



**Shrewsbury & Atcham  
Borough Council**  
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## **The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005**

### **The Control of the Distribution of Free Literature (Shrewsbury & Atcham Borough Council) Order 2007**

#### **Commencement and title and interpretation**

The Shrewsbury & Atcham Borough Council (in this Order called “the Authority”), in exercise of its powers under Schedule 3A of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and all other enabling powers, hereby makes the following Order:

1. This Order comes into force on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2008.
2. This Order applies to the land designated by the Authority and specified in the Schedule to this Order (“the Land”).
3. For the purposes of this Order—
  - (a) to “distribute” printed matter means to give it out to, or offer or make it available to, members of the public and includes placing it on or affixing it to vehicles, but does not include putting it inside a building or letter-box;
  - (b) printed matter is “free” if it is distributed without charge to the persons to whom it is distributed.
  - (c) For the purposes of this Order a person does not distribute printed matter if the distribution takes place inside a public service vehicle (within the meaning of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981).
4. This Order shall be cited as ‘The Control of the Distribution of Free Literature (Shrewsbury & Atcham Borough Council) Order 2007’

#### **Offence**

5. (1) A person commits an offence if he distributes any free printed matter without the consent of the Authority on the Land, where the person knows that the distribution of free printed matter on the Land is controlled by this Order.
  - (2) A person commits an offence if he causes another person to distribute any free printed matter without the consent of a principal litter authority the Land.
  - (3) A person is not guilty of an offence under sub-paragraph (2) if he took reasonable steps to ensure that the distribution did not occur on the Land
  - (3) Nothing in this article applies to the distribution of printed matter—

- (a) by or on behalf of a charity within the meaning of the Charities Act 1993, where the printed matter relates to or is intended for the benefit of the charity;
- (b) where the distribution is for political purposes or for the purposes of a religion or belief.

**Penalty**

- 6. A person who is guilty of an offence under article 5 shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 4 on the standard scale.

**Date 18 December 2007**

**The Common Seal of the Shrewsbury & Atcham  
Borough Council was hereto affixed in the presence  
of:**

**Authorised Signatory  
[insert position in the authority]**

**Schedule**

All that land within the river loop, extending into the Frankwell and Abbey Foregate areas of Shrewsbury edged with red on the plan attached to this Order at Annex 1.

