



Shrewsbury

Town Council

November 2021



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UPDATE FROM COUNCILLOR JULIAN DEAN, MAYOR OF SHREWSBURY



As we head towards the end of year, the Mayor's duties come thick and fast with Remembrance and Christmas events.

With Armistice Day approaching, our thoughts turn to Remembrance.

Two years ago, on the 100th anniversary, I was privileged to work with St George's Church and peace campaigners on an event in Frankwell called 'Frankwell Fallen'.



FRANKWELL REMEMBERS

"AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN AND IN THE
MORNING, WE WILL REMEMBER THEM."

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#FRANKWELLFALLEN

Frankwell Fallen Poster from 2018

A local historian had researched the homes and jobs of the young men – mostly teenagers I think – who had died as a result of the conflict.

Those houses that still remained were given something to display that remembered the individual.

We had a gathering at Frankwell Island and all those gathered wore the name of one of the victims.

Then, only this morning I was shocked to read that, whilst the vast majority of people in the UK know of the holocaust, less than half knew that 6 million Jews were murdered.

I am also personally shocked by the failure of the media to recognise that refugees looking to find refuge in Britain today are also frequently victims of wars still going on today.

So I will also be honouring both military and civilian casualties by wearing both a red and white poppy, but respect the choices of others, however they chose to mark Remembrance.

This month I've managed to attend two events at Theatre Severn.

Shropshire Drama Company presented 'Bouncers' in the Walker Theatre. It's an excellent production. I saw the opening night, and was really impressed by the energy of the performance as well as by the standard of acting.

If you tend to avoid 'amateur dramatics' then let me assure you that this troop put on productions that feel thoroughly professional.

The next night I saw comedian Simon Amstell. I only mention this to say that Theatre Severn is a great institution and well worth supporting. And – unlike some other events I've been to out of town – I congratulate the staff and audiences for continuing to be sensibly cautious by wearing masks.

As ever, stay safe.

Councillor Julian Dean,
Mayor of Shrewsbury

UPDATE FROM COUNCILLOR ALAN MOSLEY, LEADER OF SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL



At this time of the year, the Council's schedule becomes concerned with next year. By this, I mean the budget for 2022/2023 which I will be proposing to run from April.

In recent years we have been able provide consistent improvements in the extent and quality of our services whilst restricting any increase in the Council Tax Precept to a minimum. Indeed, our last budget for the current year made a zero-increase possible and I know that this was appreciated by residents during the Pandemic.

As we set our budget, we will have to take account of rising staff costs, rising prices for premises, utilities and consumables and increased demands on our services.

However, it must also be recognised that there is great financial stress being experienced by very many residents and all will be feeling the impact of a rising cost of living with some suffering a loss of income. I do not believe it is the right time to put any further strain on personal household budgets.

Given that the Town Council's accounts are well managed, with adequate reserves and an efficient workforce, I hope that in the coming months all members will agree that we should concentrate on ensuring that we declare another 0% increase in Council Tax this year.

This may cause us to trim some of our ambitions a little, but we have projects in the pipeline to continue our progress in improving our town.

For example, residents will see improved green spaces, footpaths and gardens, renewed and additional play equipment, improved toilets, refurbished bus shelters, solar lights and improvements in the Quarry.



The Town Council's Quarry park , which has seen improvements over the course of the last twelve months.

We will also continue to prioritise our role regarding climate change, active travel and the Big Town Plan as well as promoting the town and the interests of residents.



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INTRODUCING THE
SHREWSBURY
MASTERPLAN

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SHREWSBURY
BIG TOWN PLAN
FESTIVAL

As I write COP26 is underway and all our hopes rest on successful outcomes. So, it's a suitable time to welcome the Mayor of Shrewsbury's excellent guide to how we can all play a part in the worldwide challenge. Congratulations to Julian Dean on taking the Council's aspirations to become an exemplar within our sector.



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HELEN BALL, TOWN CLERK OF SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL



The first half of November has seen the world's eye turn towards Glasgow and COP26, the United Nations Climate Change Conference. With most of the world represented it has shown how serious our planet hangs by a thread and how important it is to start to make very challenging decisions which brings the earth back on kilter.

But addressing Climate Change isn't something that should be left in the hands of Leaders of Nations and national governments.

Changing the world starts at grass roots level.

And this was echoed recently by former Environment Secretary Lord Deben when he said tackling Climate Change is done street by street and that Parish Councils have a key role to play in that.



