

Mayor's Report – August 2023

Tamworth Gay Pride – 15th July

The invitation to the Tamworth event was a heartfelt gesture that filled my heart with immense gratitude. The performances transported us to a realm of pure joy and entertainment, reminding us of the incredible talent that resides within our community.

Behind the scenes, the organisers and volunteers worked tirelessly, their dedication evident in every aspect of the event. Their selfless commitment to creating an environment of inclusivity and celebration was truly remarkable, and it was evident that their passion was the driving force behind the event's success.

I am particularly moved by the efforts of the Tamworth Gay Pride committee, whose vision and hard work brought together people from all walks of life under the banner of love and acceptance. Their dedication to fostering a safe space for everyone to express themselves authentically is an inspiration to us all.

The invaluable support of the police Cadets, fire, and police services ensured that the event proceeded without a hitch, underscoring their commitment to our community's well-being. Their presence and assistance added an extra layer of reassurance, allowing us to fully immerse ourselves in the festivities.

Being part of the Tamworth event was more than just attendance; it was a profound experience that reinforced the power of unity, diversity, and understanding. The genuine connections formed, the conversations shared, and the sense of belonging that permeated the event left an indelible mark on my heart and soul.

In closing, I want to express my deepest gratitude for the invitation, the performances that touched our hearts, and laugh but also the tireless work of the organisers and volunteers, the dedication of the Tamworth Gay Pride committee, and the unwavering support of the police Cadets, fire, and police services. This event was a testament to what can be achieved when a community comes together to celebrate love, acceptance, and the beauty of our shared humanity.

Alcester Civic Service – 22nd July

It was my sincerest regret I was unable to attend the Alcester Civics Service that took place on the 22nd of July due to unforeseen health circumstances. I thought I would add this small statement as I hold deep respect for the importance of such gatherings. Unfortunately, I became unwell in the days leading up to the service as much as I wanted to be present to honour the values and principles that the Alcester Civics Service represents, and I understand the significance of the Alcester Civics Service and others in fostering unity and strengthening community bonds. My absence was in no way a reflection of my lack of commitment to our community or the values that the event embodies. Rather, it was a necessary step taken to ensure a swift and complete recovery, enabling me to continue serving Atherstone to the best of my abilities in the future. I wish to extend my gratitude to all those who organised and participated in the Alcester Civics Service, and I deeply regret any inconvenience my absence may have caused. I look forward to being actively engaged in future community events and contributing my utmost to the betterment of our beloved town.

Warwick Civic Service – 30th July

I was deeply privileged to have had the distinct honour of attending The Mayor of Warwick's Civic Service, an event that left an indelible impression on my heart and instilled within me a profound

sense of civic pride. The service served as a poignant reminder of the values and principles that bind our community together throughout time.

Taking place within the majestic and historically significant St. Mary's Church, the venue itself spoke volumes about the deep-rooted heritage that forms the backdrop of our town. The Mayor's presence, along with other esteemed dignitaries, radiated a sense of purpose and responsibility that resonated throughout the service.

One of the highlights that added a unique dimension to the event was the gracious participation of the Folk Festival attendees at St. Mary's Church. Their inclusion seamlessly intertwined tradition and culture, creating an atmosphere that celebrated both our town's history and its vibrant contemporary spirit. The harmonious melodies reverberating through the church were a testament to the power of art to bridge generations and foster a sense of unity.

By witnessing the careful orchestration of The Mayor of Warwick's Civic Service, I was struck by the dedication of those who orchestrated this remarkable event. Their tireless efforts in conceptualising and executing a gathering that encapsulated our community's ethos were truly commendable. The service was not merely an event; it was a tangible expression of our shared commitment to progress, inclusivity, and collective well-being.

As I reflect on the experience, I am reminded of the significance of our roles as engaged citizens, each contributing to the tapestry of our town's narrative. The Mayor of Warwick's Civic Service was a vivid reminder that the actions, both individually and collectively, have the power to shape the course of our community's journey within the UK.

I extend my deepest appreciation to The Mayor of Warwick, the dedicated organisers, and everyone involved in making this event a resounding success. Their devotion to preserving the essence of their town while propelling it towards a vibrant future is a testament to the resilience and unity that define Warwick.

Upcoming events

Warwickshire Pride

Alcester Butterfly Hunt

Alcester Italian Night

Atherstone Motor Show