

## FULL COUNCIL



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**Agenda Item:** Civic Announcements

**Meeting Date:** Monday 23 June 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.

**This report spans the terms of office of Cllr Owen Collins as Mayor from 14.4.25 to 7.5.25 and from that date Cllr Andy Bailey.**

### Supporting the Community

Witney Beer Festival Reception – St Mary’s Church  
Chair of WODC charity garden party – attended by Deputy Mayor  
Voice Box concert with choir from Cologne – St Mary’s Church  
The Big Lunch – ICE centre Witney  
Summer drinks and jazz charity event Adventure Plus, Clanfield  
Witney Music Festival  
Care Home Open Week – Cedar Court Care Home

### Representing and Promoting Witney

St George’s Day service at St Michael of North Gate, Oxford  
Twinning Association visit to King’s School  
Twinning Association visit to Blanket Hall, lunch and talk  
Air Show – Le Touquet  
Inauguration of Le Touquet-Elizabeth II Airport  
Mayors and Chairs dinner – Dorchester Abbey  
SERFCA Oxon and Bucks Armed Forces Briefing – RAF Benson  
Annual Formal Reception - RAF Brize Norton

### Key Events and Council Activity

Twinning Association Civic Reception and signing ceremony – also attended by Deputy Mayor  
V E Day arrangements – also attended by Deputy Mayor  
Re-opening Splash Park – Deputy Mayor attended  
Pride flag raising  
World Refugee Day flag raising  
Meeting with the Chair of Witney Chamber of Commerce  
Meeting with Open Doors UK

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

Mayor's Gala (Cllr Owen Collins) total raised £1,345

APCAM

Yellow Submarine

ABandOfBrothers

***Any hospitality totalling £50 or more afforded to the Mayor whilst undertaking any event as Civic Leader of Witney Town Council will be declared as hospitality in line with the Councillor Code of Conduct & Localism Act 2011. The acceptance of any hospitality does not afford the provider any undue influence or favour in any Town Council business.***