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WITNESS STATEMENT

(Criminal Procedure Rules, r27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s.9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B)

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Age if under 18: 0 18

Occupation: Police Officer

This statement (consisting of 6 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated anything in it, which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

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Date: 02/11/2016

I am police officer 1201 Karena EVANS, of the West Mercia Police. I am currently based at Shrewsbury Central in my role as the local police officer for the area. I have been in post now for about 2 years.

As part of my duties as the local police officer, I get passed to me regular complaints in relation to the vagrant community which surround Shrewsbury Town Centre. This includes persons camping out, rough sleeping, 'penny whistle busking' and begging.

I believe that it would be a positive intervention in resolving the on-going anti social behaviour caused by this group to have in place an Order within Shrewsbury Town Centre with restrictions that would tackle some of the issues raised by this community. This currently has a significant impact on the community and I am in possession of numerous complaints from businesses who are losing trade due to homelessness/begging, as well as the community in general, some of whom are becoming afraid of this group.

Numerous calls have been received from the community reporting anti social behaviour within Shrewsbury Town centre involving these individuals. The picture presented is that this unreasonable behaviour is having a detrimental effect on the local community's quality of life.

The police have also received e-mails from local business within Pride Hill Shrewsbury complaining in relation to the daily issues that they have to put up with. I can summarise the complaints as follows;

On the 4th December 2014 an email was received in relation to the on going issues of rough sleeping at the rear of the Riverside Shopping Centre. It was reported that drug paraphernalia, including foil, lighters, bottles, empty wraps, blood stained tissues, mixing spoons, needles, alcohol empty cans, soiled clothing, dog excrement and bottles containing human urine had been found. This had been noted on a daily basis and was costing the centre management an hour extra in cleaning time. Staff

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had had extra training and had to be especially careful when cleaning up due to the risk of needle stick injuries. This had become a regular rough sleeping spot over the past 18 months and had become most difficult at times to clean up. This situation continued up until April 2015 when one of the vagrants was verbally abusive to a member of the centre security staff. As a result the shopping centre, with the support and assistance of the police issued a notice under the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act requiring them to leave the land. This was after one of the group used threatening and abusive behaviour towards one of the security guards.

On the 25th of January 2015 a call was made to the police from a concerned member of the public in relation to a female sat begging on the side of Castle Street in Shrewsbury. This had created sufficient concern for the member of the public to call the police.

On the 17th of February 2015 a call was made to the police from a concerned member of the public in relation to reports of a homeless male who has been knocking on doors in Mount Street Shrewsbury. This is just a couple of minutes walk from Shrewsbury Town Centre. This had caused concerns in this quiet location and alarmed residents to a degree that they felt the need to call the police. This male was knocking doors and asking for "something to help him through the night".

On the 23rd of February 2015 a call was made in relation to a beggar sitting outside Sainsbury's in Meole Brace, Shrewsbury. This had, in turn, made customers feel concerned because of the beggar's presence.

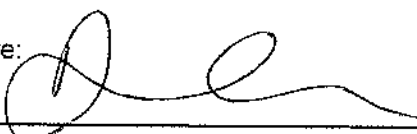
On the 24th of February 2015 a call was received in relation to homeless persons camping in the grounds of the library. This had become a regular gathering spot where persons camped leaving behind general mess. Some of which included human excrement and needles etc.

On the 2nd March 2015 an email was received from a member of the public in relation to a recent visit to Shrewsbury town centre. The complaint was mainly to report the inappropriate places in which the persons purporting to be homeless sat and the image that this portrayed to visitors of the town.

On the 21st of March 2015 an anonymous call was made to the police in relation to a male sat begging on the footbridge of Frankwell. The male had been heard to ask people for money as they walked past him sitting on the floor.

On the 23rd March 2015 police had received a call in relation to a vagrant sat outside 'The Works', Pride Hill Shrewsbury. The male was described as being in drink and being verbally abusive to

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customers. A male was identified to be sat at this location. It required the deployment of an officer to deal with this incident.

On the 23rd March 2015 police received a call in relation to males climbing the fence and trying to gain entrance to the rear of the library. The males were described as "tramps who make a terrible mess". This location had become a regular place for vagrants to gather.