Wildflower Meadows in Shrewsbury

Throughout COP26 you may have seen that the Town Council has been running various social media posts promoting the type of projects we have been doing that are addressing the commitment we made back in March 2019 to be carbon neutral by 2030.

Many of these activities have been based on our common sense approach to managing our assets and our need to be ultra-creative with using the resources we have. Much of our work also has been based on a culture of working in partnership with others, pooling our resources making best use of specialist skills and using our collective networks to spread the word.

Partnership working is going to be the key to addressing Climate Change. Carbon Zero Shropshire is bringing organisations together, ourselves included, under one common action plan for the county and Save Our Shropshire has been instrumental in raising public awareness.

Save Our Shropshire

The Deputy Town Clerk and I recently completed the Carbon Literacy Course specifically designed for Parish Councils.



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IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ITALY

We look forward to using the news skills we have learned to encourage other fellow Town and Parish Council Councillors and Clerks to take the course but also to help our residents make serious decisions that will see their individual carbon footprints reduce.

In the 18th Century, Benjamin Franklin said "Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today". Never has that quote been more relevant than what we face with our 21st Century Climate Emergency.



I've re-used an old chair and planted sedum to help capture carbon in my back garden

UPDATE FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID VASMER CHAIR OF CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE



Having declared a Climate Emergency in March 2019, Shrewsbury Town Council established a Climate Change Committee earlier this year to provide guidance to the Council and help it reduce its carbon footprint in its everyday activities.

The Committee held its second meeting last month with a focus on producing an action plan.

There is a need to prioritise those areas which will help the Town Council address the Climate Emergency and achieve its objective of becoming carbon neutral by 2030. The Town Council committed to this course of action in the Climate Emergency Declaration.



Planting more trees is one of the initiatives from the Town Council to help in its fight against climate change. Tree planting a Monkmoor Meadow



Whilst the focus shouldn't just be on the Town Council and its work locally, there is an urgent need to work collaboratively with other parties across, not only the town but other organisations around the country, to address the Climate Emergency. There is a need to respond to the emergency of our natural world, our parks, villages and town, our landscapes and wildlife.

Whilst we've got off to a good start, there is still a need to do more.

It is encouraging to see that the Town Council is already undertaking a great deal of work within its day-to-day operations to reduce its carbon footprint. The Council's work is being utilised as 'good practice' elsewhere across the county, which shows how far ahead we are.

The Mayor of Shrewsbury, Councillor Julian Dean, has introduced a new guide.

The Guide will be sent out to those people wanting to book him to attend events. This is a useful way of encouraging people to make small changes to the way they live, and if everyone adopts this practice,

we will begin to see the reduction in our carbon footprint across the town. Details of the Mayor's guide can be found on the Town Council's website at:

**Mayor of
Shrewsbury's Guide**



There are so many exciting projects in the pipeline from Active Travel to our bid for Mini-Holland funding, and with everyone working together, we can begin to address the issue of the Climate Emergency that we're currently facing.

We're also investigating the possibility of employing a part-time officer to encourage people throughout the town to reduce their carbon footprint.

We welcome everyone to join us for our next Climate Change committee meeting on Thursday 13 January 2022, and if you do have some ideas for discussion, please contact me on 07738 111 023 or email me at david.vasmer@shrewsburytowncouncil.gov.uk



REMEMBRANCE IN SHREWSBURY



The Mayor of Shrewsbury joined members of the Royal British Legion in the Square for a two minutes' silence at 11am on November 11.

On Remembrance Sunday, November 14, the Mayor will lead a civic procession with units of HM Forces and Service organisations from Shrewsbury Castle. The procession will leave the Castle at approximately 10.20am following the route of Castle Gates, Castle Street, Pride Hill, Mardol Head and St. John's Hill to The Quarry.

A Memorial Service will take place in the Quarry at the War Memorial at 10.45 am, Buglers will sound Last Post, which will be followed by two minutes' silence and Reveille, after which wreaths will be laid.

On conclusion of the wreath-laying, the Mayoral party will move to the saluting dais on St Chad's Terrace, following which there will be a march-past and salute.

Military Units and Organisations will march from the Quarry main gates towards Murivance.

