

## FULL COUNCIL



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| <b>Agenda Item:</b>     | Civic Announcements    |
| <b>Meeting Date:</b>    | Monday 6 October 2025  |
| <b>Contact Officer:</b> | 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

Cogges Beer & Cider Festival – Cogges Manor Farm

Speaking at Rotary Club meeting Blue Boar Witney

Witney Wellbeing Day with 'Tough to Talk' – Langdale Hall Witney

Aspire Witney Hub Art Exhibition – Corn Exchange

Witney bus users meeting- Corn Exchange

Fund raising event for Chair of WODC – Oasis Café – attended by Deputy Mayor

Witney Swimming Club fundraising Swimathon – Carterton Leisure Centre

Life Changing Bakery launch party Yellow Submarine charity

Apollos Clothing new premises opening

Witney Lions Club defibrillator opening – Cogges Surgery

Witney In Pink 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary judging

Witney Area Fair Trade Action Group fair trade event – Deputy Mayor attended

TWC Home Improvements store opening – Deputy Mayor attended

### Representing and Promoting Witney

Civic Service – St Mary's Church

Gallopers Service and Blessing – The Leys

Lord Lieutenant's Oxfordshire Awards evening

## Key Events and Council Activity

Meeting Rev Dr Hester Jones

V J Day events - Town Cry and Flag Raising, wreath laying, re dedication of memorial bench for Arthur Titherington – also attended by Deputy Mayor  
Commonwealth War Graves walk and refreshments, Tower Hill cemetery and chapel  
VJ Day Civic Service – St Mary's Church

100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration for Dennis Bishop – Corn Exchange – also attended by Deputy Mayor

Merchant Navy Day flag raising

Battle of Britain flag raising

## Raising Funds -Mayor's Charities 2025-26:

Mayor's charities: Apollos Clothing, Witney Food Bank

***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.***