

FULL COUNCIL



Agenda Item: Civic Announcements

Meeting Date: Monday 28 July 2025

Contact Officer: Secretary to the Mayor

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

Visiting Witney Food Bank
Annual staff leaving event at Wood Green School; long service retirement of staff member
Witney Carnival 25 procession judging
Wood Green School Summer concert
ICE Centre summer party – also attended by Deputy Mayor

Representing and Promoting Witney

Oxfordshire County Summer Festival of Music concert– also attended by Deputy Mayor
Churchfields Care Home Summer Party – attended by Deputy Mayor

Key Events and Council Activity

Armed Forces Day flag raising
Youth Council meeting with High Sheriff
Hosting supper with Youth Council, High Sheriff and visitors from Le Touquet
Hosting the Mayor of Le Touquet for breakfast at Corn Exchange
In Bloom Volunteer picnic

Raising Funds -Mayor's Charities 2025-26:

Mayor's charities:
Witney & West Oxfordshire Food Bank - <https://witney.foodbank.org.uk/>
Apollos - <https://www.apollos.uk/>

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.