

Full Council meeting 9 July 2024
Agenda item 6 – Chair’s Announcements
Written by Councillor Jack Vittles



It has been a pleasure to have been invited to so many great events since becoming mayor back in May. Unfortunately, due to working full time, I have often had to send apologies, but I have been able to attend some events.

I had a very uplifting evening at St Margaret's Hall on June 26 for the Wiltshire Education music prize giving, and it was an honour to present the Wiltshire inspirational singing leader award to two well-deserving recipients, including Bradford's very own Felicity Courage. We were also treated to some remarkable live performances from young musicians.

I also had a very fun lunchtime taking part in the Running Out of Time relay on June 28. I was part of a very short leg of the relay from Christ Church down to the Tithe Barn and then participated in the reusable fashion show alongside many other BOA residents. The whole event had a great atmosphere as well as making the important sustainability points. A big thank you to all those who put together my special outfit!

It was also an honour to write a letter of friendship to our twinned town Norden, which was delivered on a recent twinning trip by Cllr Kay.

Along with the BOA friends of Palestine and my predecessor Cllr Vigar I met with the new mayor of Tubas, a town in the West Bank which BOA has a friendship link with, and it was great to see familiar faces who were here in BOA back in March.

I also chaired the meeting with Wiltshire Council on traffic in BOA, which will be discussed in more detail later in this meeting.