Please note that this event is being organised under the current provisions of the COVID Autumn & Winter Plan [COVID-19 Response: Autumn and Winter Plan 2021 – GOV.UK](#)



The War Memorial in the Quarry

Full details of the Itinerary can be found by clicking this link:

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
ITINERARY

Full details of the Order of Service can be found by clicking this link:

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
ORDER OF SERVICE



If you are unable to attend the event, it will be live-streamed using this link on the day:

LIVE STREAM OF REMEMBRANCE
SUNDAY

Details of Remembrance events in Shrewsbury can be found here:

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

BEAVER PROJECT AT THE OLD RIVER BED

There is an exciting project underway at the Old River Bed Site of Special Scientific Interest in north Shrewsbury.

This is a valuable area for many reasons, both ecological and environmental.

The site is a nationally rare wetland fen and is protected by Natural England.

It has a number of interesting plants and animals present, stores a large amount of carbon in the peat, provides flood water storage for the Severn, and helps to filter pollutants from the surrounding area.

It is under threat from gradual tree encroachment which is causing the peat to dry out. Past efforts to slow this have been costly and only worked in the short-term: tree removal with chainsaws, desilting channels with heavy plant, and grazing with cattle. The amount of funding for the site has reduced over the last 10 years, which means this type of management is no longer sustainable.

For the last few years, Shrewsbury Town Council, in partnership with Shropshire Wildlife Trust and the Welsh Beaver Project, have been investigating the use of Eurasian Beaver as a management tool on the wetland.



These secretive herbivores were part of our ecosystems until around 400 years ago when they were hunted to extinction, and were very likely present on this wetland in the past.

By releasing the beavers within a fenced area, they would act as a grazing animal and create a mosaic of habitats across the site. As the flow rate is so slow across the wetland, they will not feel the need to build dams, but will likely create small channels out from the existing ditches to reach areas of willow and alder scrub to feed on.

There are already several enclosures similar to this around the UK as well as some small wild populations.

Advice, licencing and permits have been sought from a range of organisations, including Natural England, the Environment Agency and the Forestry Commission. These ensure that the important features of the site are not damaged and the project has long-term benefit.

Specialist ecological advice has been sought where specific protected species are present. A range of environmental factors will be monitored in partnership with University Centre Shrewsbury and Harper Adams University.

Shropshire Wildlife Trust has now secured the majority of the funding required for the project from Severn Trent Water and People's Postcode Lottery, and it has been backed at Full Council by Shrewsbury Town Council.

It is intended that existing barb-wire fencing will be removed from the site, and replaced with new mesh wire fencing. The line of this will roughly follow the path of the old fencing, although it will deviate in some places to avoid needing to remove any mature hedgerows. The walkway will be reinstated along the southern boundary of the enclosure to enable a circular route to be walked for members of the public and staff/volunteers checking and maintaining the fencing.

If you have any concerns, questions or would like to be involved in any volunteering related to this project, please contact us.

Countryside & Greenspace Team
Contact Us



Shrewsbury Beaver Project FAQs: <https://www.shropshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/beaver-FAQs>

Benefits of beavers in the UK: <https://www.shropshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/our-work/bringing-back-beavers>



Beavers have been reintroduced as part of the Cornwall Wildlife Trust project (photo credit Nick Upton, Cornwall Wildlife Trust)

FESTIVE ROAD CLOSURES IN SHREWSBURY



The following road closures will be in place for our two festive events in November and December:

**Christmas Cracker Event
Lights Switch-On
Wednesday 24th November 2021**

High Street, Wyle Cop (NW direction),
Princess Street & Shoplatch will be closed
from **4.30pm until 7.30pm.**

The Square will be closed all day, from
8am until around 7.30pm.

**Carols in The Square
Wednesday 15th December 2021**

High Street, Wyle Cop (NW direction),
Princess Street & Shoplatch will be closed
from **4.30pm until around 7.30pm.**

The Square will be closed all day, from
8am until 7.30pm.

We would advise that any business deliveries due on either date are rescheduled wherever possible, however, every effort will be made to allow drop-off access-only through the closures to minimise disruption.

For general enquiries please call the Town Council switchboard on 01743 281010.



SHREWSBURY'S CHRISTMAS CRACKER



SHREWSBURY'S CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON 2021



Shrewsbury's festive season is set to start with a bang as the town's Christmas Cracker event returns this month.

The big lights switch-on is being organised by Shrewsbury Town Council.

The evening of fun begins from 5pm on Wednesday, November 24, with entertainment from bands and choirs on the main stage in the Square to mark the start of late night shopping and the switch-on of the Christmas lights display.

