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**SHREWSBURY'S
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MAYOR OF SHREWSBURY, COUNCILLOR PHIL GILLAM

It's more than five months since lockdown began and we all envisaged this Covid stuff would be over by the time the kids went back to school.

Yet here we are, a new academic year starts and we are still socially distancing, washing hands far more frequently than we used to, and also being very cautious about what we do.

I do wish all Shrewsbury students a good start to their new school year and after what will be nearly half a year without face-to-face interaction with your school friends and teachers, you look forward to getting back to a new normal.

I have been so pleased to see the way the town centre is beginning to pick up. We

are faring so much better than similar town centres in the West Midlands and people are beginning to enjoy visiting our wonderful town.

I am not the only local who has taken advantage of the outside seating that many of our local cafés and restaurants have created and the 'Eat Out to Help Out' campaign has really made a difference.

It makes me really proud of how the Town Council has worked with the Business Improvement District (BID) and Shropshire Council and created opportunities for businesses to recover; the businesses themselves have also been so resourceful in how they have reinvented themselves and there is a general air of kindness and huge tolerance.



Whilst we encourage people to our High Street, I do want to echo those public health messages that we have become accustomed to; that we need to stay alert, and keeping to the guidelines is very important. Nationally there have been towns that have suffered local lockdowns and I would not wish to see that happen in Shrewsbury, but I do believe that with everyone playing their part we can all get through this.



SHREWSBURY BOUNCES BACK

As part of the Recovery Task Force, Shrewsbury Town Council, along with Shrewsbury Business Improvement District [BID], Shropshire Council and other partners, has been part of the activities to get the town centre back on its feet for residents and visitors over the past couple of months.

Along with supporting the temporary traffic measures put in place by Shropshire Council in order to keep people safe and help businesses to maximise their potential over the summer, the Town Council has added to the layout of the town to help create additional space for pedestrians, including planters.

Leader of Shrewsbury Town Council, Councillor Alan Mosley, said he welcomed the traffic interventions being in place until the end of September.

He added: "Removing through-traffic from

the centre of Shrewsbury during the day throughout the summer is already giving the town centre a much more welcoming atmosphere.

"This is actually a really good opportunity to test the impact of removing traffic from the town centre over an extended period, and discussions about any longer-term plans will be based on this experience and on wider local consultation.

"We are doing a lot of work with our council partners to help businesses make the most of this opportunity to use outside space creatively, which will help kick-start the local economy and bring a really welcoming and positive atmosphere to the town centre."

Town Council staff have also been working hard to re-open other assets so that they are safe and available for the public to enjoy including the Dingle, sports facilities, play areas and public toilets.



LOCAL PLAN REVIEW – HOW TO GET INVOLVED

The pursuit of sustainable development is at the heart of the planning process.

The Shropshire Local Plan is a long-term project, covering a 22 year period from 2016 to 2038 and will ensure that the plans for the county respond to changing circumstances in line with the National Planning Policy Framework [NPPF].

The role of the Shropshire Local Plan is to ensure that the objective of sustainable development is translated into a positive framework at the local level to inform decision-making for the benefit of the county. This relates to both strategic issues, such as the amount of growth proposed and how it is distributed, and how the county moves towards a net zero carbon economy; through to more detailed issues, such as the design and layout of new developments and how environmental assets are to be protected.

Shropshire Council is now looking at updating its Local Plan with the assistance of those communities directly affected by future development and is asking local residents for their views on the best way forward for the town.

Shrewsbury is a major focus within Shropshire for the provision of infrastructure and services to meet the needs of the town and its wider catchment area, with current priorities set out in the Implementation Plan and Shrewsbury Place Plan.

Shropshire Council is consulting on a further Regulation 18 stage of the review of the Local Plan between August and September 2020. This is an important additional stage of plan consultation and has been agreed in order to allow people a chance to have their say on a full draft of the Local Plan before the council proceeds to the statutory Regulation 19 stage of plan making.

Full details can be found at: <https://shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/reg-18-pre-submission-draft-local-plan-consultation/>
The Pre-Submission Consultation runs from Monday 3 August 2020 until Wednesday 30 September 2020.

All responses should be received by Shropshire Council by 5pm on Wednesday 30 September 2020.

