

## FULL COUNCIL



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**Agenda Item:** Civic Announcements

**Meeting Date:** Monday 14 April 2025

**Contact Officer:** Secretary to the Mayor

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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 which detailing the activities of the Mayor since the last meeting of the Council.

### Supporting the Community

Covid Day of Reflection video recorded at Covid Memorial

Blessing of Covid Memorial with Rev Dr Hester Jones

Bellringing with Witney Bell Ringers

Opening Hotters Shoes – Marriott's Walk Witney

Friday prayers at Elsharkawy Islamic Centre – Mayor and Deputy Mayor

Friday prayers at Witney Methodist Church – Mayor & Deputy Mayor attended separate Fridays

Witney Town Band AGM

Eid Celebration in Corn Exchange – Hosted by the Mayor

### Representing and Promoting Witney

Oxfordshire Scout and Guide Show – Abingdon

Launch of Oxfordshire's affiliation with HMS Diamond & the re-signing of the Armed Forces Covenant at Blenheim Palace – attended by Mayor and Deputy Mayor

Lord Mayor of Oxford Charity Quiz – Town Hall Oxford

Banbury Town Mayor Civic Supper – Banbury Town Hall – attended by Deputy Mayor

Iftar - themed interfaith evening of 'Voices in Unity' Oxford Academy – attended by Mayor and Deputy Mayor

Thame Town Mayor's Charity Ball – attended by Deputy Mayor

## **Key Events and Council Activity**

Witney Town Council and Windrush Radio Decades Disco – Corn Exchange

Meeting Mayor's Chaplain – Rev Dr Hester Jones

Annual Town Meeting – attended by Mayor and Deputy Mayor

Commonwealth Day Flag Raising

Civic Reception and Citizen of the Year – attended by Mayor and Deputy Mayor

The Wedding Singer opening night – Corn Exchange

## **Raising Funds -Mayor's Charities 2024-25:**

Every Brilliant Thing play at Corn Exchange – proceeds for Mayor's charities

APCAM

Yellow Submarine

ABandOfBrothers

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