

FULL COUNCIL



Agenda Item:	Civic Announcements
Meeting Date:	Monday 13 April 2026
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

Iftar Breakfast – Witney mosque

Volunteer Link up celebration for Kings Award – Methodist Church, Witney

Chair of WODC fundraising quiz – attended by Deputy Mayor

Opening of Omera’s Restaurant Witney – also attended by Deputy Mayor

Re-opening of Nationwide Building Society - Witney

Representing and Promoting Witney

Mayor of Bicester Charity Dinner – attended by Deputy Mayor and Cllr Geoff Doughty – The Heyford nr Bicester

Chair of South Oxon charity fundraising supper – Dolphin , Wallingford

Lord Mayor of Oxford charity quiz night – Town Hall, Oxford

South Oxon Chair Charity Rock Choir concert – Dorchester Abbey

Key Events and Council Activity

Civic Reception and Citizen of the Year – attended also by Deputy Mayor

Commonwealth Day flag raising

Annual Town Meeting – also attend by Deputy Mayor

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.