

FULL COUNCIL

Date: 20 June 2022

Title: Civic Announcements

Contact Officer: Secretary to the Mayor – Loraine Harwood

APRIL 22 TO JUNE 22

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

Receiving Buttercross quilt from Buttercross Quilters
Attend lessons and discussed importance of learning a foreign language – Witney Community primary school
Tour of sewage works with Thames Water
Got2B awards launch afternoon tea party
Family Fun Day competition judging – Queen Emma’s School Witney
Older persons’ day – Corn Exchange
Official opening of Witney Man Shed – Ceewood Hall
Introductory meeting with Rev Toby Wright, St Mary’s Church
OPA play day – Burwell
Chatterbox Age UK event – Corn Exchange
Witney Fire Station open day – also attended by Deputy Mayor
Voicebox Jubilee concert – Corn Exchange. Also attended by Deputy Mayor
Beer Festival VIP event
Family fun event – Corn Exchange
Beer Festival for Queen’s Jubilee – attended by Deputy Mayor
Meeting Witney & Woodstock Bells
West Oxfordshire Community Transport fundraising event – Corn Exchange

REPRESENTING and PROMOTING WITNEY

Adventure+ Witney to Westminster canoe challenge send off – Cokethorpe School Boathouse
Twin Town challenge – Blenheim Palace
Witney Pride Event – attended with Dep Mayor Owen Jenkins
Jubilee Beacon Lighting at The Leys also attended by Deputy Mayor

Queen's Jubilee service of celebration – Christchurch Cathedral Oxford
Opening Witney Music Festival

KEY EVENTS AND COUNCIL ACTIVITY

Mayor's Civic reception
Meeting Station Commander Emily Flynn at Brize Norton
Banbury Town Mayoral inauguration
Celebratory reception for election to Lord Mayor – Oxford Town Hall
Civic Service – St Mary's Church

RAISING FUNDS

Mayor's Charities 2022-23:

Volunteer Link Up
Windrush Bike Project

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The events in this report span the term of office for both Mayor Cllr Aitman and Mayor Cllr Duncan