

## Mayor's Update for Annual Council - May 2025

4 Mayoral events since the last full council meeting.

### **Veterans Association Sensory Gardens** - Saturday 3rd May

Attended opening of new Sensory Garden at Veterans Association in Birchington

### **VE Day Presentation at Morris House** - Monday 5th May

Joined 14th Broadstairs Scouts to discuss VE Day with residents. Left poetry and picture albums created by pupils at Upton Junior, St Peter's and Charles Dickens Schools for them to read

### **VE Day 80th Commemoration** - Thursday 8th May

Thanet Concert Band performed before 14th Broadstairs Scouts read the International Tribute before the Beacon was lit on the beach.

### **Curiosity Cafe DeFib Unveiling** - Monday 19th May

Attended the unveiling of the Defib which was funded by customers and funds raised at a Pancake Race on the beach on Shrove Tuesday,

This Mayoral year I have attended 111 events / meetings as the Chair of the Council or Town Mayor. It has been an honour for me to fulfill this role.

I'd like to thank all councillors and council officers for their support during the last year.

I'd also like to thank all the wonderful volunteers and community groups for all they've done as well as thanking Rev Matt Hodder and of course my wife Carole.

I'm pleased to have been able to support my Mayoral Charity 21 Together throughout the year, raising money for them at a Charity Quiz (£350) and a Mayor's Charity gig (£550), both events held at the Sarah Thorne Theatre. The charity has also received £1,500 from my Mayoral Allowance. Total £2,400.

The Mayor's Charity Quiz was also able to raise £550 for Pie Factory Music.

I am pleased to have been able to give the following grants from my Mayoral Allowance

- £1,000 for Inspirational Creative
- £1,000 for Thanet Wanderers SEND Tour
- £630 for Tasty Planters

I am honoured to have been re-elected as Chair of the Council and Mayor of the town for another year. Thank you.

I will endeavour to make sure that I continue do what's best for the town above all else while in the role and a priority will be to work with all councillors and all our fantastic community groups to make Broadstairs & St Peter's a Cleaner, Safer and Kinder place for us all to live and to visit.