointly run by Shrewsbury Town Council and Shropshire Council.

Shrewsbury Market
Hall

NOMINATIONS CLOSE SOON FOR SHREWSBURY'S UNSUNG HEROES - 2023

With a closing date of March 24, 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 recommendations for Shrewsbury's annual civic awards, designed to feature those who have gone above and beyond for the benefit of the town.

Anyone can submit a nomination, or be nominated, and there are nine categories which aim to recognise organisations, groups, individuals and businesses whose achievements have benefitted the town. A panel of members and officers of the Town Council will judge the nominations, with the winners revealed at an Awards evening in the Walker Theatre at Theatre Severn on April 18.

The categories are:

Built Heritage Award
Business Award
Climate Emergency Award



Photo: Mayor's Awards 2022 in the Walker Theatre

Community Award
Courtesy Award
Environmental Award
Lifetime Achievement Award
Tourism Award
Youth Award

In addition to these nine categories, the Mayor will also present her special Commendation Awards to people she has met throughout her Mayoral Year who have played a key part in helping make Shrewsbury a special place to live and work.

Mayor of Shrewsbury, Councillor Elisabeth Roberts, said: "Every year, the Mayor's Awards recognise those who come from all areas of the town and contribute so much in so many

different ways. It's lovely to hear from anyone who believes someone deserves to be recognised in this way and we hope to have a variety of nominations for all categories.

"So, this is the last chance for people to get their entries in for this year's awards and I would urge people to get nominating! I look forward to hearing all about people's various achievements and to meeting the winners at the awards ceremony next month."

Full information on the criteria for the categories and the online nomination form can be found on our website at:

Mayor of Shrewsbury
Awards 2023

For any queries regarding the nomination process, please contact the Mayor's Assistant, Sally Nicholson, on 01743 257655 or email sally.nicholson@shrewsburytowncouncil.gov.uk

The closing date for entries is 12.30pm on March 24.

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 We look forward to hearing from you.

to the public. You are invited to come along and see how local government works.

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enquiries@shrewsburytowncouncil.gov.uk

or drop us a line at:

Riggs Hall
The Library
Castle Gates
Shrewsbury
SY1 2AS

NEW ERA FOR THE TOWN COUNCIL

We will be moving to our new premises in the town centre at 7 St Johns Hill leaving the Library complex on Castle Gates on 23 and 24 March.

Councillor Alan Mosley, Leader of the Town Council, said: "I am delighted that the move to our new premises will shortly be completed. It has taken a while, but we needed to ensure that we got everything right ahead of the move.

"Our new, highly cost-effective HQ in the town centre will provide the us with a fantastic base to serve the residents and community of Shrewsbury for many years to come."

Having moved from the Guildhall in Frankwell to Riggs Hall at the Library in 2016, Councillors agreed on the purchase of a property in the town centre last year. Following a programme of refurbishment, with a focus on ensuring that the building is as energy efficient as possible, we will be moving at the end of March.

Councillors agreed to name the new premises Livesey House to



WE'RE MOVING

From 23 March our new address will be:
Livesey House, 7 St Johns Hill, Shrewsbury, SY1 1JD

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Photo: Artem Podrez

reflect one aspect of the building's history as a printing business.

Helen Ball, our Town Clerk, added: "It's a new era for the us now that we will be moving into our own premises in the heart of Shrewsbury. It's great that we're able to establish our own identity since the Town Council was formed in April 2009. There has been a lot of work behind the scenes to ensure a smooth transition from Riggs Hall, and it

won't be long until we're settled in."

"We're in a central location, with a high visibility frontage and easy access for people to visit our premises and we're looking forward to the future."

Our new address is Livesey House, 7 St Johns Hill, Shrewsbury, SY1 1JD. All other contact details remain the same.

NEED TO GET IN TOUCH?

If you need to get in touch with us at the Town Council, you can do this in a number of ways:

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LAST CHANCE TO VOTE FOR MARKET HALL TRADER OF THE YEAR 2023

Time is running out to cast your vote to find Shrewsbury's favourite Market Hall 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 at the Walker Theatre on April 18.

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, Ewe and Ply in 2020 with The House of Yum



carrying off the trophy in 2022.

