

FULL COUNCIL



Agenda Item:	Civic Announcements
Meeting Date:	Monday 12 October 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

Wood Green School summer concert

Opening of Courtside The Leys

Rosebank Care home Open Day

Visiting Witney Army Cadets

H Samuel store reopening Woolgate Centre

Support meeting with Ladies Circle for their fundraising event

Witney Play & Activity Day

Visit to Churchfields Care Home

Witney Round Table 70th Charter celebration

Speaker at Rotary Club lunch meeting

Buttercross Club business lunch – attended on two occasions

Official opening of new building at Wood Green School

Official opening of Kids Planet baby house – Thorney Leys

Witney Lions new defibrillator installation – Taphouse Ave

Witney in Pink judging and support

Witney squadron RAF Cadets drag bingo – Masonic Hall

Visit to Witney Shed

Visit to Witney Knitting Group

WODC and Cottsway refurbishment with Well Child charity new home for resident

Arnold Hearing Specialists – 90 years of trading celebration

Joint RAF and Army Cadets open day – also attended by Deputy Mayor

Representing and Promoting Witney

An evening of music by the Band and Bugles of the Rifles – Radley College

Witney & District Twinning Association committee meeting

Charity Quiz night Vale of White Horse Chair hosting – Deputy Mayor attended

Thame Mayor's civic service

HM Lord Lieutenant Oxfordshire & SE Reserve Forces & Cadets Assoc Awards Ceremony

Key Events and Council Activity

Volunteers picnic and Town Band concert – attended by Deputy Mayor

Merchant Navy flag raising - attended by Deputy Mayor

Neighbourhood policing team E-bike grant photo

Civic service for Witney Feast – St Mary's Church – also attended by Deputy Mayor

Golden Gallopers Fairground service – The Leys – also attended by Deputy Mayor

Presenting Schools In Bloom awards to Blake School, Windrush Primary and Batt School

WTC Eco Fair – also attended by Deputy Mayor

Raising Funds -Mayor's Charities 2026-27:

Mayor's charities: Oxfordshire Autistic Society for Information and Support (OASIS) and Witney Day Centre

Fundraising Bingo event 31 July 2026 raised £1,700

Fundraising Quiz event 19 September 2026 raised £850

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.