



## **Mayoral report for Full Council 22 November 2023**

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### **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September – Grand Opening of Portsdown View Care Home**

Both Graham and I attended the official opening of Portsdown View Care Home. We were both made to feel so welcome, the building was absolutely beautiful. Both Graham and I were very lucky to be able to talk to Mike, one of the residents who had only lived there three weeks and was very pleased with his care. It was a really lovely day.



### **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September – Police Cadets' Attestation Ceremony**

It was an honour to be invited to inspect the Police Cadets of Havant, Portsmouth and Petersfield, together with the Lord Mayor of Portsmouth, Tom Cole and his wife Nikki, the Lady Mayoress, last night and also award the cadets their certificates. I felt very proud of all our cadets, well done guys, you are a real credit to the Borough.



### **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September – Mayor of Fareham’s Civic Dinner**

We both had a lovely evening at the Fareham Mayor’s civic dinner in the Mayor’s Parlour. Thank you Fred and Lisa Burkett, it was a great night with great company!



### **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September – Havant Symphony Orchestra’s Popular Classics Concert**

After a lovely week away in Spain, we were very lucky to be invited to the Havant Symphony Orchestra at the Hayling Community Centre. It was a joy to be there and for the first time EVER, I was lost for words when I was introduced to Thomas Luke, who won the prestigious BBC young musician award in 2020. He was simply amazing, at the young age of 19 he will go far, such talent.

### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September – Multi Cultural Sunday Service**

It was an honour to be invited to the Agape centre in Havant to a Multicultural Sunday service. Both Graham and I were made to feel so welcome by Paster David, his brother in law Michael Situ, Mayor of Southwick in London and a great sermon by

Canon Tom Kenner. It was akin to a wedding, lots of lovely people and loads of photos and stunning outfits.



### **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September – Get Up and Go Flora and Fauna Walk**

Both my husband and I had a lovely walk at Staunton park with another Graham, one of the volunteers. The coffee and cake at the stables were fantastic, well-done Andy at Park Community School, they were delicious, thank you!



### **Mayor of Basingstoke and Deane's Civic Afternoon**

We both had an amazing time at the Vyne, a National Trust property in Basingstoke, more food and great company and a huge thank you to the Mayor and Mayoress of Basingstoke and Deane for inviting us, it was an amazing experience.

### **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September – Two Colours Ukrainian Choir Fundraising Gala Concert**

The Ukrainian choirs joined together with Chichester and performed at the New Theatre Royal to raise funds for urgently needed medical equipment to send back home. It was a great event and I love my new T-shirt, thank you team, you all did a fantastic job!



### **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September – New Forest Harley Owners Group Rally**

To say we had a great time with the New Forest Harley team was an understatement, at the Lakeside Holiday Centre in Hayling Island. Graham tried on one of the top of the range crash helmets, I was so impressed with them. It was also great to see the “man down” team working with emergency teams to prevent motorcycle accidents. We were both invited back unofficially in the evening to judge the fancy dress. Thank you for inviting us, thanks also to Mark and Trevor for looking after us and making us both so welcome, we both had a blast.



### **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September – Hayling Light Railway Trust's Railway Gala**

It was the Hayling Island light railway gala on Sunday to celebrate 20 years since it started up, as usual, I had a really lovely day, it was nice to meet up with Bob Haddock, the original owner and meet Kim too and her tiny rescue dog who was so sweet and loved everyone.



### **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September – Hayling Island Repair Café's 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday Celebrations**

I can't believe that the Hayling repair cafe has been open a year already! It was lovely to see so many familiar faces and thank you Kim for looking after us and also to all the volunteers who help, Sue, Sarah, Brenda and Judy to mention a few, you are all stars and should be hugely proud of what you have all achieved. Well done team!



### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October – Annual Seafarers Service

Today was the Seafarers service in Portsmouth, it was a lovely service and something close to both our hearts especially living by the sea and Graham being a lifelong RNLI member, truly memorable and the lovely weather too made it such a special day.



### Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – Park Community School Year 11 GCSE Art and Photography Show

Both Graham and I were invited to see the artwork at the Spring in Havant last night from the last year 11's from Park Community School, it was amazing. We have some very talented young people living in our Borough, we are incredibly proud of you all.



### **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Crochet Poppy Event**

Yesterday I was invited to the Residents Participation Centre in Havant. They were asked for a few Poppies for Park Community School, they all managed a massive 1000 poppies, well done team, you did an amazing job!



### **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October – Malmesbury Lawn Care Home 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations**

So today we had the great pleasure of meeting the 7th Earl of Malmesbury, his father was the 6th Earl of Malmesbury and opened the amazing Malmesbury Lawn assisted living residence in Havant in 1973. The staff were fabulous, and all dressed up in 1970s costumes, even the maintenance team were dressed up too. Having worked there 20 years ago as a district nurse, the changes were incredible, it was

amazing to feel the passion and care for the residents. A brilliant time was had by all, (especially Graham and I). Thank you team, you all do a fantastic job!



### **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October – Dementia Bus Visit**

So a really, really busy day today it was great to see the team again at Portsdown View home in Bedhampton for a Dementia experience which was really interesting. Then back to the plaza to catch up with the Facilities Manager and the Civic Secretarial & Resilience Officer, just to make sure we all had dates in our diaries, then a zoom meeting in the Parlour and finally another meeting at 5:30pm. A very long day!





### **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Bedhampton Stroke Club Visit**

On Monday, both Graham and I were invited to meet the participants of the Bedhampton Stroke Club which has been running for 36 years, a great achievement and chaired by the lovely Chris Sharpe, formerly a nurse like me, so we had loads to talk about. Graham sat with the men for a while chatting to one of his ex-bus colleagues and it was lovely to hear them laughing, we were both made to feel so welcome. Keep up the good work team, you are all doing a fantastic job.



### **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Stop Domestic Abuse AGM**

This morning we went to Hedge End for the Annual Stop Domestic Abuse AGM. It was really interesting to hear the progress and how the Charity has grown over the years, now including stalking. They work closely with the Police and other agencies in order to keep us all safe.



### **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October – St Clare’s Quiz Night**

Last night I was invited to St Clare’s Church in Warren Park for the annual quiz night. My daughter Rebecca came with me, as Graham had an engagement with the RNLI on Hayling. The money raised for the raffle was donated to the Mayor’s charity which is the RNLI. A princely sum of £258 was raised to help keep our crews afloat, saving lives at sea. Huge thanks go to the church and all that attended, we are both so grateful for your generosity and kindness, thank you.

### **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Mayor of Southampton’s Civic Service**

Although it was my birthday, it was lovely going to Southampton for the Lord Mayor of Southampton’s Civic Service, a really nice service and a delicious lunch was provided afterwards too.



### **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Community Team’s Thank you to Ukrainian Host Families**

It was great to catch up with the lovely ladies from the Ukrainian 2 Colours choir last night and Laura, Kate and Carol, Havant Borough Council officers who look after the group with their English hosts. It was a really lovely evening, sheer joy.



### **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Poppy Appeal Launch**

To talk to the volunteers in Havant today and see so many happy faces was a very humbling experience, also to remember all those who have lost their lives for our freedom, thank you most sincerely.



### **Hayling Musical Society Youngstars Performance of Shrek**

On Saturday afternoon we were invited to see the Shrek musical by the Hayling Young Stars, I also bought tickets for my grandchildren and daughter's boyfriend. It was absolutely brilliant, such talented youngsters, we are so lucky to have so much talent in the Borough, also a huge thank you to all the volunteers and parents, a fantastic show, thank you.

Mayor of Havant Cllr Rosy Raines