

FULL COUNCIL

Date: 26 June 2023

Title: Civic Announcements

Contact Officer: Secretary to the Mayor – Loraine Harwood

APRIL 23 – JUNE 23

The role of Mayor involves chairing the Town Council, sitting as an ex officio voting member on council committees, representing and promoting Witney, organising key events in the town in partnership with others, raising funds for local charities, and supporting community activities which contribute to the life of the town and the objectives of the Witney Town Council. The Mayor is supported by the Deputy Mayor, whose attendance in place of or alongside the Mayor is noted in the report below.

This is a regular report to each full council meeting, detailing the activities of the Mayor since the last meeting.

Kindly note that this report spans the activities of both Cllr Liz Duncan as Mayor and Cllr Owen Collins as Deputy Mayor until 17 May, and Cllr Owen Collins as Mayor and Cllr Georgia Meadows as Deputy Mayor from that date.

SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY

Pre-Coronation commemorative tea party – Mill House care home
Friendship café for Dementia Awareness – Millers Grange care home

Town Band spring concert – Langdale Hall (new Deputy Mayor attended)
Witney Rotary Colour Run start (new Deputy Mayor attended)
Witney Pride March and festival (new Deputy Mayor also attended)
Judging Strictly Oxford 2023
Dementia information day – Methodist Church
Buttercross Quilters exhibition
Opening Witney Music Festival on Friday night and speaking on Saturday afternoon
Witney and WO Foodbank open afternoon
Induction of Minister – Witney Congregational Church
Volunteer Link Up 40th anniversary
Bright Horizons Day Nursery opening
WOCT new bus route opening (new Deputy Mayor attended)

REPRESENTING AND PROMOTING WITNEY

Annual formal reception at RAF Brize Norton

KEY EVENTS AND COUNCIL ACTIVITY

Coronation Commemorative tree planting – Oxlease Field
Coronation Flag raising – Town Hall

Events at Corn Exchange inc Official Coronation Cry, Coronation screening and Craft afternoon – attended by both Mayor and Deputy Mayor
Coronation Big lunch – The Leys - attended by both Mayor and Deputy Mayor

Flag raising for Witney Pride (attended by new Mayor and Deputy Mayor)
World Refugee Day flag raising
Armed Forces Day flag raising (alongside new Deputy Mayor, Mayor's Army Cadet, and Air Cadet)

RAISING FUNDS

Presentation of Charity funds raised to Volunteer Link Up (£800)
Presentation of Charity funds raised to Windrush Bike project (£800)

Mayor's Charities 2022-23:

Volunteer Link Up
Windrush Bike Project

Mayor's Charities 2023-24:

APCAM
Yellow Submarine

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