On the 22nd May 2015 a call was received in relation to ongoing begging issues, and music playing outside 'Co-op travel agents', Pride Hill Shrewsbury. In particular it mentioned a female sat asking for money, and that persons looked like they were living in a shop doorway. This in turn led customers to complain whilst they have been attending to book holidays. This caused the business to be concerned that they may be losing trade due to customers feeling unsafe attending their premises. Also staff were reported to be feeling unsafe when opening or closing the business due to local vagrants hanging about.

On the 23rd May 2015 another call was received to police in relation to vagrants and beggars sleeping under the archway by the library. These persons were reported to be urinating and leaving excrement everywhere. They had been hiding clothes in hedgerows.

On the 23rd of May 2015 a call was received from a member of the public in relation to a group of 4 males outside Argos in Mardol, Shrewsbury. The witness had seen the males deliberately blocking the path of a pregnant lady and only letting her past when she had given money. It is unknown who the female was however this is an obviously frightening action.

On the 27th May 2015 an e-mail was received in relation to general vagrancy in Shrewsbury town centre and it occurring in a private areas of Shrewsbury's residential spots within the town centre. This resident was very concerned in relation to syringes being found along with urination on his doorstep.

On the 1st of June 2015 a member of the public wrote in to the police and raised her concerns in relation to three persons camping in doorways within Shrewsbury Town Centre. Two of which had been noted to be in the doorway of the empty premise called 'Bank' on Pride Hill and still in their sleeping bags.

On the 11th June 2015 a call was made to the police in relation to homeless activity at the rear of the Carriage Works, Shrewsbury. The informant was concerned due to the amount of smoke which was coming from a home made bonfire smoke and floating towards their home addresses. This in turn had

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raised their anxiety levels and they had become aware of the local camp site causing them anti social behaviour. This matter was only resolved when Shropshire Council issued a letter to the occupants of the camp as it was on their land. The letter demanded that they vacate the land and they complied.

On the 11th of June 2015 another call was received from a concerned member of the public in relation to regular beggars who sat outside Boots, on Pride Hill Shrewsbury. This was specifically in relation to a female who regularly sat there begging for money and was believed to already have a house. This informant believed that she was begging for money for drugs and was not in fact homeless. This call had been made in good faith by a concerned member of the public.

On the 12th of June 2015 a call was made by a concerned member of the public due to the fact that 4 males where sat on the Dana footbridge asking for money. This concerned member of the public had called due to the fact that they found it unacceptable and intimidating having to walk past these individuals.

On the 19th June 2015 a statement was taken from a concerned member of the public reporting 'unsightly' beggars and vagrants within the town centre of Shrewsbury.

On the 27th June 2015 a member of staff from another business on the Pride Hill, Shrewsbury had made a statement in relation to ongoing issues with persons begging near to the area of their business. This trader complained of loss of business as they regularly saw potential customers getting out of the way when local vagrants were having arguments in the street. They then, in turn, avoided her shop. They had witnessed a male who regularly 'passed out' in the street having sat begging all day long. They had seen needles outside their shop left in the flower beds, which they felt was unacceptable and that they shouldn't have to witness. They were generally subject to swearing in the street described as coming from the 'homeless'. This in turn they felt was unacceptable and something which they shouldn't have to put up with. When locking up or opening up in a morning the shop assistants were frightened as they did not know what they would find when they arrived at work.

On the 6th of July 2015 a concerned member of Shrewsbury community had made a statement to the police in relation to individuals sleeping rough on the streets of Shrewsbury town centre. This witness told of the annoyance at being asked for money on most occasions when they walked over the town centre footbridge. This had then progressed to this witness being asked for money when walking down Pride Hill, Shrewsbury Town Centre near to a premises called 'Bank'. This had first started by a male who seemed to set up home in a shop doorway on the closure of the shop called 'Bank'. This witness had noted a large amount of people sat begging on the main streets of Shrewsbury Town centre, and felt that it was unacceptable and intimidating.

