

## **Mayor's report for full council meeting on the April 2022**

Over the past 4 weeks.

I have continued work with the Heritage Group to support the forthcoming Saffron Day in October.

My work with the youth club and the Outreach project continues.

I have attended several events over the past month including.

The Local Council Forum.

The Lapwing Memorial service.

Judging children's speakers at the RA Butler school.

Together in Sound – event for people with dementia

The presentation of awards to cadets (one from Saffron Walden) by the Lord- Lieutenant of Essex.

The Breakfast club.

Support to the Rock choir in collecting money for the Mayoral charities.

Support for Pat Lodge in selling raffle tickets for the blanket – proceeds to Fairycroft.

I have been working with local Ukrainian families supporting their efforts to collect goods and deliver these to Ukraine as part of the relief effort. In the last few weeks refugees have started to arrive in our area. I have been actively involved in coordinating various organisations locally to help with the overall effort and helping some individuals myself with immediate needs.

Lisa and I have been meeting with various people and groups, including Ukrainians based here, to start to put together our town council strategy for supporting the new arrivals. We have limited staff resources, and our current thinking is that a pamphlet will be put together in both English and Ukrainian providing as much information as possible for host families or their charges which will be available online or in paper form from the Tourist information office.

Richard Porch

Mayor