



Councillor Sam Naylor Northwich Town Mayor 2021-2022

Northwich Town Councillor Sam Naylor has taken up his role as Town Mayor having been nominated by fellow Councillors at the recent Annual General Meeting of the Council held remotely on Thursday, 6th May. Cllr. Naylor is a very well known figure in the town, having spent all his life here. He also serves on Cheshire West and Chester Council as Borough Councillor covering Witton Ward. In his opening speech, Cllr. Naylor thanked members for their nominations for the coming year. He is looking forward to seeing the town thrive again after a very difficult year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Cllr. Naylor follows in his father's footsteps who also served as Town Mayor in 1977. Mrs. Vivien Naylor will be the Town Mayor's consort for the coming year.

Councillor Graham Emmett was nominated by members to become Deputy Town Mayor for the coming year. Cllr. Emmett is currently Town Councillor for Winnington Ward.

Cllr. Derek Bowden gave a vote of thanks to retiring Town Mayor, Councillor Kevin Rimmer noting that Cllr. Rimmer had served the town in a time of national disturbance imposed by the pandemic. Kevin has demonstrated a massive commitment to the town and has been tireless in addressing problems large or small. The many civic occasions Kevin has attended he has represented our town with dignity and style. The Town Council would like to thank Kevin for the years of service as Mayor for his commitment to the community, and the place he has in the history of this town.



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Hidden Disabilities

Plans are being finalised to launch a scheme in Northwich which will see the town become sunflower friendly to raise awareness of invisible disabilities.

Northwich Town Council are currently working with partners Northwich BID, Barons Quay and Rotary in Northwich, as well as a number of businesses, to introduce a series of initiatives to help make the town more accessible.

Not all disabilities are visible – some are hidden and not immediately obvious, such as learning difficulties, mental health as well as mobility, speech, visual or hearing impairments. Living with a hidden disability can make daily life more demanding for many people, but it can be difficult for others to identify, acknowledge or understand the challenges faced.

As part of the scheme, a range of businesses will stock Hidden Disabilities Sunflower lanyards, that people will be able to pick up with no questions asked. Wearing the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower discreetly indicates to people that you may need additional support, help or a little more time.

Training will be available to businesses who wish to get involved, which form part of a wider campaign, with further details to be announced shortly to coincide with the launch.



COVID 19 Memorial

Plans are in the very early stages to erect a Memorial Stone in memory of all those who have lost their lives, and to honour all key workers who have worked throughout the pandemic. It is hoped that together with partners a suitable stone can be placed within Northwich. Design and location are yet to be discussed and further updates will be made as to the progress of this project.