

Mayor's Report 21st September 2023

With other civic leaders across the county, I met for drinks with the Lord Lieutenant of Surrey, Michael More-Molyneux in July and later this month for tea with the High Sheriff of Surrey, Tim Wates.

The Inspector Donaldson memorial was well attended not only by representatives from the Surrey police but also by many of our community – despite the weather!

We appear to be in a season of festivals and fetes. I thoroughly enjoyed despite the 30C opening the Beacon Hill Summer fete and subsequently joining the Rotary's Barn Fest. Lastly the Haslemere Food Festival on Lion Green.

I attended the Care in Haslemere AGM and was much impressed hearing about the work the charity does transporting patients to and from surgeries and hospitals (including London!)

I with fellow town councillors and councillors from Lynchmere Parish met with Thames Water over their plans for upgrading the Shottermill treatment works; I welcomed their openness to pick up multiple questions on other water related issues. Again with fellow councillors, I found the morning spent inspecting the Sturt Farm development SANG site most useful – we identified a number of issues and suggestions for improving the site that Thakeham have taken on board.

I was delighted to present the prizes at Beacon Hill school – I sense I did not match up to the prize giver at the Royal School last July, the Princess Royal. I joined the Mayor of Waverley, Penny Rivers, raising the Ukrainian flag on the 22nd anniversary of their independence; it was a delight to see the large crowd of Ukrainians in traditional costume who joined in the event – sadly no men.