



**SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL
RECREATION & LEISURE COMMITTEE
Wednesday 15th January 2025**

Officer: Ian Thorpe. Commercial, Markets and Events Manager

EVENTS IN THE QUARRY

Purpose of Report

To update the Committee with the events held and scheduled to be held within the Quarry.

List of Events Scheduled for 2025

Event	Provisional Date/s
April	
WREKIN ORIENTEERING	Sunday 6 th
FUN FAIR - STOKES	Monday 14 th to Sunday 27 th
May	
MAYOR'S BANK HOLIDAY FETE	Monday 5 th
VE DAY (80 TH YEAR) CELEBRATIONS	Thursday 8 th
SHREWSBURY REGATTA	Saturday 10 th to Sunday 11 th
WEM JUBILEE BAND	Sunday 11 th
SAXOPHONE QUARTET	Sunday 18 th
SHREWSBURY BRASS BAND	Sunday 25 th
WELLINGTON BRASS BAND	Sunday 31 st
June	
RACE FOR LIFE	Sunday 1 st
ZIPPOS CIRCUS	Thursday 5 th to Monday 9 th
SHREWSBURY CONCERT BAND	Sunday 8 th
LIVING WELL FESTIVAL	Sunday 15 th
SALOPIAN BRASS	Sunday 15 th
PORTHYWAEN SILVER BAND	Sunday 22 nd
SHREWSBURY FOOD FESTIVAL	Saturday 28 th to Sunday 29 th

July	
SHROPSHIRE MUSIC SERVICE	Saturday 5 th
WARWICK COMMUNITY BAND	Sunday 6 th
SHREWSBURY 10K (10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY)	Sunday 6 th
LET'S ROCK FESTIVAL	Saturday 12 th to Sunday 13 th
DRAGON BOAT RACING	Saturday 19 th to Sunday 20 th
LUDLOW CONCERT BAND	Sunday 20 th
CITY OF CHESTER BLUECOAT BAND	Sunday 27 th
August	
BRASS BUTTONS	Sunday 3 rd
SHREWSBURY FLOWER SHOW	Friday 8 th to Saturday 9 th
CLEOBURY MORTIMER BAND	Sunday 17 th
WHITCHURCH BRASS BAND	Sunday 31 st
September	
SEVERN BRIDGES 10K	Sunday 7 th
SHREWSBURY HALF MARATHON	Sunday 26 th
October	
OKTOBERFEST	Friday 3 rd to Saturday 4 th

Our events strategy for 2025 is now well under way and as the schedule shows the calendar is already starting to fill up nicely. It is pleasing to report that most of the key calendar events have provisionally booked dates for next year and we continue to receive enquiries from the organisers of new events that they would like to hold.

The events calendar is providing an excellent framework to follow and enables us to capture all the relevant information required to manage the process more effectively and help avoid any unwanted surprises.

It is our intention to continue to host a broad range of events within the park and with this in mind we are making good progress in developing a 'summer season' of musical performances to be held in the bandstand that are free to everyone to attend and enjoy. All of the bands who have a long history of performing in Shrewsbury have expressed their continuing interest and we are also in the process of inviting local schools, colleges, and community groups to have the opportunity to come and play. We already have 14 performances provisionally lined up between May and August with considerable interest being generated for the other available dates.

As everyone is aware 2024 proved to be an extremely challenging year in terms of the weather and consequently the impact on the ground conditions for holding outdoor events. We did manage to successfully mitigate the effects on our event calendar and ensure everything took place as scheduled. However, we are already taking steps to try and improve the situation for 2025 with some pro active grounds maintenance work already undertaken. Our new mole plough has been used across the bottom section of the main arena and the fairground site below the bandstand, which has helped improve the surface drainage in those areas and removed the issue of standing water which caused us so many concerns last year.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) That the contents of the report be noted.