

Mayor's report for full council meeting on the 14th of March 2022

Over the past 4 weeks.

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

Reported problems with young people at the youth club prompted 2 visits to that venue which proved to be interesting! As my previous report the club is still short of volunteers and help with this from councillors either directly or via recommendation would be appreciated.

I have spent time with our town clerk attempting to get the Garden Rooms released to the town council for community use and subsequently meeting with Peter Holt from UDC to further that end. To date those attempts have not proved to be successful.

I have attended several events over the past month including the High Sheriffs youth awards in Chelmsford, and an evening with the Tourist information Centre staff at Duxford where they received a commendation from the East of England Tourist Awards.

The evening candle lighting vigil arranged in support of Ukraine was attended by over 200 people and raised more than £2,000. I am continuing with support for Kateryna Shotropa and her family who are collecting goods and delivering these to Ukraine as part of the relief effort.

Richard Porch

Mayor