

FULL COUNCIL



Agenda Item: Civic Announcements

Meeting Date: Monday 8 December 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

Business breakfast with local groups of Christian business leaders

Churches Together in Witney Prayer Breakfast Methodist Church

VIP invite to Autumn in Brass (Wantage Band & Oxford Cherwell Brass) Cokethorpe School

TWC Home Improvements Podcast – Deputy Mayor attended

ICE Centre 15th anniversary – ICE Centre – Deputy Mayor attended

Re-opening Mill House Care Home – Deputy Mayor attended

Representing and Promoting Witney

Court Sermon and Glove Ceremony – Christchurch Cathedral Oxford

Oxford & Bucks Light Infantry memorial plaque unveiling ceremony – Oxford Town Hall

Mayors for a drinkable Thames – Maidenhead Town Hall

Volkstrauertag – Unterhaching Germany – Deputy Mayor attended

Burford Mayor's Carol Service – Deputy Mayor attended

Key Events and Council Activity

Eco Fair – Corn Exchange

80th anniversary of United Nations flag raising

Pumpkin Parade judging – Corn Exchange

Remembrance Sunday – War Memorial

Christmas Tree sponsors photos – Mayor and Deputy Mayor attended

Christmas Lights competition winner photo – Town Hall – Deputy Mayor attended

Young Carers Christmas Lights reception – Corn Exchange

Christmas Lights Switch On – Mayor and Deputy Mayor attended

Advent Fayre – Deputy Mayor attended

Mayor's Carol Service – Mayor & Deputy Mayor attended

Raising Funds -Mayor's Charities 2025-26:

Mayor's charities: Apollos Clothing, Witney Food Bank – 50% of collection at Mayor's Carol Service will be donated

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.