

Mayor Engagements attended by Cllr Donna Eley, since last Council Committee Meeting on June 20th 2022

24th June 15.30 to 17.30 Attended Trinity St Mary's Church.

7th July attended Franklin Fields Opening with Alan and Deputy Mayor of Chelmsford & her consort.

11th July Allday Career Interviews at William de Ferrers with Alan

13th July attended Seniors Film Club

14th July Chaired Health & Social Care Group Meeting via Zoom

16th July Attended Fire Station Open Day & assisted Lisa on her stall for a short while.

19th July Attended Lidl Teams Meeting

9th August Attended Teams meeting with Alan for Chelmsford City Council Retail Study.

12th August Met with Lisa and West End Mummas to discuss shows on 3rd December.

Attend all three, free sessions of Kids Summer Fun at Champions Manor Hall. Children, parents and carers alike enjoyed the great entertainment provided by Papalarny on 4th, Joe Banana on 11th and Mr Happy on 18th August. Over one hundred children attended each afternoon.

On September 4th, I was invited by Cllr Andrew Lay, Town Mayor of Maldon Town Council to attend their HM merchant Navy Day Commemoration Service on Maldon Quay.

On 6th September A new monthly group, Mix and Mingle, had it's first meeting at Bar Vino and is a joint venture set up between Paul Lake of Bar Vino and Lisa Kelly from Asda. I was invited to open the first meeting by cutting a ribbon. Also in attendance were Kelly Coombs, the United in Kind coach for Chelmsford and Cllr Terry Sherlock.

On Saturday 10th September, I laid flowers in remembrance of the Queen at the Garden of Remembrance on behalf of Councillors, Council Staff and Residents.

I attended the historic Proclamation of King Charles III, outside County Hall in Chelmsford on Sunday 11th September, with friends (Unofficial).

The National Moment of Reflection for the Queen held in Queen Elizabeth Square on the evening of Sunday 18th September. It was well attended by residents, despite the short time-scale given to arrange it. Councillors Alan Shearring, Russ Crosby, Terry Sherlock, Jackie Birch and Angie Humphrey were in attendance on the Bandstand with Karen Atkins, our Acting Town Clerk, who organised the event. Cllrs Bob Massey and Darren Thompson also attended, as did Shaun Blackmore, one of our ESO's, who were seen amongst the residents. My thanks goes to Cllr Annie Humphrey for providing the audio equipment and for her lovely rendition of God Save the King.

On 22nd September with Karen, I attended the 78th Annual General Meeting of Essex Association of Local Councils (EALC) at Hylands House in Chelmsford. The day included the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Conference where presentations included those made by Roger Hirst, PFCC,

Chief Constable BJ Harrington of Essex Police and Essex Chief Fire Officer Rick Hylton. Essex Police outlined their three main areas of focus for the coming year would be on Domestic Abuse which makes up 19.1 % of all crime reported, Violence against Women & Girls and Drugs & County Lines. The Chief Constable urged residents to report crime, even if it is not always attended by Police (due to lack of manpower), as patterns of criminal behaviour can still be mapped. Last year there were 153,000 crimes reported. Surprisingly on a typical day for Essex Fire and Rescue, of the average 70 incidents they attend 7 are actual fires, 24 false alarms and 39 Special Services including Road Accidents and Flooding etc. Their busiest day this summer was on 11th August with 112 incidents of which 75 were fires. In the afternoon, the Essex County Council (ECC) Conference was kicked off with a presentation on Levelling Up by Cllr Louise McKinlay and was followed by presentations on the Essex Year of Reading and was rounded off by Cllr Peter Schwier with a presentation on Climate Action.

On 8th October attended “Not the Last Night of the Proms” at Trinity St Mary’s Church.

On 11th October I attended the SWF Baby Loss Awareness Coffee & Cake afternoon at CMH.

12th October, I attended the Seniors Cinema Club – The Kings Speech.

13th October, I attended the Baby Loss awareness Quiz at the Curlew.