

## Report from Outgoing Chair

As I reflect on my twelve months as Chair of Council and Mayor of Daventry words cannot express what a great honour it has been to serve the townspeople. I would like to thank my fellow councillors for putting your trust in me to carry out this undertaking when you elected me 12 months ago.

Thank you also to our amazing Town Council staff who work tirelessly behind the scenes and at all of our events to ensure everything runs as seamlessly as possible and Thank You to Councillor Ogle for stepping into my shoes when I was unavailable to attend events.

During this year I have met so many welcoming wonderful people. We have so many selfless dedicated individuals, voluntary services and groups that provide invaluable services to our community.

Despite a very slow start to my year, I have had the great honour of representing the town at civic and Mayoral fundraising events and of course to host events in honour of my chosen charity Muscular Dystrophy UK. Some of the other Mayors I have spoken with have been particularly impressed with our investment in the community such as the way in which our PCSO and Community Ranger work together and also Daventry's #litterheroes and how we work alongside the community to look after our estates and beautiful green spaces. It has been interesting seeing how other Town councils operate North of the county and the projects that they have carried out particularly with some of the new Town councils that are now taking shape

My most treasured memories of this year include of course my fundraising endeavours but aside from these of particular significance are the wonderfully supported market event and the fantastic community vibe and its great feedback both from residents and all of the stallholders (I think its fair to say I spoke to practically all of them at our last event).

It has also been a great privilege to meet and speak with our youngsters at Amateur County Group Swimming Galas, a Northamptonshire Girl Guiding Awards evening, as a judge a Parkers got Talent a Talent Show at Parker Academy and talking to the children on a visit to Daventry Hill School.

I wish my successor a great year ahead of them!!

***Please find list of engagements below.***

### **2021**

20th May	Demonstration and Education Garden Preview at Ryton Gardens
22nd May	Annual Town Assembly
21st June	Armed Forces Day Flag Raising
1st July	Northamptonshire Heritage Forum Awards
26th July	100th Birthday Celebration at Wheatsheaf Care Home
2nd August	Micklewell Park – Brick laying ceremony
27th August	All Abilities In out Petanque
29th August	Middlemore Family Picnic
3rd September	Merchant Navy Day Flag Raising
4th September	Daventry Flower and Vegetable Show
4th September	Proms In The Park – Rushden
12th September	Civic Service Higham Ferrers
15th September	Worshipful Company of Secretaries, Westminster
17th September	Civic Opening of Rushden Feast
18th September	Farmers Market
19th September	Battle of Britain Service – Banbury
21st September	Daventry Business Forum
1st October	Mayor of Daventry Gin and Tapas Evening
7th October	Mayor of Raunds Quiz Evening
9th October	Civic Service
11th October	Opening of Parker Academy Parker Plus Site (SEMH)
13th October	High Sherriff of Northamptonshire's legal church service
14th October	Service of Thanksgiving St Johns Ambulance - Rothwell
6th November	Fireworks Display

14th November	NMPAT Concert at The Derngate
15th November	Service of Thanksgiving St Johns Ambulance – Earls Barton
16th November	AGM of Age UK
18th November	Girl Guiding Awards and Thank You Evening
20th November	Mayors Civic Cabaret Evening Rushden
29th November	Photo session at Parker Academy to celebrate Ofsted
30th November	Tree planting event at Micklewell Park
4th December	Unveiling of Santa's Rotary Sleigh
4th December	Mayors of Northampton's Charity Gala
10th December	Mayor of Daventry ABBA Christmas Extravaganza
11th December	Daventry Choral Society Christmas Concert
12th December	West Northamptonshire Council Chairs Carol Service
19th December	Lessons and Carols – Holy Cross Church

## 2022

30th January	Northamptonshire Amateur Swimming Association County Championships
6th February	Mayor of Wellingborough Civic Service
11th February	Parker's Got Talent
20th February	Mayor of Northampton Civic Service
25th February	Mayors Band Night Thrapston
3rd March	ARC Cinema Official opening night
6th March	NMPAT Spring Festival of Music
11th March	Tree planting Ceremony at New Street Recreation Ground
11th March	Mayor of Daventry's Ultimate Coldplay Evening
19th March	Irish Band Night – Thrapston
22nd March	Tour of Daventry Hill School
26th March	Daventry Choral Society – Brahms Requiem Concert
2nd April	Daventry Easter Market
8th May	Mayor of Raunds End of Term Dinner
18th May	Civic Reception of Mayor Elect Northampton 2022