

FULL COUNCIL



Agenda Item: Civic Announcements

Meeting Date: Monday 13 July 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.

Corporate Strategy:

The Council's Strategic Plan 2025–29 sets out the Council's long-term priorities and direction, supporting its mission to 'make Witney a great place to live, work and visit.' This report contributes to the delivery of the following strategic pillar of the plan:

Civic engagement supports all the Council's strategic objectives by encouraging residents, businesses, and community groups to take an active role in local life. Through representation at community events, the Council can better understand local priorities, promote civic pride, strengthen community connections, and ensure that its services and projects meet the needs of the town.

13 April to 5 May 2026 for Cllr Andy Bailey's remaining term as Mayor

Supporting the Community

Yellow Submarine Café Awards – Freeland
St George's Day workshop – Witney Museum
VIP sponsors evening for Witney Beer Festival
Witney Beer Festival
T H Baker Jewellers opening
Millers Grange care home

Representing and Promoting Witney

Chair of OCC charity birthday quiz held at Oxsrad Oxford – Deputy Mayor also attended

Key Events and Council Activity

St George's Day Flag raising and Town Cry
St George's Day family fun day – Deputy Mayor also attended

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.