Switching on the lights this year will be the Mayor of Shrewsbury, Councillor Julian Dean.



The all-important official countdown will start at 6.30pm ably assisted by Shrewsbury's Town Crier.

And to add to the fun on the night, Santa and his sleigh will be on Pride Hill all evening, courtesy of the Rotary Club of Shrewsbury Severn.

Shrewsbury's Shopping Centres will be open until 8pm and the Market Hall will stay open until 8pm with complimentary mulled wine and mince pies available between 5pm and 6pm on proof of purchase from any market retail stall, while stocks last.

The evening will also see the return of the Darwin Centre's spectacular giant reindeer Shrewdolf, which will have its very own switch-on to coincide with the Square countdown at 6.30pm.



Mayor of Shrewsbury, Councillor Julian Dean, said: "I'm looking forward to the event to celebrate the launch of the town's annual Christmas lights display, with free family entertainment, and the all-important start of late night shopping in the run-up to Christmas."

For those unable to make it to the town centre, the event will be live streamed by Microvideo. Visit our website closer to the day for the link.

For further information visit our website at

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SHREWSBURY'S CAROLS IN THE SQUARE



SHREWSBURY'S CAROLS IN THE SQUARE 2021



With a countdown to the big day, Shrewsbury's annual Carols in the Square concert returns next month.

The ever popular festive event will take place on Wednesday, December 15 from 5.30pm with music for all the family.

Shrewsbury Town Council is managing the concert, which will be broadcast live on BBC Radio Shropshire hosted by Jim Hawkins from 6.05pm.

Music will be provided by Shrewsbury Brass Band with members of Shrewsbury Male Voice Choir leading the crowds with renditions of classic Christmas carols including Once in Royal David's City, The First Noel and Hark the Herald Angels Sing.

The concert will also be available to watch on-line thanks to Shrewsbury-based company Microvideo.

Helen Ball, town clerk for Shrewsbury Town Council, said: "This is always one of our favourite events and brings something special to Shrewsbury in the run up to Christmas.

"It's become a festive tradition in the town and it's good to see so many people coming back each year to take part. We'll also have song sheets available in the Square, so we're looking forward to hearing everyone taking part for the festive season.

"Special thanks must go to our sponsors, Veolia, for their continued support in helping us to stage this popular festive event and also to Microvideo for live streaming the concert for those unable to attend."

To allow the Carols in the Square event to be held safely, there will be road closures in place on High Street, Wyle Cop (NW direction) & Princess Street, which will be closed from 4.30pm until around 7.30pm.

The Square will be closed all day, from 8am until around 7.30pm.



For more information and a link to view the live-stream of Carols in the Square, visit our website closer to the event at:

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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 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 would like to thank all those organisations, companies and individuals who contributed to Shrewsbury in Bloom which helps to improve the quality of life in our town, our country and the world.

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

Twitter: @shrewsbury27, Facebook: shrewsburytowncouncil, Instagram: shrewsburytowncouncil

Shrewsbury in Bloom

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

HMS TALENT CREW HELP THE TOWN COUNCIL'S COUNTRYSIDE & GREENSPACE TEAM AT COPTHORNE PARK

A team from Royal Navy Submarine HMS Talent joined the Town Council's Countryside and Greenspace Rangers in September to help lay woodchip on the paths at Copthorne Park.

They made light work of it, moving about 12 tonnes in a few hours!



The Crew from HMS Talent help to lay chipped bark on the footpaths at Copthorne Park

The team from HMS Talent was headed by Lieutenant Commander Fox.

The Mayor of Shrewsbury, Councillor Julian Dean, also hosted a reception for the crew during their stay in the town.

The crew also visited Hope House Hospice where they have a long-standing association and carried out community activities there.

HMS Talent is a member of the Trafalgar class of nuclear submarines, commissioned for service in 1988. Having been granted the Freedom of the Rights of the town in 1989 by Shrewsbury & Atcham Borough Council, the crew has enjoyed close links to Shrewsbury ever since, visiting the town whenever they can, to undertake community projects and attend civic events, including Remembrance.

Whenever possible, past Mayors of Shrewsbury have made visits to the submarine when it has been docked in the country.

This may be one of the last visits by the crew of HMS Talent, as the submarine is scheduled for decommissioning at the end of 2022.



SHREWSBURY CASTLE CARPET BED DESIGN

The theme for the Town Council's Spring bedding display is a Forget-me-not.

