



**SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL
RECREATION & LEISURE COMMITTEE
Wednesday 4th September 2024**

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 held in 2024

Event	Time	Date/s
May		
FUN FAIR - STOKES	12.00 – 21.30	Friday 3 rd to Saturday 12 th (In operation Friday to Sunday)
ORGAN FESTIVAL	10.00 – 16.00	Saturday 4 th to Sunday 5 th
SHREWSBURY REGATTA	08:00 – 18:00	Saturday 11 th to Sunday 12 th
SHROPSHIRE MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT (DANCE WORKSHOP)	10.30 – 11.30	Saturday 18 th
KIDICAL MASS CYCLE EVENT	10.00 – 11.00	Sunday 19 th
KRAZY RACES	09:30 – 18:00	Sunday 26 th
June		
RACE FOR LIFE	11:00 – 12:30	Sunday 2 nd
ZIPPOS CIRCUS	VARIOUS SHOW TIMES (2.5hrs)	Thursday 6 th to Monday 10 th
BELLE VUE ARTS FESTIVAL	11:00 – 15:00	Saturday 8 th
BIG GREEN WEEK EVENT	12:00 – 16:00	Wednesday 12 th
BELLE VUE ARTS FESTIVAL	11:00 – 15:00	Saturday 15 th
KIDICAL MASS CYCLE EVENT	10.00 – 11.00	Sunday 16 th
FRIENDS OF PALESTINE WALK	14:00 – 18:00	Saturday 22 nd
SHREWSBURY SCHOOL BUMPING RACES	10:00 – 15:00	Thursday 27 th to Saturday 29 th
YOUNG SHREWSBURY STAY SAFE DAY	11:00 – 15:00	Friday 28 th
SHREWSBURY FOOD FESTIVAL	10:00 – 17:00	Saturday 29 th to Sunday 30 th

July		
SHREWSBURY 10K RACE	09:00 – 12:30	Sunday 7 th
LET'S ROCK (80s)	10:00 – 22:30	Saturday 13 th
LET'S ROCK (JLS)	17:00 – 22:30	Sunday 14 th
FLAXMILL CREATES PUPPETS	09:30 – 12:00	Saturday 20 th
M3 COMMUNICATIONS PICNIC	11:00 – 14:00	Saturday 20 th
SEVERN HOSPICE DRAGON BOAT RACING	08:00 – 18:00	Saturday 20 th
SEVERN HOSPICE DRAGON BOAT RACING	08:00 – 18:00	Sunday 21 st
KIDICAL MASS CYCLE EVENT	10.00 – 11.00	Sunday 21 st
KICKSTARS FREE TASTER SESSIONS	08:00 – 12:00	Wednesday 24 th
LIVING WELL FESTIVAL	10:00 – 16:30	Saturday 27 th
August		
SHREWSBURY FLOWER SHOW	10:00 – 22:30	Friday 9 th
SHREWSBURY FLOWER SHOW	10:00 – 22:30	Saturday 10 th
MAYOR'S CHARITY AFTERNOON TEA	12:30 – 16:00	Sunday 11 th
KIDICAL MASS CYCLE EVENT	10.00 – 11.00	Sunday 18 th
VICTORIA QUAY STREET PARTY	10:00 – 18:00	Sunday 18 th
SEVERN RIVERS TRUST – FAMILY WORKSHOPS	09:00 – 17:00	Saturday 24 th
WREKIN ORIENTEERING	10:30 – 14:00	Sunday 25 th
SEVERN RIVERS TRUST – FAMILY WORKSHOPS	09:00 – 17:00	Wednesday 28 th
SEVERN RIVERS TRUST – FAMILY WORKSHOPS	09:00 – 17:00	Saturday 31 st

CONFIRMED AND SCHEDULED FOR REST OF 2024

September		
SEVERN BRIDGES 10K	10:00 – 12:30	Sunday 8 th
SHROPSHIRE MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT (DANCE WORKSHOP)	12:00 – 13:00	Saturday 14 th
KIDICAL MASS CYCLE EVENT	10.00 – 11.00	Sunday 15 th
FUN FAIR - JENNINGS	13:00 – 21:30	On site - Friday 13 th to Sunday 22 nd Operating – Friday 13 th to Sunday 15 th Operating – Saturday 21 st to Sunday 22 nd
MAYOR'S CHARITY FIZZ & CANOPES (DINGLE)	18.00 – 21.00	Friday 20 th
SHREWSBURY HALF MARATHON	09:00 – 10:30	Sunday 29 th
October		
OKTOBERFEST	16:00 – 23:00	Friday 4 th
OKTOBERFEST	12:00 – 22:00	Saturday 5 th
December		
SHREWSBURY CHRISTMAS JUMPER RUN	10:00 – 12:00	Sunday 1 st

List of Events Scheduled for 2025

Event	Provisional Date/s
April	
FUN FAIR - STOKES	Monday 14 th to Sunday 27 th
May	
MAYOR'S FETE	Monday 5 th
SHREWSBURY REGATTA	Saturday 10 th to Sunday 11 th
June	
RACE FOR LIFE	Sunday 1 st
ZIPPOS CIRCUS	Thursday 5 th to Monday 9 th
LIVING WELL FESTIVAL	Sunday 15 th
SHREWSBURY FOOD FESTIVAL	Saturday 28 th to Sunday 29 th
July	
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
August	
SHREWSBURY FLOWER SHOW	Friday 8 th to Saturday 9 th
September	
SEVERN BRIDGES 10K	Sunday 7 th
SHREWSBURY HALF MARATHON	Sunday 26 th
October	
OKTOBERFEST	Friday 3 ^d to Saturday 4 th

It has proven to be another busy and ultimately successful year of Quarry events in 2024. By the time December comes around there will have been 54 individual events held within the park itself, with a further 17 taking place in the Victorian bandstand. As the list demonstrates the type of events being held remains very broad, ranging from the large two-day festivals down to small charity fundraisers.

The event calendar continues to play an important role in the cultural and economic health of the town and although it undoubtedly presents some logistical and environmental challenges, the number of associated issues which have been received this year are extremely small especially in comparison to the visitor numbers which are generated.

The weather in the last 12 months has also created some unprecedented ground condition issues, most notably after the Let's rock concerts, but thankfully the remedial work carried out by our experienced in-house grounds maintenance team, together with some careful re planning and site adjustments, minimised the impact on subsequent events.

A number of the key calendar events are already provisionally booked for 2025 and we are also regularly receiving enquiries from the organisers of potential new proposals they are developing. It has undoubtedly been a challenging year for the events industry with several high profile casualties at a national level and tickets levels down on previous years, so it pleasing to see our events calendar hold up so well against this backdrop.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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