

**SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL
RECREATION & LEISURE COMMITTEE
6th November 2024**

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TEAM SHREWSBURY UPDATE

Purpose of the Report

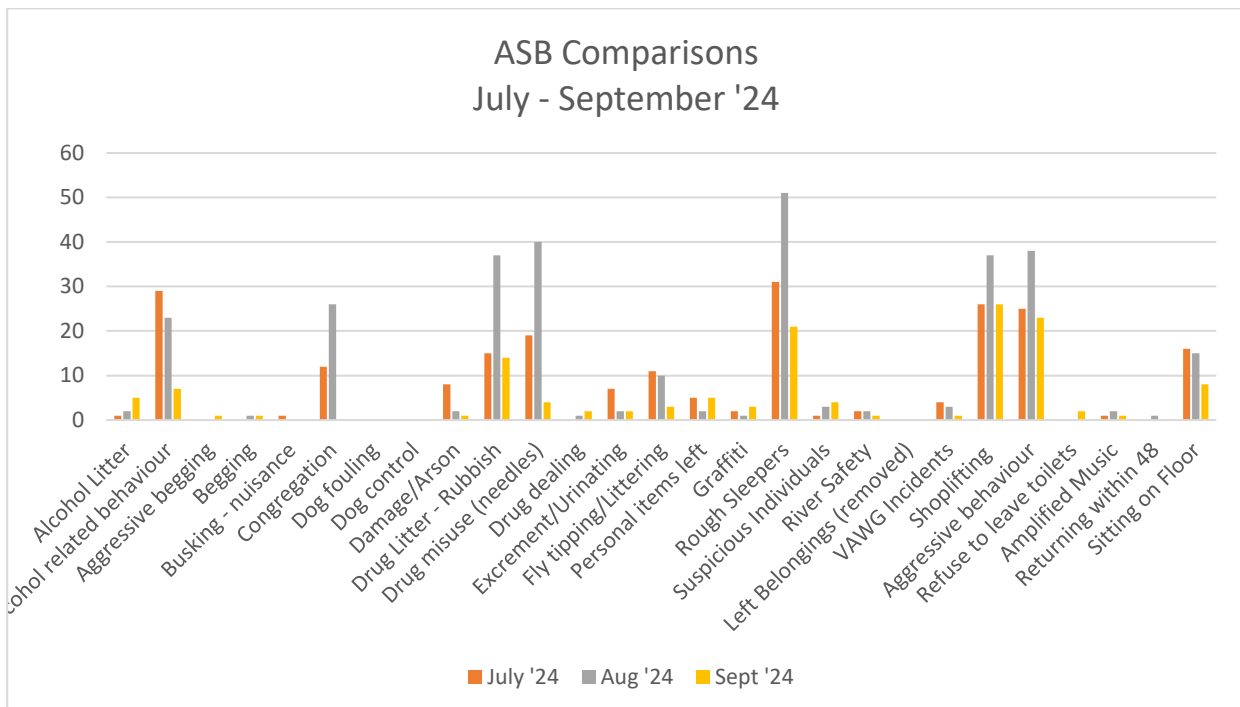
To receive an update on Team Shrewsbury

Meetings

Any ASB issues/concerns please raise via the Office Manager. Operational meetings continue fortnightly, Tactical meetings have been split into the current priorities – River Safety, ASB & Youth.

Incidents

The below shows the ASB incidents recorded between July - September 2024:



Theft of Items Returned

During July - September 2024 – approximately £3,500 worth of items have been recovered and returned back to stores.

Financial Assistance

Household Support Fund has been extended to the end of March 2025. If you're working with anyone who is struggling to meet their essentials living costs, they may be able to apply for some help from this fund. We may be able to help people with essentials such as food, energy and water charges, essentials linked to food, energy and water and other essential living costs. Each application is considered individually, depending on the circumstances.

- For general queries about this, call the team on 0345 678 9078 (option 1).
- Customers who would like to make an application should call our application line, on 0345 678 9078 (option 2).

For more information on the Welfare Support Team: <https://shropshire.gov.uk/shropshire-council/welfare-support-team-local-welfare-provision/>

For more information on help with the cost of living: <https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living-help/>

ARK

The ARK continues to offer support to individuals who have been verified rough sleepers and those in temporary accommodation. Individuals are offered 6 weeks support, which is available by appointment only.

Youth

STC. Young Shrewsbury's Youth activities returned week commencing 2nd September 2024. The Lodge Youth Club in Monkmoor has re-opened, allowing the Young Shrewsbury youth session to return every Thursday in the new SYA building with Junior & Senior sessions. In partnership with the Hive, from October '24 Young Shrewsbury will be delivering Music activities during these sessions focusing on combating antisocial behaviour.

The Hive & Trinity Church are supporting a new youth group formed in Meole at the Meet Place every Wednesday term-time. This is primarily from funding received by the Hive to tackle ASB in the various areas of Shrewsbury.

2025 Stay Safe Event discussions are taking place, with a view to potentially linking into the Colleges open days.

Shrewsbury College. Induction fairs have taken place for approx. 2,000 new students. Each student is supplied with details on what support is available.