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 Elisabeth Roberts, said: "It was a great boost to learn that the Market Hall was voted as Britain's

Favourite Market in January, and so we know that people love the diverse range of businesses there and the personal service offered to the public.

"We now need as many people as possible to cast their vote for their favourite Market Hall trader before voting closes on March 23."

Mike Cox, our outdoor recreation and asset manager, added: "We are delighted that so many people love The Market Hall and it's a popular place to shop in Shrewsbury. We know that everyone has their favourite traders, so if you would like to see them in the running for an award, make sure that you vote before the closing date."

4 ALL FOUNDATION AT DITHERINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

4 All Foundation and Shrewsbury Town Council are delighted to announce a new partnership to bring an exciting range of activities to Ditherington Community Centre.

4 All Foundation will be running a variety of community programmes which will be aimed at supporting all members of the local community. Activities will include Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) multi sports sessions, adult educational classes, toddler activities and holiday programmes. These activities will be delivered by several organisations that include The Marches Academy Trust, North Shropshire College, 4 All Foundation and many more.

George Hounsell, foundation lead at 4 All Foundation, said: "The Foundation has been running a similar programme in partnership



Photo: Ditherington Community Centre

with Market Drayton Town Council and has been a real success. This will help the Ditherington community enjoy a wealth of enriching community activities from yoga to cookery."

Alan Mosley, Leader of Shrewsbury Town Council and Ward Member for Castlefields and Ditherington, added: "I want to welcome 4 All Foundation to the area, they have a good track record and are very ambitious about providing a valuable range of programmes for all ages and interests.

"Unfortunately, activity at our Ditherington Community Centre has not recovered from the Covid restrictions, so we are delighted to join this new partnership with 4 All Foundation, which will provide a great boost for the Centre and the neighbourhood.

"The Centre will also continue to be available for bookings by local residents for family, social and recreational events.

"I would urge our local residents to join us at Ditherington Community Centre and find out more about the interesting new programmes which will be available to all members of our community."

For more information on the community programmes offered by 4 All Foundation, take a look at their Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages.

COUNTRYSIDE UNIT UPDATE - NEW BIRD BOXES AT MOUSECROFT WOODLAND

Our Countryside and Greenspace team have been working with RSPB Shropshire Local Group and Shrewsbury Men's Shed to install twelve bird boxes in Mousecroft Community Woodland last month.

Using oak and slate, with fixings supplied by us, members of Shrewsbury Men's Shed built the bird boxes from scratch.

Jim Goldsmith, our countryside and greenspace manager, said: "We were able to use the expertise of Jane Muscroft from the RSPB Shropshire Local Group to find suitable locations for siting the bird boxes.

"Our in-house Tree Team climbers of Dylan and Ryan carried out the installations.

"We also provided Shrewsbury Men's Shed with some plywood, which they have constructed a Tawny Owl nest box from, and this will be installed in a neighbouring landowner's tree. We'll provide an update once it's in position."

Jane Muscroft, leader of the RSPB's Shropshire Local Group, added: "I am absolutely delighted. We have received so much support.

"From the hard work of the Men's Shed to the willingness of the Town Council to collaborate with us on this, it benefits everybody

and gives another element to this beautiful space."

If you're passing through Mousecroft Community Woodland, take a moment to look out for the boxes and let us know what you spot using them.

More information on Mousecroft Community Woodland can be found on our website:

Mousecroft Community
Woodland

For more information on Shrewsbury Men's Shed, give them a follow them on Facebook and Twitter.



COUNTRYSIDE UNIT UPDATE - COUNTRYSIDE & VERGE MOWING TEAM

Our Countryside team has visited all our roadside and recreational area wildflower plantings to put signs up so that our mower drivers know where not to cut.

This is the first year we've sown perennial wildflower seeds in an effort to promote native grasses and flowers, but also to provide a source of food and to support our struggling invertebrates. Over 1,400 species of invertebrate use

native meadows for their life cycle.

Wildflowers are always variable, due to aspect, soil and shade conditions but so far so good. Some areas are greening up really nicely while others are a bit more stunted or have some bare patches, but we expect these to 'fill out' as the weather warms.



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 24 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, which will be announced closer to the meeting date.

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

Copies of the meeting agenda will be available in due course to download from our website.

