

Welcome to my monthly Mayor's Newsletter! Each month, I'll be sharing updates on how your Town Council is enhancing life in Wareham, along with exciting events worth noting.

Your Councillors, along with myself, were elected in May 2024 to represent Wareham over the next five years, and they are:

Zoe Gover (Deputy Mayor)

David Budd

Andy Dallimore

Sue Dean

Vera Green

Molly Tighe

Doreen Cleaton

Ian Davey

Martin Hill

Lucia Kirk

Sue Wheatley

Keith Critchley

Bob Dean

Ryan Holloway

David Robinson

Your Town Clerk is Nicola Gray, who is also the Responsible Financial Officer, and her team of staff are:

Sam Dickins (Deputy Clerk)

Keith Burt (Grounds Person)

Katy Babbs (Admin Officer)

Tom Hannam (Grounds Person)

Katie Seal (Museum Co-Ordinator)

Warren Humphrey (Grounds Person)



WHAT HAS BEEN GOING ON IN THE LAST MONTH?.....

Civic Events

March and April have been busy months for Civic events. I attended a Civic Day in Dorchester - we had a visit to the Dorset History Centre and Shire Hall, both of which were really interesting, informative and well worth a visit. I also attended a Civic day in Portland where we visited the Heliport and had the experience of going into a Sea King helicopter. We also went to a Portland stone mine and saw a stone cutting machine in action.... it was amazingly quiet and dust free.

Monday Club Quiz Night

On Thursday 13th March I was presented with a cheque for £250 from The Monday Club for my Mayor's Charity, the Air Training Cadets. I would like to say a big Thank you for the donation which is going towards the purchase of a portable flight simulator.

Wareham Camera Club

On Tuesday 25th March I had the privilege of attending the 60th anniversary of the Camera club. Nigel Spiller, one the founding members gave an interesting talk on the history of the club.

Fireman retires

On Tuesday 25th March Tom Reid retired after serving 41 years at Wareham Fire Station. The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Zoe Gover presented Tom with a certificate thanking him on behalf of Wareham Town Council for his service to the community.

Ferndown quiz night

On Thursday 27th March I attended the Mayor of Ferndown's fundraising Fish and Chip supper quiz night. It was well attended and was a really fun evening, sadly (and surprisingly) our mayors team did not win!

Cordite Way opening

On the morning of Saturday 29th March I attended the official opening of the Cordite Way, a long anticipated new footpath from Jade Aden, Holton Heath Trading Estate to the railway line. There are two view points overlooking Poole Harbour with views of the Purbecks. A walk well worth doing.

In the evening, I attended a joint concert of Mozart's Requiem ably sung by the Wareham Choral Society and the Quayside Choir at the Lady St Mary Church. It was a fabulous performance, thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

French Twinning visit

I am looking forward to meeting our friends from Conches-en-Ouches on Friday 11 April at a reception at the Town Hall to welcome new families and children to Wareham. I know the Twinning Association have lots of exciting things planned for their visit.

Upcoming events....

Easter Event

On Saturday 19th April 10am - 12noon I am hosting an Easter Egg Hunt at Hauses Field, Northmoor. For information about this event, please check our website and posters around the town on how to book your place!

10,000 feet Charity Sky Dive - FAST APPROACHING!

On Sunday 27th April 2025 I am taking to the skies to raise money for the ATC, my Mayor's charity. I am hoping to raise £1000 to help fund a portable flight simulator. I have always wanted to do a Sky Dive and this year is the ideal time to do this to link in with my charity. Thank you to all those who have donated so far, currently we have received £474....