

## FULL COUNCIL

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**Date:** 4 December 2023

**Title:** Civic Announcements

**Contact Officer:** Secretary to the Mayor – Loraine Harwood

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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.

### **SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY**

Moshon Data 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary open day - Witney  
Unveiling Oxfordshire's Gallantry Board – Woodstock museum  
Rotary Club Charity evening – Witney Lakes Resort  
Witney Wrap-up promotion with Rotary – WTC Admin office  
Sainsbury's Witney store re-opening  
Starbucks Witney (within Sainsbury's) opening  
Charity Ball – ICE centre Witney – Deputy Mayor also attending  
Citizenship ceremony in Oxford as guest of Witney family becoming British citizens - Oxford County Hall  
Official opening of The Crafty Pint - Langdale Gate Witney  
Transgender Day of Remembrance Vigil – also Deputy Mayor attended  
Witney Dramatic Society double bill - Corn Exchange

### **REPRESENTING and PROMOTING WITNEY**

Court Sermon & Civic Procession, Christchurch Cathedral  
Lord Lieutenant of Oxfordshire Awards event – Blenheim Palace – attended by Deputy Mayor  
Attending Volkstrauertag in Unterhaching with Twinning Assoc  
Mayor of Carterton drinks reception and lights event  
Civic Carol Service – Burford – Deputy Mayor attending

### **KEY EVENTS AND COUNCIL ACTIVITY**

Councillors' tour of Witney Lake & Country Park  
Meeting Twin Town representatives from Unterhaching  
Remembrance Day – attended also by Deputy Mayor  
Covid memorial – The Leys  
Meeting Toby Wright and Town Band re Mayor's Carol Service  
Christmas Lights Switch drinks reception with Rotary members  
Christmas Lights Switch-on event  
Advent Fayre Corn Exchange  
Christmas Card entry judging

**RAISING FUNDS**

**Mayor's Charities 2023-24:**

APCAM  
Yellow Submarine

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