Annual Town Meeting
Agenda





SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL

MONDAY 24 APRIL 2023
from 7pm
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:
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COUNTRYSIDE UNIT UPDATE - VOLUNTEERS HELP WITH LITTER PICK

A team of ten volunteers helped to clear litter from Pimley Woodland and the old Shrewsbury Canal last month.

Members of the public joined Shrewsbury Town Council's Countryside and Greenspace team to help with removing old tree guards from the woodland as well as undertaking a general litter pick of the area.

Adam Clifford, our countryside and greenspace ranger, said: "We are delighted that so many people were able to join us and it has really made a big difference to the area.



Photo: Volunteers joined our Countryside and Greenspace Team to collect litter at Pimley Woodland

"The old tree guards will be recycled, as will all the waste collected as part of our disposal practices.

"We'd like to thank everyone who came along on the day, and we hope they enjoyed their time with us. We really do appreciate them

helping us and the helping the local environment."

For volunteering opportunities with our Countryside and Greenspace Team, please contact Jim Goldsmith via e-mail at jim.goldsmith@shrewsburytowncouncil.gov.uk

NEW BUS SHELTERS FOR SHREWSBURY

You may have noticed that new bus shelters are starting to appear at locations around the town. It's all part of our programme to replace the bus shelters which fall under our responsibility.

As part of our agreed capital programme of works, the first seven of the new structures have been installed on Abbey Foregate between the Abbey and Column Island. Welshpool Road, Belle Vue and Sundorne will also see new structures installed.



Photo: New bus shelters are being installed in Shrewsbury

Leader of the Town Council, Councillor Alan Mosley, said: "Since 2019, we have been working through an ambitious

capital programme to great effect with significant improvement to our parks, play, recreation areas, solar lighting and footpaths.

"At the same time, we have advanced our climate change commitments and will soon be opening a new highly cost-effective HQ in the town centre.

"This excellent initiative will greatly improve the street scene throughout the town and, we trust, encourage residents to make greater use of bus services."

Following a review of our bus shelter stock, Councillors agreed to a programme of replacing the structures.

Stuart Farmer, projects manager for the Town Council, added: "We had initially looked at refurbishing the bus shelters, but a review concluded that a number of them had come to the end of their serviceable lives and required replacing.

"With 107 bus shelters in Shrewsbury under our responsibility, we are rolling out



the replacement of the first thirty-seven over the course of the next two to three months. One aspect of this project is to ensure that we maintain the street scene by having a uniform bus shelter. The new structures will be long-lasting as well as being simple to maintain and clean.

"We are delighted that the first installations have been well received by the public."

A number of bus shelters will incorporate the facility to house a sedum roof, with a specially constructed shelter to bear the weight of the plants and growing material and where the location is feasible. The sedum is currently being grown at our Weeping Cross nursery.

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:

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COUNTRYSIDE UNIT UPDATE - STORM-DAMAGED TREE MADE SAFE

Last month, staff from our Countryside and Greenspace Team worked on making a storm-damaged tree safe on one of our sites which is regularly used by members of the public.

Our in-house tree team worked on a mature poplar tree in the Rea Brook Local Nature Reserve which had been damaged.

Jim Goldsmith, our countryside and greenspace manager, said:

“The tree sustained damage from a recent storm with a large limb having been snapped out from the top of the tree, leaving a large wound and an uneven crown.

“After we had undertaken a survey of the damage, we discovered that the nature of the wound meant there was a danger of the remaining branches falling onto a Public Right of Way. As a result, we took the decision to remove that danger.”

The work was carried out by staff using a 26m mobile elevated work platform on tracks. Jim added: “With the recent dry conditions, damage to the ground was minimised.

“As part of our Countryside Unit policy, the tree trunk has been left as a ‘monolith’ which will provide a habitat for wildlife in the area, including bats.”



COUNTRYSIDE UNIT UPDATE - LEAVING WOOD FOR WILDLIFE

Where possible, our Countryside Team tries to leave as much fallen and standing deadwood habitat as possible. These large, fallen parts of a nearby willow have been there for well over 10 years and have played host to an array of wildlife including a bee's nest, which made our fence checks for the grazing cattle that year very interesting (and quick)!

