

**SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL
FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
15 APRIL 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 after the Easter break. All youth groups enjoyed Easter themed activities in the run up to the end of term.



New Youth Club at Ditherington Community Centre

Young Shrewsbury's New Ditherington youth club has been welcomed in the area and well supported since it's opening last term. We have kitted it out with a TV, cooker, table tennis table, Xbox and other key resources. The group meet every Wednesday night 6:60 - 8:30pm at the Ditherington Community Centre. Young Shrewsbury continues to support other groups making use

of this useful community space. After a meeting with CEO Reece Phillips, we have now welcomed Valor Combat Systems to run a session every Thursday evening.



Hive Cafe

The Hive Group continues to go from strength to strength. Last term was a very busy time for the Hive group who enjoyed many new activities including:

Art Collage Workshop



Stop Motion Animation



Junk Modelling Workshop



Music For Film Project



We are all also celebrating Kirin Woodvine's award from the Mayor in recognition for her amazing work with our Hive Group – huge congratulations!



HAF (Holiday Activity Fund activities) Spring 2024.

Young Shrewsbury were successful in gaining it's HAF funding bid this year and delivered a programme of four activities sessions over the Easter Holidays for Spring 2024. Bookings were initially slow, however, these picked up just before and during the programme. Young Shrewsbury's Youth work team, supported by external sports workers, delivered multi-activities at The Grange Centre. Activities included: art classes supported by the Hive, cooking, indoor multi-sports in the sports hall, Table tennis, Pool, soft ball, and outside sports including street cricket. As with all the values of youth work, Young Shrewsbury promoted E&Q giving every young person the opportunity to participate and be valued in all activities provided. Our staff already support special needs groups, and we welcome SEN.

HAF Art session at the Grange



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 FLYER & EVENT UPDATE

Arrangements for the "Stay safe" day are ongoing.

YOUTH COUNCIL

Young Shrewsbury has now recruited young people to form Shrewsbury Town Council's Youth Council from a cross section of the community and including community groups/schools. We are hoping to have the first meeting at the beginning of May and then invite current Councillors to join a getting to know you "Speed Debating" session with our young people at the Grange starting the new electoral year... volunteers please?

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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