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On the 9th of July 2015 an email had been sent from a local concerned business manager in Mardol Head, Shrewsbury. This manager had to suffer on going issues with homeless people sleeping at the rear of the department store for over 12 months. This first came to light on a routine fire test when the staff could not exit the building due to the exit being blocked by vagrants for 15 minutes. These homeless people were reported sleeping at the rear of the fire exit. During this period staff had been forced to clean away – excrement both human and from animals, needles, blood stained clothes, underwear and food waste products . This, in turn, had caused staff members extreme shock and unpleasantness. This mess had just got worse over a 12 month period and to such an extent that drains were becoming blocked with needles. This informant did not feel that the staff at the premise should have had to put up with this type of behaviour, experience picking up used needles or even human waste. In turn they were reporting that they are feeling intimidated and scared by these individuals. This case progressed on to 'Team Shrewsbury' working together and having a gate installed to prevent the access to the rear of these properties to prevent this anti social behavioural issue.

On the 15th of July 2015 Shrewsbury Library had emailed to complain in relation to on going anti social behaviour issues which they had experienced. Most days they reported two vagrants sleeping rough in the archway at the front of the building. At 6 am when staff arrive they felt intimidated having to walk past them. They reported one of their cleaning staff having witnessed individuals taking drugs, which they do not feel is acceptable. Often drug paraphernalia had been found along with needles, human faeces, blood and food items. This had then added a large cost implications to Shrewsbury Town council whom had assisted in helping clean away these areas.

On the 12th of July 2015 another complaint was received from a concerned shop on Pride Hill, Shrewsbury. This is in relation to 2 persons begging in a doorway and being mischievous towards members of the public (namely 'photobombing' a person trying to take photographs of buildings.) This has obviously caused them enough concern to report this to the police, and caused police to attend.

On the 14th July 2015 a complaint was received from Shropshire Tourist Board who had received a complaint from a customer whom was very distressed about a male who had been seen to be setting up home in the front doorways of Bank, Pride Hill, Shrewsbury. This was described as having a negative impact on tourism for Shrewsbury Town Centre upsetting both visitors and tourists. This person described Tourism in Shropshire to be worth £500m pa and directly employed some 14500 people. This was described as being easily undone if there are issues such as persons camping in doorways on a main retail street, that will adversely affect visitor experience.

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On the 27th of August 2015 a complaint has been received from Thornton's, on Pride Hill Shrewsbury in relation to the amount of items discarded in the shops front doorway from rough sleepers. These items include Needles. This is obviously causing staff members to be in fear as they have to clear away the items.

On the 30th August 2015 a complaint was received from a local concerned resident who lives within Shrewsbury town centre. He has reported that within the last 24 hours he has seen rough sleepers sleeping in doorways of a near by Tattoo Shop. On leaving the doorway at 08:00 hours the male was seen urinating in the doorway of the shop doorway, then emptying the vile contents of his pulmonary system (a large globule of phlegm) onto the pavement. In the doorway the rough sleeper left behind his phlegm, litter, which included an empty can of beer.

On the 4th of September 2015 Whilst on foot patrol I had cause to walk past 'Bank' on Pride Hill Shrewsbury. I noticed that the doorway was full of cardboard waste materials which I could only presume was for sleeping on. I noted a smell coming from this area of urine and bodily smells. It was not pleasant.

On the 5th of September 2015 a complaint has been received from Shrewsbury Library in relation to most days having 3 people still sleeping under the archways. On leaving the area the rough sleepers are reported to be leaving behind rubbish, cigarette ends, spit and urine. It is described as looking terrible and also smelling terrible too.

On the 8th of September 2015 a further complaint has been received from another member of the public in relation to a rough sleeper whom is sleeping in the doorway of the local Tattoo parlour. This informant has tried to wake him up due to the fact that he was aware a visitor to the town had witnessed the male urinating in the street.

On the 11th of September 2015 a complaint has been received in relation to a persons sleeping rough in 'Bank' shop doorway.

On the 12th of September 2015 a complaint has been received in relation to homeless persons using St Chad's Churchyard for drug taking.

On the 14th of September 2015 a complaint has been received in relation to a female in Shrewsbury Town Centre pretending to be homeless. This female is described as sitting asking people for money.

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On the 15th of September 2015 a complaint has been received in relation to a male sleeping rough in a shop doorway at Castle Gates, Shrewsbury. This member of the public reports witnessing the male urinating and leaving human faeces behind along with gobules' of sputum.

On the 16th of September 2015 a complaint has been received of ongoing problems of anti social behaviour whereby faeces have been placed into this informants bin.