For further information on the value of dead wood habitat follow the link:

[The Woodland Trust
Deadland in Woodland](#)



COUNTRYSIDE UNIT UPDATE - ILLEGAL FELLING OF TREES IN THE REA BROOK LNR

We are grateful to those members of the public who reported the illegal felling of trees and removal of wood in the Rea Brook Local Nature Reserve (LNR) in Shrewsbury at the end of January.

Jim Goldsmith, our Countryside and Greenspace Manager, said: "We were alerted to somebody illegally felling trees in the Local Nature Reserve on the section just behind Moneybrook Way on Friday, January 27.

"By the time our officers arrived, the culprit had made off and had left a number of trees both felled and partially felled. Not only is this destruction of vital habitat it is also theft.

"The illegal work is also a danger



Photo: Damaged trees in the Rea Brook LNR from illegal felling

to other members of the public as well as to the individual concerned."

Our staff tidied the area and ensured that damaged branches left behind were removed and the area was made safe for members of the public.

Jim added: "We would like to remind our visitors that the

removal of trees or timber, even dead wood from the ground, is prohibited on all Town Council-owned land.

"Where staff have removed trees, they will often leave piles of timber and branches as habitat piles, which are important features and are used by numerous invertebrates, small mammals, birds and fungi.

"In addition, the use of powered saws is quite obviously prohibited on our Countryside sites."

If anyone has information on this crime, please call 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111, quoting Crime Reference Number 22/9936/23.

COUNTRYSIDE UNIT UPDATE - TREE MAINTENANCE AT MONKMOOR RIVER GROUND

Countryside Team

Our Countryside Team were out at the beginning of last month to conduct some aftercare on the hundreds of large trees we have planted at Monkmoor River Ground

Aftercare is an important, but often forgotten, part of tree planting where ties are loosened or replaced to prevent damage to

the growing bark, damaged tree shelters replaced or removed from trees no longer needing them.

Tree shelters can either be re-used, recycled locally or the newer biodegradable ones left to compost.

Once a tree has had a few years to grow and its roots have spread,

the supporting stake can also be removed. The team has removed around 130 stakes from the River Ground which will go to be used in a conservation grazing project to prevent cattle escaping.

More information on our site at:

Countryside Site:
Monkmoor River Ground



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 this year, and we're keeping our fingers crossed for Gold again next 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.

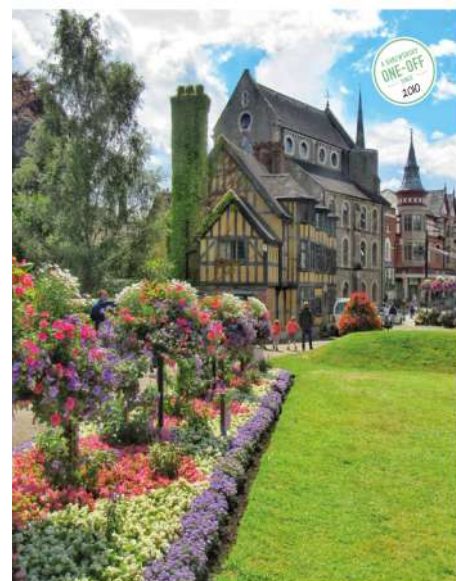
"Whilst we're not necessarily looking for photos of flowers, we want to showcase our beautiful town with pictures of buildings or places of local interest. I would encourage people to get snapping throughout the year and send their best photos for a chance to be featured on our Bloom Portfolio."

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



With special thanks 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.

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

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in Bloom



Shrewsbury
Town Council



Administrator
Permanent 20 hours week
SCP 7 - 11, Pay £22,369 – £24,054 pro rata
(subject to experience)

We are looking to recruit an Administrator who will be responsible for providing an efficient and effective administrative and support service to the Administration Team.

The ideal candidate must have previous administrative experience and be IT literate. Customer service skills are also key for this role.

In order to be successful in the role, you must have a passion for administrative work, with great communication skills.

Occasional and evening work may be required to facilitate meetings / events.

