

FULL COUNCIL

Date: 19 February 2024

Title: Civic Announcements

Contact Officer: Secretary to the Mayor – Loraine Harwood

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

ICE Centre Christmas performance – Deputy Mayor also attended
Smith’s estate Witney senior citizens Christmas lunch – Deputy Mayor also attended
SSNAP Carol Service – St Mary’s Church Witney
Witney Community Support Service Christmas lunch
Wood Green School Christmas concert
Millers Grange care home – Friendship Café
Band of Brothers community homecoming event – Jubilee Hall Oxford
Rotary Club speaker – Blue Boar Witney
Judging and presentation at Chilli Cook Off event – Crafty Pint
Buttercross Theatre Production Panto at Corn Exchange – Deputy Mayor also attended
Witney Dramatic Society Panto at Methodist Church - Witney

REPRESENTING and PROMOTING WITNEY

Oxfordshire Masons invite to Jack & The Beanstalk at Oxford Playhouse
TVP Thanksgiving and Christmas celebration Christchurch Cathedral Oxford
Lord Mayor of Oxford Carol Concert, Town Hall Oxford – Deputy Mayor attended
Oxfordshire Together for Humanity – Town Hall Oxford – Deputy Mayor attended
Holocaust Memorial Day service – Deputy Mayor attended
Oxfordshire Gang Show – Radley College Abingdon
Bicester Mayor’s Charity pub quiz – Nightingale Bicester

KEY EVENTS AND COUNCIL ACTIVITY

Mayor’s Carol Service – St Mary’s Church Witney
Photos with Christmas Card winners – Blakes School
Photos with Christmas Card winners – Madley Brook School

RAISING FUNDS

Mayor's Quiz Night Feb 24 – final amount to be confirmed approx. £770

Mayor's Charities 2023-24:

APCAM

Yellow Submarine

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