On the 17th of September 2015 a complaint has been received via Shrewsbury Town Council in relation to a member of the public who has visited Shrewsbury Town Centre with the eyes of a tourist. This complainant is concerned as they have heard the homeless bragging about how much money they can make in Shrewsbury and have even moved here from afar for the rich pickings of Shrewsbury. They report that they are making Shrewsbury look rough and when they walk passed them they often smell, and leave a terrible mess behind. They also play a terrible whistle which is often out of tune and irritating and tuneless. Some are reported to be making the front of the library a mess. The group are reported hanging around the high street walking up and down slightly intimidating in more of an irrational way than violence.

On the 21st of September 2015 a complaint has been received in relation to Pride Hill Shrewsbury and litter, bedding and cardboard being left behind by vagrants. This is making Shrewsbury look a mess.

On the 21st of September 2015 another complaint has been received in relation to vagrants in Shrewsbury. This complaint is in relation to Shrewsbury Library and the general anti social behaviour which they bring. This includes shouting, swearing, dogs barking at customers, general gathering of similar folk causing rowdy behaviour. They are intimidating.

On the 21st of September 2015 a complaint has been received via an email to Shrewsbury Town Council from a very concerned member of the public. This complainant reports the issue to be a health and safety hazard. They report vagrants begging sat on footpaths with no regard to where they are sat. This is usually in the most inconvenient of places meaning an unsuspecting shopper could trip over them.

One local business manager complained as having no alternative but to listen to repetitive penny whistle tunes daily which was becoming unbearable. They will state that they have had several meetings of late and it was now becoming embarrassing in relation to hold a professional meeting under these circumstances. An email had been received in relation to this complaint on **16th July 2015** but the behaviour was still ongoing and something which was becoming increasingly worse. The

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manager commented that Shrewsbury is a small town which was doing very well within the tourist industry but felt that this position was being put at risk.

Beyond the complaints directly listed, I have had weekly contact with Shrewsbury Town Council during the year. They report huge problems cleaning up deposited used needles, excrement and general litter. Predominantly, this was occurring in various public toilets in the town centre causing a direct risk to users of the facilities. Within this period of time a cleaner received a needle stick injury from a recklessly discarded used needle. As a direct result of these problems it became necessary for police forensic examiners to attend the toilets and swab deposited blood on two occasions. The blood was then tested for DNA and was successful in identifying two offenders who at the time were rough sleepers. Whilst this tactic was successful it was at a financial cost to the police and was outside the normal working practices of forensic officers whose core work is around substantive crime (burglaries assaults etc.)

I take part in a multi agency group that looks at helping these individuals. I am able to say that some of those who beg/busk purporting to be homeless do in fact have a house/flat to return to at night and some receive benefits.

Between 1st October 2014 and 27th July 2015, Police Officers operating in Shrewsbury town centre have had grounds to conduct 155 stop searches where the object of the search was drugs. A total of 28 of these were positive in that drugs were found.

Due to the extreme level of Anti Social behaviour within Shrewsbury town centre, predominately at the public toilets, Inspector Preece authorised a dispersal notice under the terms of the Anti Social Behaviour , Crime and Policing Act 2014. These notices give officers a short term option to require persons to leave a defined area. On Inspector Hancox joining the team this has been progressed further forward and numerous notices have been issued. On several occasions numerous persons have breached this orders and have been arrested.

This impact statement is just a summary of the record of complaints for mainly 2015 however the problem has not disappeared in 2016, the list continues and is exhaustive. I can also say that whilst on foot patrol in the town centre I get many shoppers expressing to me that the current situation reflects negatively on the town.

On the 22ND February 2016 a report has been received that rough sleepers are sleeping in the porch way at St Alkmunds Church leaving behind their mess.

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On the 24th February 2016 a report has been received that methadone bottles have been left at Shrewsbury Library which is suspected to have been left by rough sleepers.

On the 4th March 2016 and 8th March 2016 a report has been received that cardboard has been being dumped at the rear of Shrewsbury Library.

On the 11th March 2016 a report has been received that the rough sleepers have left there belongings unattended at St Alkmunds church, Shrewsbury.

On the 14 March 2016 a report has been received that a needle has been found under a bench in Shrewsbury Town Centre Square.

On the 17th March 2016 a report has been received that 3 rough sleepers have been near to the swimming baths leaving behind vomit.

On the 21st March 2016 a report has been received that drug paraphernalia had been disregarded in Butchers Row Toilets.