An application form is available at: www.shrewsburytowncouncil.gov.uk

Closing Date for applications midday Monday 10th April 2023

Benefits:

- Up to 29 days leave
- Sick pay
- Overtime opportunities
- Training opportunities
- LGPS Pension Scheme

Admin Assistant Job
Application



PURPLE FOR POLIO BLOOMS AT COLEHAM HEAD

Blooms at a busy road junction in Shrewsbury are helping to promote an important programme to help highlight the work of Rotary Clubs in their Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

Donated by The Rotary Club of Shrewsbury, our staff planted over 400 purple crocus corms at Coleham Head last autumn.

Margaret Thrower, President of The Rotary Club of Shrewsbury and a long-standing member of Shrewsbury in Bloom, said: "The blooms at Coleham Head are part of our distribution of 4,000 crocus corms to various organisations

throughout the Shrewsbury area each year to highlight Rotary's life-changing initiative.

"It's lovely to see the start of spring now that the crocuses are in flower, and it also helps to bring attention to the important work that Rotary Clubs do.

"We are extremely proud of the work that Rotary International has undertaken to help stamp out this devastating virus that affects young children."

The colour purple has been chosen as this was the colour that children's fingers were dyed once

they had been inoculated against polio.

Polio, or poliomyelitis, is a paralysing and potentially deadly infectious disease that most commonly affects children under the age of 5 years. The virus spreads from person to person, typically through contaminated water. It can then attack the nervous system.

Today, polio remains endemic only in Afghanistan and Pakistan. But it's crucial to continue working to keep other countries polio-free. If all eradication efforts stopped today, within 10 years, polio could paralyze as many as 200,000 children each year.



SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Daytime, Evening & School Holiday Work

Young Shrewsbury has now been in operation for many years providing a range of youth work sessions to support young people. Youth workers play a vital role in developing young people's confidence and self-esteem, as well as creating positive learning and social experiences for skills development and social action within their communities.

We are looking for individuals who may have experience or qualifications which can be transferred into an informal learning environment. If you have experience as a Sports Coach, Dance Teacher, Care Worker or classroom assistant then we would love to hear from you.

Youth Support Workers - up to £13.33 p/hr (Qualified) / from £10.50 p/hr (unqualified)

The role is to offer and provide the young people life skills such as cooking, budgeting, accessing education, training, or employment especially those who are at risk of exclusion from school. This will be based around structured key work sessions in supporting young people through their transition into adulthood/education.

Lead Youth Workers – J4 - up to £14.94 per hour

The role is to promote positive relationships between youth work staff and young people based on trust, respect and a core belief that young people should be equal partners in identifying and implementing services that meet their expressed needs.

An application form is available at: www.shrewsburytowncouncil.gov.uk

Closing Date for applications Monday 10th April 2023

For an informal chat, please contact the Youth & Community Manager: Andy Hall on 01743 344800 or 07976 020 819

Benefits:

- Up to 29 days leave
- Sick pay
- Overtime opportunities
- Training opportunities
- LGPS Pension Scheme

Young Shrewsbury Youth
Worker Job Application





YOUNG SHREWSBURY UPDATE

EASTER ACTIVITIES

Young Shrewsbury is delighted to once again be partnering with Shropshire Council in providing Holiday Activities and Food at the Grange Youth Centre during the Easter school break in April.

Apart from all the usual sports and creative activities, we will be including Street Cricket provided

by the Shropshire Cricket Board. If you want to join us, please book. Details can be found on the HAF poster.

If you like a Disco and Skating, we have put them together for our very own "Roller Disco" at the Sundorne Youth Centre (see Poster) on March 29 at

6:30-8:30pm. It's free! However, all participants will need to have completed a consent form in advance, which is available on our website.

Young Shrewsbury
Consent Form



Spring Holiday Fun and Food in Shropshire

Book Now!

Spaces are available on the Spring HAF programme.

During 3 to 7 and 10 to 14 April 2023, eligible children and young people aged 4 (reception class age) to 16, are invited to take part in a range of fun activities, happening at over 48 venues across the county.