The name refers to the shape of the leaves. According to a Greek myth, Zeus thought he had given all the plants a name, whereupon a small blue flower shouted "forget me not!". The supreme god decided to make life easy for himself by giving the plant that name.

Forget-me-nots symbolise true love and respect. When you give someone these tiny blooms, it

represents a promise that you will always remember them and will keep them in your thoughts.

Shrewsbury Town Council staff have used the following plants in the floral display:

- Yellow Polyanthus
- Blue Polyanthus
- White Polyanthus
- Blue Hyacinth (Kronos)
- Yellow Daffodil (February Gold)



Right: the Carpet Bed at Shrewsbury Castle

SHREWSBURY'S BID FOR TOWN OF SANCTUARY STATUS

The Town Council has backed a campaign to make Shrewsbury a 'town of sanctuary' for refugees.

The nationwide accreditation programme, led by national Charity City of Sanctuary, recognises areas which offer a place of safety to refugees and asylum seekers and value the contribution they make to society.

In showing its support for the proposal, the Town Council has pledged to embed the City of Sanctuary values into its policies and practices, and has started collating the evidence required to apply for the award.

Councillor Kate Halliday, Member for Belle Vue, put forward the motion on the basis that the accreditation would recognise the work already being done in the town to welcome those fleeing violence and persecution.

Councillor Halliday said: "In view of the work already being undertaken in Shrewsbury, I think this is an important step to provide a positive vision for those fleeing persecution and offer a welcome to people settling here in the town.

"There is a need to encourage partnership working and develop networks to support people seeking sanctuary and ensure that those people are given the assistance to become self-sufficient within the community."

The commitment means the Town Council will develop a 'Town of Sanctuary' strategy and ensure

the needs of refugees and asylum seekers are taken into account in its policies and working practices.

It also means the Council will work with other groups in the town and share good practice as part of the nationwide City of Sanctuary network.

The resolution means the Town Council will be the first Town Council to sign up to the City of Sanctuary Local Authority Network to share good practice, and will continue to work with partner organisations and community groups to ensure the City of Sanctuary principles are embedded across the county.

The Town Council will now produce a portfolio of examples of what it is doing to achieve the City of Sanctuary aims.



JOB VACANCY - YOUTH SERVICES

Youth and Community Manager

Permanent Full Time

SCP 28 - 31, Pay £32,234 - £34,728 (subject to experience)

We are looking to recruit a Youth & Community Manager for developing and promoting a high quality Youth Service for young people aged 11 – 18 years old in Shrewsbury.

The post holder will have a strategic approach in managing the service which will include the pursuing/writing funding bids for developing the provisions for young people.

The ideal candidate must have experience in managing staff, facilities and projects and it is desirable that they hold a degree in youth and/or community development.

Evening work will be required to facilitate Youth Sessions working across a variety of settings.

An application form & job descriptions are available at:

Closing Date for applications - midday Friday 3 December 2021

Interviews will take place either week commencing 13 or 20 December 2021

Shrewsbury Town Council
Job Vacancy



MAYOR'S NEW CLIMATE EMERGENCY GUIDE

The Mayor of Shrewsbury, Councillor Julian Dean, has introduced a new guide to encourage people and companies to think about ways to reduce their carbon footprint.

The Mayor's Guide to Responding to the Climate Emergency has been produced with a view to promoting the need to address the Climate Emergency.

The Mayor said: "There is very little time to get to grips with the Climate Emergency and we all need to do our bit to help limit the damage of global heating. I am very passionate about finding ways to reach people and I feel this Guide may help others to consider the impact that their actions have on the environment.

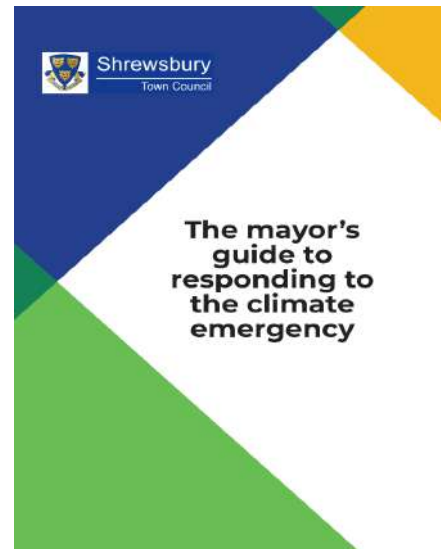
"Reading the Guide and completing the short questionnaire is not a prerequisite for me attending events as Mayor. It is simply a way to get people to think about their actions and begin to take steps to address the Climate Emergency.