On the 22nd March 2016 a report has been received that drug paraphernalia had been disregarded in Butchers Row Toilets.

On the 1st April 2016 a report has been received that the sharps box in butchers row toilets had been forced open.

On the 4th April 2016 a report has been received that blood had been left on the wall in Abbey Foregate Toilets along with drug parafinalia.

On the 5th April 2016 a report has been received that a needle and syringe has been found within the toilets at Shrewsbury Bus station.

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On the 6TH April 2016 a report has been received that a needle and syringe has been found on the floor in the toilets of Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury.

On the 7TH April 2016 a report has been received that 6 needle's have been found in a shrub bed at grey friars.

On the 13TH April 2016 a report has been received that a needle has been found in Shrewsbury Market on the floor with a small child playing 3 feet away. This same day reports have been received of Drug which has been squirted all over the wall of both of the toilets at Abbey Foregate.

On the 14TH April 2016 a report has been received that human faeces has been cleaned away from Coffee Passage.

On the 16TH April 2016 a report has been received that a needle and syringe has been found at the cistern in Hills Lane Toilets, Shrewsbury.

On the 17TH April 2016 a report has been received that 4 males have been found in the baby changing room at Butcher Row Toilets. When they have left the area it is reported that they have left behind a spoon and syringe.

On the 4th May 2016 a report has been received that three men have been drinking alcohol while sat in Old St Chads Church Yard, Shrewsbury.

On the 16th May 2016 a report has been received that a needle has been found at the back of the church yard at St Alkmund's church, at 08:30 am.

On the 18th May 2016 a report has been received at 12:00 hours of an empty packet of needles along with other drug paraphernalia. This was found dumped at the back of the Gateway building.

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On the 19th May 2016 a report has been received from local residents complaint directly to Shrewsbury Town council in relation to the anti social behaviour in the church yard at Old St Chad's Church. This same day at 16:30 hours 3 needles have been found along with 3 spoons in a bin within Shrewsbury Town Centre.

This same day 2 needles and packets have been found in a disabled toilet in the Market Hall.

On the 22nd May 2016 a report has been received that a needle and syringe has been found at the bottom of the quarry at 14:48 hours.

On the 23rd May 2016 a report has been received that 2 have been found in the walls by the Shrewsbury Castle.

On the 6th June 2016 a report has been received that a needle has been in the bin at St Alkmund's Church, Shrewsbury. This was also reported that the area was heavily being used by rough sleepers overnight.

On the 12th June 2016 a report has been received that a needle has been found at Bear Steps, Shrewsbury by a member of the public.

On the 13th June 2016 a report has been received that a needle has been found at the bottom of the quarry toilets.

On the 30th of June 2016 a report has been received in relation to belongings found in the church Yard from a rough sleeper. This was at St Alkmunds Church at 09:15 am.

On the 10th of July 2016 at 14:15 report has been received at St Alkmunds church of mess which has believed left behind by Rough sleepers.

On the 14th of July 2016 a call has been made to the police in relation to rough sleepers swearing and drinking alcohol in the street.

On the 15th of July 2016 a report has been received in relation a needle being found by a member of the public by the Shrewsbury Castle.

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This same day a further needle was found again at the back of St Alkmunds church.

On the 18th of July 2016 a report has been received in relation to Human faeces being found by coffee House Passage, Shrewsbury.

On the 20th of July 2016 a report has been received in relation to Butcher Row, and Pride Hill, Shrewsbury outside Lloyds Bank requiring cleansing due to on going rough sleepers.

On the 21st of July 2016 a report has been received in relation to Butcher Row, requiring cleansing due to on going rough sleepers. This is the second day in a row this has had to be cleansed.

On the 25th of July 2016 a report has been received in relation to two homeless people drinking in the undercroft section at the Market Hall at approximately 14:00 hours. This same day needles and drug paraphernalia has been found in the flower bed outside the Premier Inn, Smithfield Road, Shrewsbury.

On the 27th of July 2016 a report has been received in relation to two needles found wedged into the wall at Shrewsbury Castle, with the needle end exposed.

On the 28th of July 2016 a report has been received in relation to a needle found in the shrub bed at Shrewsbury Bus Station.

On the 6th of August 2016 a call has been made to the police in relation to rough sleepers blocking the doorway at the Library. The caller had asked them to move on, however this had failed and as a result felt she had to call the police to move the occupants.

