



Annual Parish Meeting – 7 April 2026

Mayor's Report Cllr Jubeyuir Ahmed

It has been a great honour and privilege to be appointed Mayor of Saffron Walden for 2025-26.

My family and I have lived in this wonderful town for 30 years and I have also run my food business here for 30 years. I feel deeply connected to our community and I am proud to call this place home.

As I come to the close of my Mayoral year, I am so proud of all that has been achieved within our wonderful community. In this report, I am delighted to reflect on some of the highlights from this memorable year.

Supporting UCAN (Uttlesford Community Action Network)

Supporting UCAN as my chosen charity has been deeply meaningful. I am grateful to everyone who has contributed, volunteered, or supported our fundraising efforts throughout the year. Whether you bought a raffle ticket at one of our events or popped a donation into the bucket at the Saffron Hall Pantomime - your generosity has made a huge difference. Thank you. I am proud to say that at time of writing, we have raised circa £6,000 (STC).

Fundraising Quiz Nights

A particular joy has been hosting my fundraising Quiz Nights, which brought together residents, friends, and local organisations in the spirit of fun and generosity. These events not only raised valuable funds for my chosen charity, UCAN, but also strengthened the sense of togetherness that makes our town so special.

Carnival

The Saffron Walden Carnival in the summer was another standout moment. It was a privilege to take part alongside the Deputy Mayor, leading the procession in an open-top BMW! We had a wonderful time, and it was heart-warming to see so many people lining the streets and joining in the fun.

VE & VJ Day Commemorations

My Mayoral year also marked the 80th anniversaries of VE Day and VJ Day – both very significant occasions. It was an honour to participate in the commemorations that paid tribute to those who served and sacrificed, ensuring their legacy is remembered by future generations.

Saffron Hall Partnership

I am especially proud of the growing partnership with Saffron Hall which continues to enrich the cultural life of our community. Working collaboratively has opened new opportunities for engagement, creativity, and shared experiences for residents of all ages. For example, at our Half Term Family Activity Event, featuring fabulous entertainment from the cast of Dick Whittington Pantomime.

Star Council of the Year Finalist

Another highlight has been Saffron Walden Town Council being named a finalist in the National Association of Local Councils' Star Council Award. This recognition reflects the dedication, professionalism, and commitment of everyone involved in serving our community.

Thank You's

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Jeanette Curtis, for her unwavering support, encouragement, and partnership throughout the year.

My appreciation also goes to all the Town Councillors for their support.

I would also like to offer heartfelt thanks to our Town Clerk, Lisa Courtney, and all the Town Council staff. Their hard work and dedication behind the scenes makes sure that everything runs smoothly and that our town continues to thrive.

Serving as Mayor has been a truly rewarding experience, and I am incredibly proud of what we have accomplished together. Thank you to everyone who has supported me during this special year.