

Annual Report 2011/12



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The Town Councillors are listed on the back page.

Shrewsbury Town Council Overview

2011/12



Shrewsbury Town Council's offices at The Guildhall

Shrewsbury Town Council serves the whole of the town centre, as well as neighbouring residential areas and, with a population of over 70,000, it is one of the largest town councils in England.

The Town Council is responsible for much of the day-to-day upkeep of Shrewsbury and many of its grass roots services including; horticulture, community facilities, street lights and bus shelters, public toilets, The Quarry Park, the Dingle Gardens, numerous small parks, sports pitches, recreation grounds, the town's award-winning Market Hall and the Christmas lights display. We also act as a planning consultee and consider over 1,000 applications per year.

The Town Council is proud to be the 'voice' of Shrewsbury and over the past 12 months we have consulted on a number of issues including; Shrewsbury Hospital, Wakeman School and the energy from Waste Plant. We have worked hard to promote town centre growth through a number of means including a bid to become one of 12 'Portas Pilot' towns which would see around £100,000 ploughed into Shrewsbury to preserve the retail heart of the town.

We have also been working closely with Destination Shrewsbury, the tourism management partnership, which consists of representatives from the Town Council, Shropshire Council, the Business Chamber, Tourism Association and Shop in the Loop to develop a tourism strategy to boost the town centre economy. This work includes the creation of a 'brand' which will help position Shrewsbury as a key destination for visitors both from home and abroad.



Left: The clock display within the Dingle Gardens
Right: Just one fine example of the Town Council's floral displays in the town centre



Over the past 12 months two apprentices have also been employed in our Grounds Maintenance team in a bid to provide continuing commitment for young people in the area.

We have also approved more than £30,000 in grant requests from local good causes including Shrewsbury International Street Theatre Festival, the Summer Season and Teenage Kicks.

The Town Council will continue to support on-going austerity measures throughout the coming year and is currently in negotiations with Shropshire Council regarding taking on more services at a local level.

Our motto is '**Putting Shrewsbury First**' and we strive to uphold this in everything we do whether it be our award-winning floral arrangements, being the 'voice' of Shrewsbury or our grounds maintenance of sports and recreational grounds, traffic islands and highway verges and hedges which we maintain on behalf of Shropshire Council.

One of the key challenges of the Town Council since its creation in 2009 has been to raise public awareness of its work and the differing role it has to Shropshire Council. The Town Council has relied greatly on its Members to be the public voice of the Town Council, many of whom are also Councillors with the Shropshire Unitary Authority and all are actively involved in their Local Joint Committees, keeping residents informed.

There are 17 Town Councillors for Shrewsbury, from which one Councillor is elected each year to act as the Mayor of Shrewsbury. This year has seen Councillor Tony Durnell take office of Mayor, with Councillor Keith Roberts acting as the Deputy.

We are being told that times will be hard over the coming years and we shall see Local Authorities making tough decisions to reduce public spending. This will also impact on the Town Council and we are conscious of ensuring good value for money for all the services we provide. Town Councillors will continue to be strong advocates for the residents of the Town ensuring Shrewsbury's voice is heard at a local and national level.

Principal Activities of the Town Council

The Quarry & Dingle—The Quarry & Dingle are managed and maintained by the Town Council and continue to be used for a wide range of events from the annual Flower



Show to bandstand performances and the Seven Bridges 10k Road Race. The Quarry is also the setting for the highly popular Summer Concerts — we are pleased to be welcoming pop superstar, Jessie J this year! As well as planned events, the Quarry is a recreational hub for residents and visitors alike, many of whom visit to see the spectacular landscaped gardens in the centre of the Quarry, known as the Dingle. The Quarry and Dingle are open all year round, although seasonal opening hours do apply.



Public Fields & Open Spaces—The Town Council is responsible for the maintenance of the majority of playing fields and open spaces in the town.



Play Areas, Multi-Use Games Areas, BMX Tracks & Skateparks—We maintain over 50 play facilities in the town centre. Specially trained staff are employed to carry out weekly inspections and maintenance checks to ensure public safety. All play areas are annually inspected by ROSPA and every year an extensive refurbishment programme is carried out to keep them in tip-top condition.