On the 10th of August 2016 a report has been received at 14:00 in relation to the following amount of drugs paraphernalia being found in a shrub bed at Greyfriars – 3 x metal spoons 2 x pink needles, 2 white needles, (1 x uncapped,) 6 x water viles, 7x empty needles wrappers, 1 x brown bag 1 x unused sharps box

On the 13th of August 2016 a report has been received in relation to a group of homeless people hanging around outside a restaurant on Pride Hill Shrewsbury at 5am. This group are described as

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intimidating for staff working, customers attending the restaurant and for staff trying to start work. At 11:40 this same location experienced the same group trying to use the restaurants toilets without purchasing items. When challenged the group argued with the manager which caused distress to customers.

On the 14th of August 2016 a report has been received at 16:00 in relation to a witness seeing a female injecting in full view of others and her children outside The Prince Rupert Hotel, Butchers Row. This has left this witness extremely disturbed. At 17:30 hours police have been called to a fight between rough sleepers in this same area which has obviously effected customers within this area.

At 15:00 hours this same day a report has been received via a local business that a homeless male has picked up food off a customers plate as they have passed the outlet.

On the 22nd of August 2016 a report has been received in relation to a 'homeless man' sitting in Butcher Row begging with a dog. This male was surrounded by litter and left without clearing his mess. This incident is reported as intimidating and off putting to shoppers entering the local businesses of that area. They will even go as far as to say customers were seen to leave the area due to this poor behaviour.

Again this same day a report has been received in relation to 2 men, 1 woman in Old St Chad's area of Shrewsbury Town Centre at 0900 am swearing and general described as drunk.

On the 23rd of August 2016 at 16:20 hours 4 rough sleepers have been described as swearing loudly and drinking in Princess Street, Shrewsbury. This witness has seen members of the public quickly leaving the area due to this behaviour. As a result this business owner feels that they are loosing business.

This same day urine has had to be cleared away from under the old market hall at the back of the square area of Shrewsbury.

On the 24th of August 2016 a complaint has been reported in relation to a customer of a local business in Butcher's Row complaining about witnessing rough sleepers exchanging what they believe to be drugs. Which they feel is intimidating and not wanting them to return to Shrewsbury Shopping.

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On this same date a report has been received that at 13:32 of 2 rough sleepers drinking alcohol, being loud as they have walked to Old St Chad's church by a local occupant from Princess Street. This has left staff feeling intimidated.

On this same date a report has been received that at 15:45 a male has been seen to urinate against Old St Chad's church by a local occupant from Princess Street.

On this same day a further call has been received to the police in relation to rough sleepers congregating near the toilets in Butchers Row, Shrewsbury and believed to be swapping items between themselves.

On the 25th of August 2016 a large business has had to clear human waste from its front doors prior to opening along with rubbish left by overnight rough sleepers.

On the 26th of August 2016 a report has been received from a local business in Princess Street that 2 men and 1 woman have been seen to exchange items within the church yard. A male has then gone on to urinate in full view of members of the public.

This same day a report has been received that a homeless couple's dog has been seen left to roam around the streets even entering a restaurant disturbing customers. This was reported at 19:30.

On the 27th of August 2016 Another call has been received in relation to on going anti social behaviour concerns at St Alkmunds Church, Shrewsbury. There were 6 people getting set up to sleep rough at the location and it was noted that there was a vast amount of drug paraphernalia scattered about.

On the 29th of August 2016 a report has been received from a member of the community that she has felt very threatened by a group who she named as 'homeless'.

This same day at 16:22 hours a separate report has been made of a needle being left on top of a soap dispenser in Butcher Row Toilets. This item was removed however clearly is a dangerous hazard.

On the 30th of August 2016 a complaint has been reported of a congregation of rough sleepers in St Alkmund's Church Yard at 1000 am who when leaving the area left behind their excrement and litter. It

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should be noted that this area does in fact have its own public toilet. This report has been described as 'putting off customers from the area and effecting overall custom'.

This same day an incident has been reported by a separate report in relation to at 14:00 2 rough sleepers standing on Butchers row shouting across the street to one another. This business owner was forced to close the door.

This same day at 1700 hours a report has been received that a rough sleeper has fallen into a shop keepers car parked on Butchers Row. This behaviour has been intimidating.

