

ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

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| Date: | Wednesday, 17 May 2023 |
| Title: | Appointments to Advisory Committees and Outside Organisations |
| Contact Officer: | Deputy Town Clerk, Adam Clapton |

Background

The Town Council appoints representatives to the following Advisory Committees/Outside Bodies and it is usually recommended that those appointed as per below should serve until the Annual Council Meeting following the next ordinary election of Councillors in 2027.

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| Witney Traffic Advisory Committee | - | 4 |
| Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils [Larger Councils] | - | 1 – Leader of the Council |
| West Witney Sports & Social Club | - | 2 |
| Witney Town Band | - | 1 |
| Witney & District Twinning Association | - | 3 (Mayor (Ex officio)) |
| West Oxfordshire Museum Centre | - | 1 |
| St Mary’s Church Preservation Trust | - | Mayor |
| Volunteer Link Up | - | 1 |
| RAF Brize Norton – Local Consultation Working Group | - | 1 |
| Witney Allotment Association | - | 1 |
| Witney Youth Council Mentors | - | 2 |
| Friends of the Cemeteries | - | 2 |
| Home Start Champions | - | 3 |
| Lower Windrush Valley Project | - | 1 |
| West Oxfordshire Community Transport | - | 1 |
| Witney Fair Trade Action Group Champion | - | 1 |

NOMINEES – SERVING AS TRUSTEES

Listed below are the Town Council nominees serving on other outside bodies. The expiry dates of terms of office on these bodies are shown. The terms of office are set by the various bodies and Council appointments are made on the expiry of the term or vacancies caused by resignation, disqualification, etc.:

(* Denotes non-Member of Witney Town Council)

Term of office expires

Witney Town Hall Charity – 4-year term of office

The Witney Town Hall Charity owns the Town Hall, Townhouse and the Buttercross and is the Town Council's landlord. The primary purpose of the Charity is to ensure the properties are kept in good order, and secondly with the rental income a small grant pot is provided to support the work of local organisations.

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| Mr H B Eaglestone* | May 2025 |
| Ms Mandy Collicut* (Co-opted Trustee) | Feb 2027 |
| Cllr O Collins | May 2023 |
| Mrs L Duncan | May 2023 |
| Mrs R Crouch* | May 2026 |
| Mr D Semaine* (Co-opted Trustee) | Oct 2023 |
| Mrs L J Semaine* | Jun 2026 |
| (The Town Council does not nominate co-opted Trustees) | |

Witney Town Charity – 4-year term of office

The charitable objectives of the Witney Town Charity are:

1. The provision and maintenance of Almshouses for poor persons
2. The relief of poor persons in conditions of need, hardship or distress. It operates 18 Almshouses and also provides grants for those in need.

Within its constitution it allows for 6 Witney Town Councillors to be on the Trust as nominated Trustees

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| Mr B Beadle* | May 2026 |
| Mrs M Jones* | Jun 2024 |
| Mrs R Crouch* | May 2026 |
| Vacancy | May 2027 |
| Cllr J Aitman | Jun 2025 |
| Mr C Woodward* | Feb 2026 |

Witney Educational Foundation (WEF) – 4-year term of office

WEF provides financial support for the schools of Witney and surrounding communities to enable all students to enjoy full range of activities offered by each school. It also provides grants for families in need, to assist with the cost of extra-curricular activities, educational visits, school clothing and other essential items.

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| Cllr J Aitman | July 2023 |
| Cllr L Duncan | May 2025 |
| Mr R W Barton* | May 2024 |
| Mr C K Woodward* | May 2026 |

Cogges Welfare Trust Charity – 4-year term of office

The Cogges Welfare Trust Charity maintains the charities property including the upkeep of the Witney Market Clock and Clock House. Remaining income is used for the relief of hardship etc. by the way of grants to people in need.

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| J Aitman | July 2024 |
| D Enright | July 2024 |
| Mr H W Chirgwin* | July 2024 |

Madley Park Hall Trust - 4 year term of office

Objectives and aims: The provision and maintenance of a village hall for the use of the inhabitants of Witney and the surrounding area without distinction of political, religious or other opinions, including use for:

- (a) meetings, lectures and classes, and
- (b) other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the inhabitants

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| J Aitman | May 2023 |
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Arising from the above it will be seen that nominations are required as listed below:

1. Witney Town Hall Charity:- **2 Council-nominated vacancies**

Members should note that the Clerk to the Trustees of Witney Town Hall Charity is now Mrs Sharon Groth, Town Clerk & Chief Executive Officer of Witney Town Council.

2. Witney Town Charity:- **1 Council-nominated vacancy**

3. Witney Educational Foundation:-

The term of office for Cllr Joy Aitman expires in July 2023.

4. Madley Park Hall Trust:- **1 Council-nominated vacancy**

Recommendations

Members are invited to note the report and

1. consider the appointments to the outside bodies/organisations, and
2. consider the appointments as trustees to the four organisations where trusteeships have or are due to expire this municipal year.