

PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER: SHREWSBURY TOWN CENTRE

MONITORING REPORT: 01.04.18 – 31.05.18

- OVERVIEW

Following a period of consultation, the proposal for a Public Spaces Protection Order to be enforced in Shrewsbury Town Centre was approved by Cabinet on 21st June 2017 with an effective commencement date of 1st August 2017.

The following report highlights data collated by Shropshire Council (Community Protection and Team Shrewsbury) as well as West Mercia Police, in relation to the conditions outlined within the PSPO. Data collated during the period 1st April – 31st May 18 has been amalgamated and displayed in the tables below. Data analysis is in line with the geographical boundary covered by the Public Spaces Protection Order.

Data available to Shropshire Council is presented in relation to each of the conditions of the PSPO in order to highlight reporting trends, and assess the impact of the order as measured against the established baseline.

- REPORTING CATEGORIES

Following a review of the existing datasets collated by Shropshire Council and partner agencies in relation to crime and anti-social behaviour, the following reporting categories have been established in order to monitor the impact of the order. These categories were introduced as of 1st October 2016, and are aligned with the behaviours the PSPO aims to prohibit. Other categories relevant to wider ASB issues will still be collated by a number of agencies, however the categories detailed below have been developed to reflect the most problematic issues encountered within the town centre.

Datasets are collated monthly by the ‘Team Shrewsbury’ multi agency operational group, Shropshire Council Community Protection Team and West Mercia Police. Please note, multiple categories may be selected in relation to a single incident.

Alcohol litter	Drug litter
Alcohol related	Drug misuse
Aggressive begging	Drug dealing
Begging	Excrement/Urinating
Nuisance busking	Fly tipping/Littering
Congregation	Personal items left
Dog fouling	Graffiti
Dog control	Suspicious behaviour
Damage/Arson	

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- ANALYSIS OF DATA - PSPO CONDITIONS

- a) **No person shall urinate or defecate in a public area not being a facility intended for such use.**

INCIDENT TYPE	APR	MAY
Urinating/Defecating	2	5

- b) **No person shall, for any duration of time, leave unattended in a public area any personal effects or belongings or any other material or paraphernalia including anything that may be considered discarded or waste material.**

INCIDENT TYPE	APR	MAY
Personal Belongings	4	6
Alcohol Litter	14	14
Drug Litter	31	25
Fly Tipping/Littering	5	16
Total	54	61

- c) **No person shall refuse to stop drinking alcohol or hand over any containers (sealed or unsealed) which are believed to contain alcohol, when required to do so by an authorised officer, provided that officer has reason to believe that that person is causing or is likely to cause nuisance, alarm, harassment or distress to any other person.**

DATASET	APR	MAY
Alcohol Related Incidents	14	5
Alcohol Litter	14	14
Total	28	19

The table below displays all alcohol related crimes and incidents recorded by West Mercia Police during the review period, and committed within the Shrewsbury Urban section. This data will be monitored in order to identify any potential displacement;

DATASET	APR	MAY
Alcohol related Crime	16	
Alcohol related Police Incidents	51	51

*Please note, the system used to record crime data changed during Q3 2017/18 which could potentially have an impact on the information extracted. Crime data for May is unavailable.

- d) **No person shall refuse to disperse from a public area and not to return to that public area for 48 hours when required to do so by an authorised officer, provided that officer has reason to believe that that person is causing or likely to cause nuisance, alarm, harassment or distress to any other person.**

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All reporting categories can be considered relevant to this particular condition. However, it should be recognised that certain issues such as drug misuse, drug dealing, littering and dog fouling will potentially be dealt with via more appropriate and effective primary legislation.

INCIDENT TYPE	APR	MAY	TOTAL
Alcohol litter	14	14	28
Alcohol related	14	5	19
Aggressive begging	0	0	0
Begging	1	0	1
Nuisance busking	1	0	1
Congregation	0	2	2
Damage/Arson	4	8	12
Dog control	2	2	4
Dog fouling	2	1	3
Drug litter	31	25	56
Drug misuse	10	12	22
Drug dealing	1	5	6
Urinating/Defecating	2	5	7
Fly tipping/Littering	5	16	21
Personal items left	4	6	10
Graffiti	0	0	0
Suspicious behaviour	2	6	8
Grand Total	93	107	200