

Statement from the newly-elected Mayor of Atherstone Cllr Ashley Wickham-Young

27th May 2023

Atherstone,

I am thrilled to announce that I have been elected as the first openly-gay Mayor of Atherstone. At age thirty-five, I stand before you with immense pride and excitement as we embark on the journey ahead in the next twelve months.

I want to express my sincere gratitude to Atherstone Town Council for their unwavering faith in me and their decision to entrust me with this significant position. I am truly humbled by their support and belief in my ability to lead. This historic moment demonstrates the progress we have made as a community, embracing diversity and inclusivity.

As the first gay mayor, I recognize the responsibility that comes with this role. My steadfast commitment is to represent and serve the residents of Atherstone with integrity, transparency, and dedication. I firmly believe that our differences are what make us stronger, and I am committed to fostering an environment where everyone feels valued and respected, irrespective of their gender and sexual orientation, or any other aspect of their identity.

Looking ahead, I am eager to work hand in hand with the whole Town Council, all political parties, our community leaders, and the incredible residents of our town. Together, we will overcome any challenges and seize all opportunities that lie before us.

I aim to make Atherstone an even better place to live, work, and thrive for every individual in our community and all who visit our wonderful town.

I firmly believe that progress is achieved through unity, and I encourage all Atherstone residents to join me on this journey. Your voices, ideas, and concerns matter significantly to me, and I am committed to fostering an open and inclusive dialogue that reflects the diversity of our town.

Again, I extend my heartfelt thanks to the Atherstone Town Council for their belief in me and for providing me with this remarkable opportunity. I assure you that I will dedicate myself wholeheartedly to the responsibilities of this role, serving the people of Atherstone with passion, integrity, and a genuine desire to make a positive impact.

As we move forward, embracing our diversity and celebrating our shared values, let us build a brighter, more inclusive future for Atherstone.

Sincerely,

Cllr Ashley Wickham-Young
Mayor of Atherstone