

## **Mayor's report to Full Council September 2025**

This is a report to council of activities I have been engaged in since the last full council meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2025. This is a quiet period for civic events and I have been away on holiday during this period.

My first event at which I represented the council was the presentation of the Beacon awards to the children at their end of term assembly at Beacon Hill school. This was followed by the Festival of Joy at St Albans Church in Hindhead. This was a truly joyful occasion with the young children, teenagers and adults enjoying three days of holiday fun and activities.

I enjoyed meeting the new chairman of the Haslemere and District Chamber of Trade and Commerce, at the monthly meeting with council representatives and was interested to learn about the engagement and support for Haslemere businesses.

I was lucky to be able to attend the AGM of CARE in Haslemere for the second year running. The clients who receive a lift to the hospital or doctors are so grateful that their donations far exceed the expenses of the drivers so generous donations are made to other local charities. The organization operates efficiently but continually seeks additional volunteer drivers.

I went along to the Biodiversity meeting held at Grovers Gardens in Hindhead and was interested to hear how the gardens will be managed alongside the potential for community engagement.

I attended a charity fund raiser organized by the Mayor of Whitehill and Bordon and enjoyed meeting other local Mayors over a glass of gin at the Hogmoor Distillery.

Before the council meeting, I will attending the 30 year celebrations at Crest Lodge Care Centre which is conveniently located opposite my house.

The town hall has been busy doing staff annual appraisals and is still inducting new staff. I would like to thank the town hall staff for their hard work and innovation. I am particularly impressed with the increased visibility of the work of the council through Facebook posts and the introduction of the e newsletter.

The council website has all the important dates for upcoming events but see below as a reference:

**Dates for your diaries:**

13<sup>th</sup> September 2025 Beacon Hill village fete 12.30-5pm

20<sup>th</sup> September Haslemere Food Festival Lion Green

28<sup>th</sup> September 2025 Car boot sale Lion Green

9<sup>th</sup> November Remembrance Sunday Haslemere High Street 11am

7<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Market in the High Street

11<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Carols on the Museum at 6.30pm

21<sup>st</sup> February 2026 Mayor's Gala Ball in Haslemere Hall