This same day another report has been received by a member of the community in relation to the disgusting rubbish left by the rough sleepers at the church at the top of Butchers Row. This rubbish includes Human faeces . Described as an horrific amount which the council had to call out a special van in order to clean up the mess.

On the 31st of August 2016 a report has been made in relation to a group gathering at the top of Butchers Row described as 'rough sleepers' congregating and swearing and shouting in the street. This is reported at 17:30 hours and being very off putting to customers and intimidating for staff.

On the 1st of September 2016 a report has been received that at 16:20 hours at Clarence Memorial Greyfriars Bridge, Shrewsbury 9 rough sleepers have been noted 'hanging about'. Also at this same area drug paraphernalia has been recovered .

This same day at St Alkmunds Church a large amount of rubbish has been left behind from Rough sleepers in the porch area at the church. This has been reported at 14:15 hours.

On the 2nd of September 2016 a report has been received that at 14:00 hours three rough sleepers have been spotted asking an unknown member of the community for money along Princess Street.

On this same day a further complaint has been received in relation to a complaint from a local resident about rough sleepers outside St Alkmund's Church Shrewsbury. The caller is complaining as they are drunk, loud, possibly drug taking and swearing.

On the 3rd of September 2016 a report has been received that the rough sleepers are back at St Alkmunds Church being noisy and generally anti social throwing cardboard around the area etc.

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On the 5th of September 2016 a report has been received that at 10:00- 14:00 numerous people sitting on a bench with an uncontrollable dog in Pride Hill Shrewsbury. This has left the informant feeling intimidated.

On the 6th of September 2016 a report has been received that at 0730 am a homeless person has been found sleeping under the arches under the Old Market Hall.

On the 8th of September 2016 a report has been received at 15:27 a group of rough sleepers stumbling past businesses on Princess Street drinking from cans of alcohol, and shouting abuse at one another. This has been reported as intimidating for customers.

This same day two rough sleepers are reported on the bridge of the Dana footbridge at 07:40 hours.

On the 13th of September 2016 a report has been received that at 10:30 am a homeless person has been found sleeping under the arches under the Old Market Hall and hadn't moved on from the previous evening. This person eventually moved at 11:30 am. This incident was causing The Old Market Hall to be concerned in relation to the amount of mess which the male was leaving behind.

This same day due to Rough sleepers Claremont Place had to be deep cleaned due to excess waste left behind.

At 11:15 hours two rough sleepers have been described as sitting on the Dana Bridge drinking.

On the 14th of September 2016 a business owner from Butcher Row, Shrewsbury at 16:30 hours has reported a blonde haired homeless female swearing loudly and under the influence swaying walking up Pride Hill Shrewsbury in full view of other members of the public.

On this same day a further incident has been recorded at 12:19 in relation to 2 persons swearing and describing sexual acts loudly whilst drinking in Old St Chad's, Shrewsbury. This business owner was left feeling very uncomfortable and was left having to shut his door to prevent hearing the extremely unpleasant conversations.

This same day at Shrewsbury Library human faeces has been found along with toilet paper within the shrub bed.

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On the 15th of September 2016 a business owner from Butcher Row, Shrewsbury at 16:30 hours has reported a large group of youths on Pride Hill Shrewsbury swearing and being intimidating towards members of the public.

On the 16th of September 2016 a business owner from Butcher Row, Shrewsbury at 12:00 hours has reported a large congregation of the homeless standing outside Butcher Row Toilets area using fowl language and general anti social behaviour. This behaviour is reported as intimidating towards members of the public / customers generally running riot in the street.

On the 17th of September 2016 a local shop owner from Old St Chad's has complained that a unknown female has been to the toilet behind the tomb in full view of themselves and 2 other people who have been within the premise. They also will describe rough sleepers as 'They're regularly up and down the street, noisy, spitting, drunk, even one girl was being sick the other day'.

This same day a further report has been received from a concerned business owner of 7-8 'drunks' in Old St Chad's Shrewsbury shouting at their customers, shop owners and pedestrians along with defecating in a public place in an open view. This has been reported as extremely disgusting and intimidating for them selves and customers. Also walking in the street drinking from open alcohol containers.