SC. The Youth Team is currently undergoing a restructure in-line with the new Youth Strategy / Youth Plan. Detached work continues within the Town Centre, Meole Brace and Sundorne on a weekly basis, engaging with young people.

Safer Streets 5 (SS5)

Discussions are taking place within WMP on developing surveys, community plans and expanding partnership contacts.

Fly Tipping.

All fly tips for Shropshire Council will be collected by a dedicated, two-person team, which ensures consistency in how each fly tip is processed. The fly tip will be thoroughly checked for evidence. They will aim to remove waste within five working days of being notified via Fix My Street. All evidence is then passed to Street Scene to begin an investigation. Fixed Penalty Notices will be issued to perpetrators where evidence is found.

Housing Options

As previously advised work is currently being undertaken on Coton Hill House and the Tannery. Those eligible to use the facilities will be people where the Council have a statutory duty to them.

Coton Hill House:

- 25 self-contained accommodation units for single people.
- The accommodation will have intense support and will be able to remain there up to 2 years.
- Support will be on site 24/7.
- Accommodation is due to be open May '25 - contractors are currently on site at present.

Tannery:

- Accommodation is set up as clustered single accommodation.
- There are 61 units on site.
- Planning permission is currently live (change of use only as currently student accommodation) – would like to be utilising the accommodation in December '24, however this is dependent on planning being granted.
- Support will be on site 24/7.

Shropshire Fire & Rescue (SFRS).

Currently running a Fire Setters Interventions Scheme – [Firesetting | Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service](#), which is an educational programme for young people under 17 years old who have displayed fire setting behaviour, with the aim to:

- Raising awareness of the dangers of fires
- Illustrate consequences of firesetting behaviour
- Teach how to control their factors that lead to fire setting
- Provide education on how to keep safe from fire in the home and what to do in the event of a fire.

Scheme is usually undertaken in the home environment. Details regarding how to make referrals are listed on the website.

WMP Exploitation Training

Young people are now most commonly abused online, via their mobile phones and games consoles. Below training sessions are available:

- **Parent** - free one-hour online awareness session is available to provide a head start in an ever-changing digital world.
- **Community** A free one-hour online awareness session is available to learn how to protect our young people from those wanting to exploit them.

A free one and a half hour **professionals** awareness session to learn how to keep young people safe and what to look out for.

To book on free training sessions scan the QR code or go to www.westmercia.police.uk/exploitworkshops



Parents and guardians: Our kids are now most commonly abused online, via their mobile phones and games consoles. Do you know how to keep your kids safe?

Learn more about the dangers of kids being online and how you can keep them safe.

Join our free one hour online parent awareness session to give yourself a head start in an ever changing digital world.

Our community: It takes all of us to protect our kids. Whether you are a postal worker, a bin worker, taxi driver, residents, a sports coach, we all need to know what kids being taken advantage of looks like and what to do about it.

Join our free one hour online community awareness session to learn how to protect our kids from those wanting to exploit them.

Professionals and people who work with children: You have a responsibility to keep children safe. You need to know what to look out for. Learn more about why kids are vulnerable and how they are manipulated into harmful situations and exploited.

Join our free one and a half hour professionals awareness session.

Scan the QR code to find out more about our awareness training and to sign up to one of our free sessions or go to www.westmercia.police.uk/exploitworkshops



River Safety (Open Water Safety Group)

A number of meetings and subgroups are taking place around River Safety which includes Education and Signage. The action plan is being reviewed with partners on a quarterly basis.

RLSS:

- Drowning Prevention Week this year reached an estimated 1.25m children across the UK.
- RLSS Water Safety Code leaflet is now available in 14 languages.
- New RLSS campaign for water safety in the home: ‘Splash safety at your pad.’ Aimed at parents and carers, the campaign provides information and downloadable resources on the topic of keeping children safe around bathtubs, hot tubs etc: [Splash Safety at Your Pad - Water Safety at Home \(rlss.org.uk\)](http://www.rlss.org.uk).
- Water Smart Schools (class-based water safety scheme of work for schools) was accessed by around 310 schools across the UK last academic year, with an additional 62 registering this academic year. RLSS continue to seek support in reaching more schools across Shropshire.
- RLSS Don’t drink and drown campaign for Fresher’s fairs took place 16 - 22 September and will repeat for the Christmas period 12 - 20 December, with some new resources available.

River safety videos are available via www.shrewsburybid.co.uk/riversafety.

Water Safety Resource Material

RLSS - <https://www.rlss.org.uk/dwp-ttretffgsdg45354367hjksakyuiydauksh>

RLSS - [Winter Water Safety | Royal Life Saving Society UK \(RLSS UK \)](http://www.rlss.org.uk) - advice for winter water safety/floods

Home and Dry course - <https://westmerciasar.org.uk/homeanddry/free-water-safety-online-course/>

SFRS - <https://shropshirefire.gov.uk/water-safety>

Educational Material

RLSS - <https://www.rlss.org.uk/pages/category/water-safety-education-resources-for-7-9-year-olds>
<https://www.rlss.org.uk/pages/category/water-safety-education-resources-for-5-7-year-olds>

RECOMMENDED:

- (i) **That the Report be noted;**