"By making changes to the way we all live and work, we will begin to see the reduction in our carbon footprint across the town."

The Mayor's Guide to Responding to the Climate Emergency can be found on the Town Council's website at

Mayor of Shrewsbury's
Guide

Shrewsbury Town Council declared a Climate Emergency in March 2019, and has now established a Climate Change Committee to provide guidance to the Council and help it reduce its carbon footprint in its everyday activities.



YOUNG SHREWSBURY - BACK IN BUSINESS!

After a long period of closure, Young Shrewsbury is back in business!

The team are really pleased to be able to offer an open access youth work programme again.

They are currently focussing on rebuilding member numbers and the next page provides details of the youth sessions the Youth Team are currently holding.

If you're interested in coming along, get in touch by the following link:

Young
Shrewsbury

If you are coming to the youth sessions, please visit our website to download and complete the consent forms, so that when you arrive, you're good to go!



YOUNG SHREWSBURY - BACK IN BUSINESS!



YOUNG SHREWSBURY ACTIVITIES

TERM TIME ONLY

Mondays - Youth Club @ The Grange Centre 6:30-8:30pm
School years 7, 8 and 9

Tuesdays - Open Music Production - Reach out to Music @ The Grange Centre
6:30-8:30pm
School years 7-11

Tuesdays - Open access 5-a-side football @ The Grange astro turf
5:00-6:00pm
School years 7-11

Wednesdays - Pre Juniors Youth Club @ The Grange Centre 6:00-8:00pm
School years 4, 5 and 6

Wednesdays - Youth club and sports session @ Sundorne Sports Hall
School years 7, 8 and 9

Thursdays - Open access 5 a side football @ Monkmoor recreation ground
astro turf 5:00-6:00pm
School years 7-11

Thursdays - Youth Club @ Monkmoor Lodge 6:30-8:30pm
School years 7, 8 and 9

All activities are free, but will require a completed consent form for young people to take part. This can be obtained from the leaders at the sessions, or downloaded from the Shrewsbury Town Council website.

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT ADAM ON

07976 020 819 - ADAM.PURNELL@SHREWSBURYTOWNCOUNCIL.GOV.UK

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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.

Wednesday 17 November 2021

Recreation & Leisure Committee – 6pm

Tuesday 30 November 2021

Planning Committee – 6pm

Monday 6 December 2021

Finance & General Purposes Committee – 6pm

Tuesday 14 December 2021

Planning Committee – 6pm

Monday 10 January 2022

Finance & General Purposes Committee – 6pm

Tuesday 11 January 2022

Planning Committee – 6pm

Thursday 13 January 2022

Climate Change Standing Committee – 2.30pm

Wednesday 19 January 2022

Recreation & Leisure Committee – 6pm

Monday 24 January 2022

Full Council – 6pm

Tuesday 1 February 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

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CRIME & COMMUNITY SURVEY



For the second year running, Neighbourhood Watch want to hear your thoughts about crime, community, and how effective the scheme is.

A good response in all regions will ensure they can publish a national report and provide individual regions with their own reports.

The survey, launched on Wednesday 20th October 2021, is open to the public across England and Wales, regardless of whether they live in a Neighbourhood Watch area or not.

All data will be anonymised and aggregated and will be used by Neighbourhood Watch to ensure our work is effective, inclusive, and representative.

The results will enable them to better understand on a national and regional level crime, fear of crime and benchmark whether membership to a Neighbourhood Watch scheme, or living in a Neighbourhood Watch area, has an impact on levels of crime, concern about crime, neighbourliness, and the willingness of communities to work together.

[Neighbourhood Watch Survey](#)



**The survey closes on the 16th of November.
Thank you for your support.**

Last year the survey received just over 30,000 responses from across England and Wales providing them with a rich and useful set of data. This year they will be able to compare their data to last year's results.



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH LAUNCHES 'SAY NO TO ASB' CAMPAIGN

Antisocial behaviour (ASB) incidents have increased over the last three years. Police forces, councils and housing associations are reporting significant spikes in ASB cases – and these are not minor incidents. They are complex and serious cases causing real harm to many people.

