



**SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL
FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
3 JUNE 2024**

Officer: Andy Hall – Youth and Community Manager

Youth Services

Purpose of Report

To provide an update of Youth Services activities.

Youth Activities

All youth clubs are operating as normal for first part of the summer term at The Grange & Ditherington Clubs & the Hive youth cafe. Youth activities included:



Monkmoor

Monkmoor football continues to be busy apart from some rainy days. Young Shrewsbury have been approached by Tom Evanson from Shrewsbury Town football club who have funding from the FA to develop community work and sports in the locality and wish to partner with STC.

It is proposed that we extend our offer from 5pm - 6pm on Thursday evenings to:

4pm - 5pm every Thursday (Ages 8-11) on 1 x 9 a side pitch and 5pm - 6pm every Thursday (Ages 12-15) on 1 x 9 a side, these sessions will also include girls only football.

This is something we wish to grow and obviously as the session progresses, we'll look at other ways we can add to these - and if we can accommodate, we'll run sessions on the other pitch also - but will review that accordingly. These sessions will run 50 out the 52 weeks a year. The sessions will

have a Microsoft Office consent form created that we need participants to complete before participating in the sessions.

YOUTH COUNCIL

Young Shrewsbury's newly formed youth council met on Thursday 16th May 2024 at the Grange for their first proper meeting. The young people were delighted to be joined by Claire Ashford from BBC radio Shropshire and be recorded for her show!



STC Councillors then joined the youth group for a speed debating session afterwards. Many conversations were had and our thanks go to the councillors who gave up their valuable time to attend.





HAF (Holiday Activity Fund activities) SUMMER 2024.

As we have reported previously, Young Shrewsbury were successful in gaining it's HAF funding bid this year. I have been negotiating with SC how YS will deliver it's Grange based HAF for the summer which I am hoping will include trips this year.

ALTERNATIVE CURRICULUM

The Alternative Curriculum (AC) delivery has continued this term (April-May) with all attendees from Shrewsbury Academy. We currently have eight young people on programme attending on various days.

STAY SAFE EVENT UPDATE

The planned Stay Safe day for May has now been moved to Friday 28th June 2014 11am-3pm in the Quarry. This is mainly due to operational reasons and ideally, more service providers can now attend. We have teamed up with Shropshire Festivals and the Food Festival so we will have food, music and importantly, young people to talk to.

In other news, our very own newly formed "Youth Council" will be promoting this event within their school/college settings and join us on the day. The Youth council will represent the views of young people at a local level. This event gives young people the chance to discuss relevant issues, engage with professionals who contribute to improving the lives of young people within their communities.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) **The report be noted.**