## SHREWSBURY STREET ENTERTAINERS

## **Guidelines**

Shrewsbury welcomes Street Entertainers and Buskers! You are an important part of the town's cultural life, adding vibrancy and atmosphere to our public places.

This leaflet provides guidance regarding what is, and what is not expected when performing. Shrewsbury welcomes buskers who contribute positively to the town centre environment.

We want busking to be part of a vibrant town centre experience, but it should not be to the detriment of the town centre trading and residential environment. This leaflet is aimed at ensuring all parties have a positive town centre experience. We ask you to be considerate of the volume of your performance. It should not be so loud that it unreasonably affects businesses or residents' ability to use their premises as intended. If you are requested to reduce the volume we ask that you do this respectfully.

Should negative impacts of street entertainers be reported, there are a range of existing statutory powers relating to vagrancy, noise nuisance, public order, and highway obstruction that can be used should there be persistent issues. By adhering to this guide you are far less likely to cause complaints and be subject to formal intervention.

Whether you are an aspiring musician or a seasoned pro, you have much to offer the town, so please adhere to the guidance and have fun. We look forward to enjoying your performance!



## **GUIDELINES**

- Only perform between 10am 9pm and only in designated entertainment areas specified on the map below.
- Please do not use amplification. The Shrewsbury town centre Public Space Protection Order has additional information regarding amplification.
- Clean up any litter that is left after performances.
- Performers should play for no more than one hour in one location, and should not return to perform within fifty metres of their original location for 48 hours.
- Please provide a variety of music and avoid repeating songs.
- Animals are not recommended in the company of performers (except for assistance dogs).

## **RULES**

- Performers must not perform in a manner that poses a danger to themselves or the public (performers are advised to have their own Public Liability Insurance and provide evidence when asked to by an officer of the council).
- Performers must not obstruct the highway (this includes roads and pavements), public places or entrances to shops and should ensure their audiences do not either.

- Performers must not block the use of any public facilities (including telephone kiosks, post boxes, bus stops and cash machines).
- Performers must not use street furniture (including seats, lamps, bollards, railings and planters) as part of any performance.
- Performers should not ask for money.
   Collecting money for charity will require a Street Collection Permit.
- Performers must not hand out leaflets or promotional materials.
- This area is subject to street trading restrictions, therefore the selling of goods, gratuities, merchandise or tickets is not permitted.
  - Contact licensing@shropshire.gov.uk for more information.
- Pedlar's Certificates: you must not remain stationary. You must generally keep on the move, pausing only to make sales.



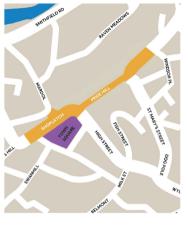
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- Locations where busking is welcomed
- Locations where you must book to perform. Contact museumbookings@shropsh ire.gov.uk for more information.