45% of people say ASB is a problem where they live, and 56% of those who had either been a victim of or a witness to ASB did not report it to anyone. *

To help tackle the issue, a campaign is now running to encourage people to **SAY NO TO ASB**.

The campaign will run from the 25th October through to the 21st November on their social

channels with key information on recognising, recording, and reporting ASB on their website:

[Say no to ASB](#)



A free online '**SAY NO TO ASB**' webinar will be held on 15th November at 5pm with the charity **ASB Help** as part of the campaign. Places are limited.

To book your place, visit

[Book your Webinar place here](#)





SIGN UP TO 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
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To sign up for Neighbourhood Matters, please go to

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Matters



SENSIBLE PARKING SAVES LIVES

THINK BEFORE YOU PARK

Would a fire engine be able to get to your house in an emergency?

Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service is urging people to think about the way they park their vehicles to prevent lives from being put at risk.

Space can sometimes be limited but please try and leave enough room for a fire engine to get past should it need to respond to an emergency.

Following a recent call out in Shrewsbury, fire crews reported severe problems getting access to the burning building with cars parked on the street.

One fire engine became wedged between cars and a wall, causing minor damage to the fire engine.

Please consider whether a fire engine can get through the gap, especially in the narrow streets we have in Shrewsbury.

Delays cost lives



Sensible parking saves lives

Ensure your vehicle is parked close to the
kerb and with the wheels facing in line



Shropshire
Fire and Rescue Service



Putting Shropshire's
Safety First



FIGHT FESTIVE FRAUD

This Christmas, Action Fraud and City of London Police are reminding shoppers to take extra care when shopping for gifts online. As consumers search online for bargains and gifts for loved ones, fraudsters are seeing this as an opportunity to trick people with the promise of great deals and big cash savings.

The latest report by Action Fraud shows that fraudsters conned 15,024 shoppers out of more than £11 million over the Christmas period last year.

People are being defrauded on popular social media websites and online auction sites. Action Fraud works together with platforms including Gumtree to combat fraud and to issue protect advice to consumers.

Mobile phones were once again the most common item that people tried to buy from fraudsters. Victims reported being hooked in with bargain deals on some of the most popular models of smart phones, only for the phone to never actually arrive and leaving them without presents to give on Christmas Day. Apple iPhones accounted for 74% of all mobile phones purchased that turned out to be fraudulent.

Electrical goods (including games consoles), household items, computers, clothing, and accessories also featured in many of the reports. Examples including Fingerling toys, UGG Boots and Apple MacBook's were among the most popular items victims reported losing money to fraudsters on.

Last year, more than 30% of reports were made by women aged between 20 and 29, however anyone can fall victim to Christmas shopping fraudsters during the festive period.

This year's campaign urges all shoppers to look out for the warning signs that mean an offer may be too good to be true. Action Fraud will provide useful fraud and cyber-crime prevention tips throughout December to stop people from getting conned out of the Christmas they deserve.

Don't get caught out by the Christmas rush!

- If something seems too much of a bargain, it's probably poor quality, fake or doesn't exist.

- Don't pay for goods or services by bank transfer unless you know and trust the person. Payments via bank transfer offer you no protection if you become a victim of fraud.
- Make sure you've installed the latest software & app updates. Criminals use weaknesses in software to attack your devices and steal information, such as your payment details.
- Use a strong, separate password and 2FA to protect your email account. Criminals can use your email to access other online accounts, such as those you use for online shopping.
- Don't click on a link in an unexpected email or text. The volume of online shopping related phishing emails increases during the holiday period. Remember, if a deal seems too good to be true, it probably is.

- **Every Report Matters** – if you have been a victim of fraud, [report it to Action Fraud online](https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/) or by calling 0300 123 2040.

Source: Action Fraud

- **STOP:** Taking a moment to stop and think before parting with your money or information could keep you safe.
- **CHALLENGE:** Could it be fake? It's okay to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you.
- **PROTECT:** Contact your bank immediately if you think you've fallen for a scam and report it to Action Fraud.

For further information visit:

<https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/>

<https://takefive-stopfraud.org.uk/>





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Which Council does What?

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

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



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Council Tax & Benefits
Waste Collection & Re-cycling
Social Care
Public Rights of Way
Highways, Gritting, Street Lights & Potholes
Towpath gates & Cleansing of towpath
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Planning
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Shrewsbury Shopping Centres
Museum & Art Gallery / Visitor Information Centre
Youth Provision
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