

Mayor' Report for the Full Council January 2022 meeting.

My apologies for absence – holiday.

Over the past few weeks, I have visited and been involved with several organisations and events including the following.

- Judging the best shop windows in town
- AGM of CAB
- Christmas carol service Baptist church
- Christmas carols the market square with the County High school choir
- Attending the rock choir concert in aid of charity
- Attending the Castle, Museum, and Church Street annual Christmas event.
- Awarding best shop window
- Two sessions of children's carol services (switching on of Xmas tree) – St Mary's church – Christmas eve
- Visits to the hospital, various Care Homes and Cornell Court to distribute chocolates and say hello. (These visits were restricted due to pandemic)
- Delivering food parcels for Cornell Court on Christmas day
- Attending and awarding the best Christmas House and Garden award.
- Attending and supporting the Rotary Club annual Christmas collections
- Attending and supporting the town centre consultation with SWTC staff
- Attending the cinema event for disadvantaged families and supporting Colette with food and Christmas card distribution.
- Attending the Granta Chorale's carols in the square, walk afterwards and collecting funds in aid of Uttlesford Foodbank.

The next major fund-raising effort will be a joint event with the Rotary Club of Saffron Walden – a Race Night on February the 19th in the town hall. Tickets £20 which includes a meal. Please contact me for tickets. Proceeds will be shared between the Mayoral charities and The Young Carers at Fairycroft, the President of SW Rotary's chosen charity for his year in office.

Councillor Richard Porch