

UK RECOVERY WALK 2018: SHREWSBURY NOTE OF INTEREST



The Shropshire Safer Stronger Communities Board is submitting a 'Note of Interest proposing that Shrewsbury hosts the UK Recovery Walk 2018.

We believe that in Shrewsbury, we have the perfect location for the UK Recovery Walk 2018.

Shrewsbury is a beautiful, medieval market town of wonderful character and the county town of Shropshire, a large rural county sitting on the English and Welsh border. Shropshire is the largest inland county in England consisting of many market towns, each with their own distinctive nature.

Shrewsbury is also the centre of our countywide, ever growing and developing, recovery community.

The Shropshire Recovery Partnership delivers evidence-based treatment and recovery services across the county. Since launching in 2016, the service has promoted a real focus on building recovery within individuals, families and communities across the county. Working with passion and determination, recovery is firmly at the centre of service provision in Shropshire.

This, coupled with an expanding wider recovery and mutual aid network consisting of NA, AA and SMART makes Shrewsbury the ideal place to hold this prestigious event

The Shropshire recovery community have a tradition of attending previous recovery walks and the potential of Shrewsbury hosting the walk in 2018 has been met locally with huge enthusiasm.

The chance of hosting the walk, would serve to galvanise the recovery community from all corners of our county, bringing people together to create a legacy that will last for many years.

In preparation for expressing our interest key partners from Shropshire Council, Shrewsbury Town Council, West Mercia Police, Street Pastors, University Centre Shrewsbury and The Shrewsbury Business Improvement District amongst others, have met to ensure there is local support for hosting the walk. Key elements such as the FAVOR UK Conference and the now traditional Friday night worship service and sleepover have all been considered. All of the partners are committed to making the Recovery Walk the best that it can be.

Participants would enjoy a wonderful circular walk route around our historic town, beginning and ending in the stunning Quarry Town Park; the venue for a family focused 'end of walk' celebration event on the banks of the River Severn.

Additionally, The FAVOR UK Conference would enjoy the benefits and facilities of University Centre Shrewsbury. Based in the town centre, the University offers first class organisational support and access to excellent speakers, making the 2018 conference a standout event.

Being centrally located with good transport links, Shrewsbury is ideally placed for attracting walkers from all over the UK, especially increased numbers from around the West Midlands, the North West and Wales.

We believe that in Shrewsbury we would deliver a memorable 10th anniversary recovery walk that would truly celebrate the benefits of recovery.

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Prof. Rod Thomson.

Director of Public Health.