

FULL COUNCIL

Date:	9 December 2019
Title:	Mayor's Report
Contact Officer:	Democratic Services Officer – Nichola Cayley

OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2019

The role of mayor involves chairing the Town Council, sitting as an ex officio voting member on council committees, representing and promoting Witney, organizing 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.

This is a regular report to each full council meeting, detailing the activities of the mayor since the last meeting.

SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY

5 Oct	Witney In Pink (mostly Deputy)	Various, Witney
10 Oct	Mind the Music (with Deputy)	Richmond Village, Witney
13 Oct	Oxford Half Marathon for Elmore Community Services	Oxford
22 Oct	Cogges Produce Show Judging	The Methodist Church
26 Oct	African Drumming Workshop	The Methodist Church
9 Nov	Twinning Dinner	The Plough, Witney
10 Nov	Voicebox and Town Band Concert	Corn Exchange, Witney
14 Nov	Community Fridge Launch	Moorland Road, Witney
6 Dec	Elderly Person's Christmas Lunch	Smith's Estate, Witney
7 Dec	Small Business Saturday	Witney

REPRESENTING AND PROMOTING WITNEY

9 Oct	Witney Community Primary School Visit	Witney Community Primary
15 Oct	High Sheriff's Law Lecture & Court Sermon	Oxford Examination School
17 Oct	Centenary of Witney Labour Party (with Deputy)	Burwell Hall
22 Oct	OCC Tea Party (Deputy)	County Hall, Oxford
25 Oct	Chair of WODC's Pie & Mash Evening (Deputy)	The Blanket Hall
31 Oct	Wychwood Brewery Halloween Event	Wychwood Brewery
19 Nov	Elmore Community Services 30 th Anniversary	MoMA, Oxford
22 Nov	Wood Green School Awards	Wood Green School, Witney
26 Nov	KLQ UK Regional Heat (Deputy)	Cokethorpe School, Witney
29 Nov	Christmas Lights Switch On	Witney
29 Nov	Opening of Winter Wonderland	St. Mary's Church, Witney
6 Dec	Witney Winter Wonderland Ball	St. Mary's Church, Witney

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Please note that as a member of the West Oxfordshire District Planning Committee, I am not allowed to attend Witney Town Council Planning and Development Committee when it is considering individual planning applications (but discussing wider planning and development issues such as a town plan or responses to district and county consultations is fine).

7 Oct	Full Council Meeting	Corn Exchange, Witney
11 Nov	Halls & Green Spaces	Corn Exchange, Witney
18 Nov	Stronger Communities	Corn Exchange, Witney
25 Nov	Policy, Governance and Finance	Corn Exchange, Witney

KEY EVENTS AND COUNCIL ACTIVITY

19 Oct	Witney Civic Service	St Mary's Church
1 Nov	Poppy Launch	Corn Exchange
1 Nov	2 Sqn RAF Standard Blessing	St. Mary's Church
8 Nov	Piano decorating feedback (with Deputy & Cllr Collins)	Witney College
10 Nov	Remembrance Sunday	Various, Witney
11 Nov	Remembrance Event	War Memorial, Witney
14 Nov	Meeting with FA	Town Hall
15 Nov	Piano decorating judging (with Deputy & Cllr Collins)	Witney College
17 Nov	Volkstrauertag	Unterhaching
29 Nov	Piano decorating winner (with Deputy)	Witney College
1 Dec	Advent Fayre	Corn Exchange, Witney

RAISING FUNDS

13 Oct Hedgehog Day (with Deputy) Corn Exchange, Witney
Thanks to all councillors who contributed to this excellent event, which raised significant funds and was a highly enjoyable family event attended by hundreds of people from across the area.

Mayor's Charities 2019-20:

- Friends of Springfield School
- Oxfordshire Mind (Moorland Road, Witney)
- The Wychwood Project with Witney Woodland Volunteers

Events in discussion at the moment:

- Mayor's Leap Party, February 29 2020, the main fundraising dinner dance at Corn Exchange
- One other event at the Corn Exchange
- Mayor's Karaoke, Fat Lil's (TBC)
- Mayor's Silver Service
- Small Business Saturday, 7 Dec
- Mayor's Barista Marathon, making a drink in every café in town, TBA

Some of these events will generate publicity for local businesses, and generate raffle prizes for the Leap Party or other opportunities.

Prepared by:

Cllrs Duncan Enright & Joy Aitman