

FULL COUNCIL

Date: 5 December 2022

Title: Civic Announcements

Contact Officer: Secretary to the Mayor – Loraine Harwood

OCT 22-DEC 22

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.

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

SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY

Schools in Bloom Rotary prize presentation – Our Lady of Lourdes School
Holy Trinity church roof appeal Top Ten Hymns event
Volunteer Link Up AGM – Methodist Centre Witney
Meeting Army Cadets and Major Mark Hames – presenting awards to cadets and platinum jubilee medals
Attending Forces and Cadets Assoc awards ceremony – Pembroke College Oxford
Visiting RAF Cadets, Edgington Sq Witney
Attending Chatterbox to thank volunteers and meet residents
Age UK Oxon AGM – Ashmolean Museum Oxford
Visit to Witney & West Oxon Foodbank
Witney Museum volunteers thank you event
West Oxfordshire Youth Awards – Langdale Hall Witney
Trans Day of Remembrance vigil – outside Corn Exchange
Schools In Bloom prize award presentation – The Kings School
Schools in Bloom prize award presentation – St Mary’s School
Visit to Churchill Beavers – Witney
Rotary Club Christmas Dinner – Witney Lakes Resort

REPRESENTING and PROMOTING WITNEY

High Sheriff’s Law Lecture – Examination Schools Oxford
Christmas Light presentation to winning entry – High Street Witney
Twinning Association dinner
Remembrance Sunday in Unterhaching – attended by Dep Mayor
Mayors and Chairs evening at Dorchester Abbey
Christmas Lights Switch on event

KEY EVENTS AND COUNCIL ACTIVITY

St Frideswides Afternoon Tea – Common Hall County Hall Oxford – attended by Dep Mayor

St Frideswides Civic Service – Christchurch Cathedral Oxford – attended by Dep Mayor

Mayoral Tree Planting at Park Road Witney

Choosing Christmas Card schools entries at Town Hall

Meeting Rev Toby Wright to discuss plans for Mayor's Carol Service

Attending Armistice Day – Memorial Church Green

Flag raising for Remembrance Day & Wreath Laying and attendance at Civic Service

Advent Fayre event -Corn Exchange

RAISING FUNDS

Mayor's Charity Quiz night – Corn Exchange – Raised £1,150

Mayor's Charities 2022-23:

- Volunteer Link Up
- Windrush Bike Project

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