On the 18th of September 2016 a report has been received that at 12:30 am a homeless person has been found sleeping under the arches under the Old Market Hall. This incident was called in to the police and he was removed at 16:05.

On the 19th and 20th of September 2016 it should be noted that urine has been found within Peacocks Passage which has been believed left by members of the Shrewsbury community.

On the 20th of September 2016 a report has been received that at 16:00 a male who usually sits with an 'ex army sign' has been sat on the Dana footbridge asking for change as people have walked by.

This same day a further report has been made to the police in relation to homeless persons sleeping rough in land just off the river. It has also been noted that these persons have been seen to inject into the leg. This witness does not want to see this type of behaviour.

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On the 21st of September 2016 syringes have been found along Town Walls in Shrewsbury, along with 2 empty wraps. Outside Shrewsbury Library blankets, pillows and empty beer cans have been found.

On the 22nd of September 2016 people described as rough sleepers have been found sleeping outside the front of Shrewsbury Castle. One male from this group has been seen urinating against the wall behind the ornamental guns. On this same date 3 used drug spoons have been found in Clements Memorial.

This same day Hill's Lane Toilets have had their sharp's box broken into. The remnants of the box has been left scattered on the floor.

On the 23rd of September 2016 a complaint has been made in relation to a homeless male who has kept coming into a shop within Shrewsbury Town Centre to use the toilets, dressed in a camouflage jacket with a grey beard. Due to his attire this made customers feel uncomfortable.

On this same day a rough sleeper has been found within the grounds of Old St Chad's Church yard.

On the 24th of September 2016 a complaint has been received via a local business in Princess street that a male within the grounds of Old St Chad's that a male is within that area removing his trousers and changing into new ones. This male was believed to be a rough sleeper from Shrewsbury Town Centre.


On the 26th of September 2016 a complaint has been made that 3 rough sleepers are sleeping blocking the plant room door outside The Old Market Hall.

On the 30th September 2016 a complaint has been received in relation to 2 homeless persons sitting on Pride Hill asking passers by for money.

This same day a complaint has been received also in relation to a group of about 6 males whom are drinking and causing an issue. Members whom have been attending the Shropshire Library have been complaining. The group are congregating in the courtyard area.

This same a further call to police has been received in relation to beggars sitting outside Lloyds Bank, Pride Hill Shrewsbury. They are described as asking customers for money and generally making a nuisance of themselves. On police arrival it should be noted that a homeless males belongings had been left unattended at this location.

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On the 1st October 2016 a complaint has been made in relation to an amorous couple on a bench in Princess Street Shrewsbury, also swigging from a bottle and they were not taking any notice of others watching them.

On the 1st October 2016 a complaint has been made in relation to a group of youths hanging out at St Alkmunds Church, shouting and being loud.

On the 3rd October 2016 a complaint has been received in relation to a complaint from a local resident about rough sleepers outside St Alkmund's Church Shrewsbury. The caller is complaining as they are drunk, loud and swearing.

On the 4th October 2016 a complaint has been received from a restaurant on Pride Hill Shrewsbury in relation to a female whom was described as a rough sleeper, swearing at a member of staff.

On the 6th October 2016 a complaint has been received from a local business of Pride Hill stating that the homeless are congregating on pride hill and they feel this scares people making them feeling intimidated.

On the 7th October 2016 a complaint has received in relation to needles, syringes and spoon being left on the floor in the toilet cubicle at Butcher Row Toilets, Shrewsbury. Later this same day a gang of rough sleepers have been noted, as they have been hanging around at the back of St Alkmunds Church.

A further call has been received to the police from a business on Pride Hill in relation to on going problems of homeless sleeping in the doorway of their premise. This is reported as causing them to feel harassed to attend work. They also report having to clean up human waste daily and litter left behind by individuals.

This same day a premise on Pride hill has complained in relation to an ex solder camped outside a shop on pride Hill which customers have complained about having made them feel intimidated.

On the 10th October 2016 a complaint has been received that two sleepers have been in the doorway drinking lager and leaving rubbish behind when they leave the area of Hills Lane Shrewsbury.

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On the 16th October 2016 a complaint has been received in relation to 2 naked people having sex outside St Alkmund's Church, Shrewsbury. The caller describes the homeless people including mentioning seeing a bottom.

This really is only an overview of the current issues which Shrewsbury Town Centre is currently experiencing.



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