To find out more please go to:
www.shropshire.gov.uk/haf



GET IN TOUCH

Contact the Youth & Community Manager Andy Hall for more Information 01743 344800 or 07976 020 819

andy.hall@shrewsburytowncouncil.gov.uk

Beyond the Boundary Cricket Sessions

At the **GRANGE HUB**,
Shrewsbury, SY1 3LP

● Taster sessions

April 5 & 12 from 5-7pm

● Followed by 12 sessions each
Wednesday 6-7pm from April 19

For ages 8-15

Funded by **Sport England**



CONTACT:

sacha.lee@shropshirecricketboard.co.uk



Young Shrewsbury's Easter Holiday Club **@ The Grange Youth centre**

Mount Pleasant Road, Shrewsbury, SY1 3SW

Tuesday 4th April 2023 4-7pm

Wednesday 5th April 2023 4-7pm

Tuesday 11th April 2023 4-7 pm

Wednesday 12th April 2023 4-7pm



Sport – Street Cricket, Football, hockey, rounders, badminton, Pool and table tennis.

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

Egg-straordinary Cookery & Food – Free Nutritious food on a budget

It's Free! Come and join the Fun!

To Book.....

**Contact the Youth &
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for more Information**

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www.shropshire.gov.uk/HAF



Shrewsbury
Town Council



It's Back! Young Shrewsbury's

"Roller Disco"

Wednesday 29th March 2023



@ Sundorne Youth Club

Inc: Top Tunes from 6:30-8:30pm

218 Sundorne Rd, Shrewsbury SY1 4RG

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

andy.hall@shrewsburytowncouncil.gov.uk

Important! All participants must have completed a consent form/waver

Its free, come and enjoy the fun!

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 27 March 2023

Full Council – 6pm

Tuesday 4 April 2023

Planning Committee – 6pm

Thursday 6 April 2023

Climate Change Standing Committee – 2.30pm

Monday 17 April 2023

Finance & General Purposes Committee – 6pm

Monday 24 April 2023

Annual Town Meeting – 7pm

Tuesday 25 April 2023

Planning Committee – 6pm

Wednesday 10 May 2023

Recreation & Leisure Committee – 6pm

Tuesday 16 May 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

LAUNCH OF NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH RECRUITMENT DRIVE



We are thrilled to launch our biggest recruitment campaign in recent years, termed a BETTER PLACE TO LIVE. We would all like to achieve a better place to live no matter our starting point – whether it be working together to reduce fear of and opportunities for crime, supporting our neighbours, reducing isolation and loneliness, or making new friendships. With 2.3 million members already, the campaign aims to:

- **attract even more members**
- **encourage groups to be more active**

- **encourage all local group members to register their membership nationally**

We want local group members to register their details

The strength of our charity is in being volunteer-led and by being embedded within communities for over 40 years.

Registered members will receive a digital New Member Welcome Pack and regular crime prevention advice. They can opt-in to receive further information from local organisations, such as the police. Members can sign up in three easy steps, and as they move area, their account moves with them. With all members registered, Co-ordinators can manage their scheme from one central place and easily hand



over the reins to a new person when they move on.

How you can get involved

- Visit ourwatch.org.uk/betterplacetolive to learn more about the campaign
- Look at ways to support the campaign in our [BETTER PLACE TO LIVE Campaign Pack](#)
- [Order printed material](#) such as membership flyers, join postcards, crime prevention booklets or Coordinator Packs that brings all that material together

SIGN UP FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD MATTERS



Find out what's really happening in your area and keep in touch with West Mercia Police through their free messaging service.

The Neighbourhood Matters messaging system enables residents, businesses and community groups to keep in touch with local policing teams. You can receive updates on crimes, latest information on on-going incidents and learn more about what they're doing in your community.

You're invited to sign up and become a registered recipient of messages of information, crime alerts or witness appeals local to the area in which you live or work by email, text or telephone.

Don't worry, they won't bombard you with every incident. You can choose exactly the type of alert you wish to receive.

West Mercia Police would really like to hear from you, so why not ask your family, friends and colleagues to register too? Let's get talking!

Please note that this service is not for reporting crimes or incidents – to make a report please contact West Mercia Police via the West Mercia

Police website or dial 999 in an emergency.

West Mercia Police

To sign up for Neighbourhood Matters, please visit their website:

Neighbourhood
Matters





SUCCESSFUL DRUGS HAUL & ARRESTS IN COUNTY LINES OPERATION



Between 27 February and 5 March, officers and staff from across the force supported the National Crime Agency's County Lines Intensification Week, which saw 60 arrests and a number of warrants carried out at residential properties.

Drugs with an estimated street value of more than £287,000 were seized during the week with 44 weapons such as replica guns, knives, machetes and batons and 9 vehicles also confiscated along with 59 mobile phones.