Sports Facilities—The Town Council owns two sports pavilions with associated football pitches and cricket wickets. These facilities are used by numerous local teams in the local leagues and the Town Council is continually on the lookout for providing additional facilities where there is a demand. The Town Council also looks after a number of crown green bowling sites and tennis courts which are all well used. We have recently received a grant from Sports England which will allow us to improve the football pitch at Springfield Recreation Ground.

Community Facilities—We own Community Centres in both Ditherington & Castlefields which are run by local residents in the area.

Shrewsbury in Bloom—Shrewsbury is famous for being the Town of Flowers and much of the floral displays are the responsibility of the Town Council and its dedicated Grounds Maintenance Team. After achieving Gold in last year's Heart of England in Bloom Competition, the Town Council is already preparing for this year's campaign.

Public Conveniences—The Town Council maintains 7 public conveniences within the town. There is a planned programme of improvements which will not only see the facilities refurbished but also the cleaning schedules improved. We hope to start work on refurbishing the Butcher Row facility shortly.

Street Furniture—We are responsible for over 450 Footway Lights (on the many footpaths and pedestrian areas across the town) and also more than 200 bus shelters.

Christmas Lights—The Town Council looks after the Christmas lighting displays across the town and last year invested in a new infrastructure costing around £40,000. Christmas lights are not just a December job, work starts late summer to test and check displays, to install fixings around the town and to carry out health & safety checks.

Mayoralty—The Mayor of Shrewsbury remains one of the busiest Town Mayor's in the county, attending and promoting many community groups, charities and organisations' activities throughout the year. The Mayor also holds an annual awards ceremony to celebrate those who have significantly contributed to making Shrewsbury a better place to live, work and visit and raises funds throughout the year for a nominated charity.

Tourism— The Town Council will continue to play its part in enhancing Shrewsbury's visitor experience and is already working towards a collaborative approach with partners to develop a '**Team Shrewsbury**' approach.



The Mayoralty in Shrewsbury



The office of Mayor in Shrewsbury dates back as far as 1638 and is therefore steeped in history and tradition.

The unpaid role of Mayor is an extremely busy one. The Mayor and his/her consort are the official ambassadors for the town and represent Shrewsbury at functions and events across the county and beyond. He/she also presides over meetings of the Council and ensures business is carried out efficiently with regard to the rights of Councillors and the interest of the community.

The Mayor of Shrewsbury continues to be one of the busiest in the county and he/she regularly supports the work of the town's voluntary and community groups, raising the profile of, and much needed cash for, local charities.

This year's Mayor is Councillor Tony Durnell who took office in May 2011. Councillor Durnell has implemented a number of initiatives during his term of office including; the appointment of two equerries, the launch of an online blog, raising funds for local good causes through his Mayor's Charity Fund, Mayor for the Day scheme with local secondary schools and the launch of the **Pride of Shrewsbury** column within the Shrewsbury Chronicle.

The Mayor is involved in major events such as Battle of Britain Sunday and the Remembrance Day Parade, both large, logistical events organised by Shrewsbury Town Council.

The Mayor also oversees the installation of Freemen of Shrewsbury and ceremonies are usually held twice a year, either at the Guildhall or at Shrewsbury Castle.

Throughout the past 12 months Councillor Durnell has raised funds for his Mayor's Charity, 'Small Grants for Small Groups'. Instead of pledging the total amount raised to just one beneficiary, Councillor Durnell is inviting local small groups and organisations to bid for small grants so he can help as many local good causes as possible. At the time of printing the grand total raised by the Mayor through various charity events, raffles and even a sponsored lock-up in the town's police cells, stands at £4400 with the final tally still to come.

The Mayor also has a chance to recognise those who have made a significant impact to the town of Shrewsbury through the annual Mayor's Awards which are held each May prior to the end of each year in office. Awards are presented in a variety of categories including; business, heritage, community, youth and environment. This year a new category has also been included for tourism.

Committee Chairmen's Reports

Finance & General Purposes Committee—Councillor Peter Nutting (Chairman)

Finance & General Purposes Committee is responsible for the overall running of the Town Council, reviewing the Council's budget, looking after Council assets and reviewing all staffing matters. One of the Committee's key roles this year has been to ensure the safe transfer of assets from the Borough Council. Work is on-going to re-register the parcels of land in the Town Council's name.

The Committee has been at the forefront of developing Destination Shrewsbury, a partnership including representatives from the public, private and business communities to develop Shrewsbury as a place for not only its residents but also shoppers and tourists. The Committee has reviewed all public conveniences and a refurbishment programme is underway with further work being undertaken to improve visitors' enjoyment of the town.

