

Mayor's report to Council February 2018

Since the beginning of the year I have carried out 15 engagements.

These began on January 12th, when I accepted a donation to my charities of £5000 from D & K Contracting Services from Romsey. The same day saw me at the Spring for a performance of Alice in Wonderland and Through the looking Glass, performed by Dynamo Youth Theatre. The 14th saw us at the Portsmouth Guildhall for the 10th Anniversary show by the Urban Vocal Group. On the 18th, Gerry & I had the pleasure of meeting HRH Princess Anne at Making Space in Leigh Park. The following evening saw us at the Station Theatre on Hayling to see the HIADS production of Cinderella, while the following day saw us at the Front lawn Recreation Ground for the official opening in the morning, followed by lunch and a match at Havant Rugby Club.

East Hants Civic Day was held at Penn's place on the 24th. This took the form of a seminar on Homelessness. The following day saw us holding the Annual Holocaust Memorial Day ceremony at the New Lane Cemetery, followed by a reception, and talk from a Holocaust Survivor, at the Plaza.

February's events started on the 4th with another visit to the Station Theatre, this time to watch a performance of Spooked, the Musical given by the Portchester Youth Theatre. The 5th saw us visiting the Trosnant Schools, where I spoke to three Year 1 classes and told them about life as the Mayor of Havant. They especially liked seeing the robes and regalia. The 8th saw the 38th Annual Havant Borough Sports Association awards event. This celebrated the many different sports to be found in the Borough.

My report finishes, as it began, with two engagements on the same day. This was on the 10th, when we first went to the Westbrook hall in tempest Avenue to help celebrate the Community Coffee Cup's 4th birthday, before moving on the Kingswell Kitchens in the Boulevard in Waterlooville. This was to cut the ribbon marking their re-opening after refurbishment. This was my 201st engagement, with many more still to come.

Once again, my thanks to Peter Wade for stepping in whenever I was unable, for one reason or another, to carry out my duties as Mayor.