

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)
Paul Willis (Museum Manager)	Warren Humphrey (Grounds Person)



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

Carnival Awards Evening

On Friday 24 January I was invited by the Carnival Committee to attend their awards evening. It was lovely to see so many community groups receive cheques from Wareham Carnival Committee, totalling a whopping £6500!

Charity Vinyl Night

On Friday 7 February I held another Vinyl Night and raffle at Carey Hall raising money for my charity, the Air Training Cadets. This event was another great success and so well attended. We would like to thank everyone for their support. The next Vinyl Night is on Saturday 3 May 2025, so be sure to Save the Date!

Weldmar Hospice

On Monday 17 February I visited the Weldmar Hospice Inpatient Unit in Dorchester. The staff showed me around the Unit and all the facilities they have to be able support adults and their families with life limiting illnesses. On Thursday 27 February I had the pleasure of opening the Weldmar Hospice Shop on West Street following a recent refurbishment.

Wareham Lions Club

On Saturday 22 February I attended the Wareham Lions Charter Dinner at Wareham Golf Club. It was a privilege to be invited and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Lions for all their fundraising and support.

Garden Gate Tea Room

On Friday 28 February, Richard at The Garden Gate Tea Room hosted a Charity Cheese and Wine Evening and raffle. The monies raised will be divided between my charity, the ATC and the charity of former town mayor, Carol Turner.

Wareham Rotary Club

On Saturday 1 March, St David's Day, I was invited to attend The Daffodil Party hosted by the Wareham Rotary Club at the Parish Hall. We enjoyed Afternoon Tea, Bingo and entertainment by singer and songwriter, Karl Lattimer. It was a wonderful afternoon which was topped off by receiving a lovely bunch of daffodils to take home.

Upcoming Civic Events

I have a few upcoming mayoral engagements to attend during March and April, including Civic services in Verwood and Chickerell and Civic days in Dorchester, Portland, Wimborne and Ferndown. It is a privilege to be able to attend and represent Wareham.

Easter Event

On Saturday 19 April 10am - 12noon I am hosting an Easter Egg Hunt at Hauses Field, Northmoor. Look out for more information coming soon!

10,000 feet Charity Sky Dive

On Sunday 27 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.