The Finance & General Purposes Committee also looks after the Market Rights of the Town. The Town Council runs the General Market in the Market Hall and licenses the Sunday Market and Livestock Market.

The Committee continues to maintain a watching brief over healthcare in Shrewsbury and has developed good working relations with the Primary Care Trust to ensure that residents continue to have healthcare provided locally.

Recreation & Leisure Committee—Councillor Jackie Brennand (Chairman)

The Recreation & Leisure Committee is responsible for the delivery of all the Town Council's services including:

- The use of The Quarry
- Shrewsbury in Bloom
- The development of play facilities
- Fishing Rights on the River Severn
- Sports facilities
- War Memorials

One of the key areas for development this year has been the review of use of the Quarry as an outdoor events arena and changes to the acceptable noise levels for concerts, to both ensure that those who attend concerts have a good time, but not to the detriment of others using the park. The Recreation & Leisure Committee also oversees the work of the Town Council's Grounds Maintenance Team which looks after much of the public open space within the town. Some of its work is also undertaken for Shropshire Council under a Service Level Agreement.

Planning Committee—Councillor Andy Wagner (Chairman)

The Planning Committee is the busiest of the Town Council's Committees, meeting every three weeks to consider planning applications, traffic orders and tree preservation orders in the Shrewsbury area. As a consultee in the planning process the Town Council regularly makes representation on behalf of the residents to ensure that development is appropriate. In addition to the routine planning applications, the Town Council has also made comment on more strategic matters such as:

- The Energy from Waste (Incinerator) at Battlefield
- North West Relief Road
- Major developments in the provision of health services
- Large housing developments

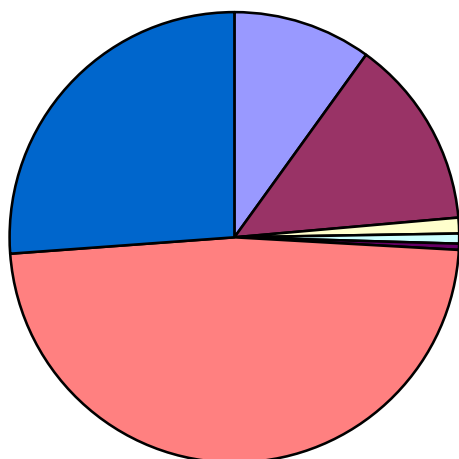
The Town Council has had an input in the on-going preparation of the Local Development Framework, which is designed to set out the planning requirements for the area for the next 15-20 years.



Annual Accounts 2011/12

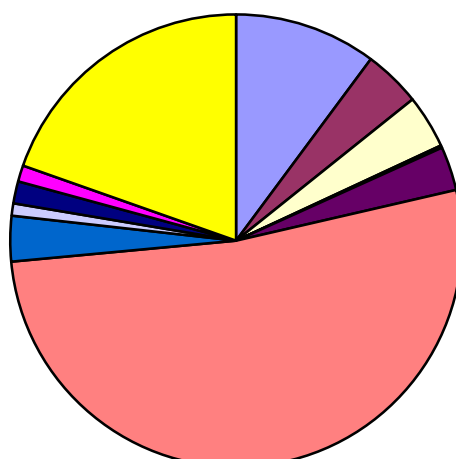
Summary of the Shrewsbury Town Council Budget 2011/12 and where the money was spent.

Sources of income £3.386 m



- Grants £332k
- Markets £454k
- Residential and commercial rents £38k
- Interest £24k
- Community centres and sports facilities £15k
- Grounds maintenance and allotments £1,597k
- Precept £872k

Where the money goes £3.386 m




- Management and support costs £339k
- Democratic £136k
- Markets £127k
- Residential and commercial rents £6k
- Community centres and sports facilities £105k
- Grounds maintenance and allotments £1,737k
- Public conveniences £108k
- Bus shelters £29k
- Street lighting £53k
- Christmas lights £39k
- Capital adj, replacements and transfers £653k


The notice of appointment of auditors and the exercise of electors rights will be publicised in June for a period to inspect accounts commencing 25th June 2012.

The accounts will be published on the website from 1st July 2012.

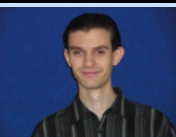
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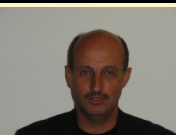
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