



**SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL
FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
3 FEBRUARY 2025**

Officer: Andy Hall – Youth and Community Manager

Youth Services

Purpose of Report

To provide an update of Youth Services activities.

Youth Activities

Young Shrewsbury's Youth activities returned week commencing 6th January 2025 after the Christmas break. All youth clubs held at The Grange, Ditherington, The Hive and The Lodge Monkmoor are back up and running as normal.

Monkmoor Football & Tennis sessions held at Monkmoor Recreational ground, supported by Shrewsbury Town Football Club coaches, are also back up and running.

HAF (Holiday Activity Fund activities) Easter and Summer 2025

I am pleased to report that funding has been agreed for the HAF delivery in Shropshire for 2025. Shrewsbury Town Council (Young Shrewsbury) are committed in continuing to run HAF clubs at The Grange and Monkmoor during 2025/26, based on our current model. This would include sessions at the Grange for Easter and Summer and Monkmoor in the summer. Once Shropshire Council have heard more from the DfE, we can forward our funding bid.

Alternative Curriculum

The Alternative Curriculum (AC) delivery continues this term, with all attendees from Shrewsbury Academy.

Youth Council

The latest Youth Council meeting was held on 20th January 2025 at the Grange Youth Centre.

The Youth Council were shown the updated 6 areas identified from the last meeting. The Town Clerk, Helen Ball, facilitated a group session to "dig deeper" into these areas to identify objectives and priorities to form the projects and activities to take forward as their contribution to the Big Town Plan.

It was agreed working groups to be formed for the following projects:

- Schools' Roundabout Planting Competition (schools can win planters for their setting) - Jake Lewis, Eleanor Brayne, Max Ball. It was agreed to arrange a visit to Weeping Cross for those who are interested.
- Create a Loggerheads Mascot celebrating 600 years – Aya Fawwaz
- Create New Youth Council webpage, Instagram page, WhatsApp group – Max Ball, Aya Fawwaz



Youth Council members also agreed to a Climate Fresk session to be delivered by Sarah Clayton on a future date.

Stay Safe Event

Stay Sate Event date is confirmed as Wednesday 25th June 2025 in The Quarry.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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