Nearly £7K in cash was also recovered by officers during the week of intelligence led intensified activity. Our enforcement activity directly resulted in the closure of three lines and the whole week of activity was our most successful to date.

County lines drug dealers often exploit children and young people, recruiting them to run drugs and cash between urban and county locations and to deal drugs on their behalf. Once recruited into county lines it can be difficult for those being exploited to leave, with fear and threats of violence used to keep them in place. Vulnerable adults, such as those dependent on drug use, will also be targeted and their property taken over by drug dealers in a local area, a practice known as cuckoo-ing. Our teams visited 90 properties and 3 safeguarding referrals were made as a result of our intensified approach.

Detective Chief Inspector Oliver Ewels said: "Our enforcement activity during last week directly



resulted in the closure of three lines. But education and early intervention is just as important in preventing exploitation and protecting our communities from county lines drug dealers and gangs. During County Lines Intensification Week officers and staff across the force visited schools, social care providers, health professionals and community venues to raise awareness of the county lines model and to highlight the signs that someone may be involved, or at risk of being exploited by drug dealers and gangs.

"It is vital to remember that operations such as these during this national week of intensification are very much 'business as usual' for all of our staff and highlight the great and often dangerous work they do throughout the year. The collection and development of intelligence is key to understanding the county lines picture in our communities, the gathering and preparation that goes into making arrests and disrupting county lines have been, in some cases, weeks and months in the making.

"Serious and Organised Crime and County Lines drug dealing remains a priority for West Mercia Police. We will work tirelessly to make sure our communities are unwelcoming for criminals travelling across our policing borders. We will continue to prioritise the pursuit and prosecution of those who bring drugs into our counties, commit violence, and exploit vulnerable members of our communities."

Anyone with suspicions that a property is being used to sell drugs, or that a young and vulnerable individual may be getting involved with county lines drug dealing can report this online under the Tell Us About section of our website www.westmercia.police.uk or information can be given anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

More information for children and young people about county lines can be found by visiting Fearless www.fearless.org/ Fearless is a site where you can access non-judgemental information and advice about crime and criminality.



LAUNCH OF DRUG & ALCOHOL TREATMENT SERVICE FOR ROUGH SLEEPERS



A new and potentially life-saving multi-agency service was launched earlier this month to provide drug and alcohol treatment support for rough sleepers and those at risk of rough sleeping across the county.

The RESET team is made up of Shropshire Council, With You at Shropshire Recovery Partnership, Midlands Partnership Foundation Trust (MPFT), Shropshire Domestic Abuse Service (SDAS), The Shrewsbury Ark and Intuitive Thinking Skills,

Funding of £1.4m, awarded to Shropshire Council by the Office of Health Improvement and Disparities, will support the county in meeting the intended outcomes of the national drug strategy by helping to reduce

drug-related deaths, reducing alcohol-related hospital admissions, and increasing the number of successful individuals in treatment.

The team will work alongside colleagues in Shropshire Council's housing services so that those currently rough sleeping are ready to take on accommodation that takes them off the streets; and those at risk of rough sleeping receive help and support to ensure they don't become future rough sleepers.

The RESET team will provide the following services to Shropshire's rough sleeping community:

- Drug and alcohol recovery support and treatment including medical prescribing via With You at Shropshire Recovery Partnership.
- Learning new skills or new coping strategies via Intuitive Thinking Skills training, to improve people's resilience and support them to address their

substance use with confidence.

- Domestic abuse support via the Shropshire Domestic Abuse Service.
- Mental health treatment and support provided by the Midlands Partnership Foundation Trust.
- Social prescribing provided by Shropshire Council's Healthy Lives Programme.
- Ongoing support and day centre facilities provided by The Shrewsbury Ark.

If you or someone you know needs drug and alcohol support for rough sleeping in Shropshire, email us on reset@wearewithyou.org.uk, call us on **01743 294700** or visit our website <https://www.wearewithyou.org.uk/services/shropshire/>

Other rough sleepers can be referred to the council's rough sleeping team at rsteam@shropshire.gov.uk



HELP AVAILABLE WITH COST OF LIVING FROM SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL



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



Shrewsbury

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**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.



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**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

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