



# HARPENDEN TOWN COUNCIL

*CLOSER TO THE COMMUNITY*

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### TOWN COUNCIL RECOGNISES LONG SERVICE BY FOUR PAST TOWN COUNCILLORS

The Town Mayor, Councillor Brian Ellis, was delighted to recognise the long service of four past Town Councillors by presenting them with an Honorary Townsman Award, which is presented to retiring Town Councillors who have served a minimum of eight years on the Town Council.

At the Council meeting that took place on the 29 June, former Councillors Michael Ellis, Rosemary Farmer and Mrs Caroline Vincent were presented with an engraved medallion and certificate to commemorate their service. However former Councillor John Chambers was unable to attend on the evening and will be awarded his award at a later date.

John Chambers served as a Town Councillor to Harpenden North for 16 years, serving as Town Mayor in 2006/2007 and as Deputy Mayor in 2005/2006. John took a strong interest in planning matters, serving as a planning chairman for a number of years and sitting on a number of committees and working parties.

Michael Ellis served as a Town Councillor to Harpenden East for eight years and was very active in his Ward during his term. He was a Planning Chairman for six years of his term, in which he had particular knowledge and understanding.

Rosemary Farmer served as a Town Councillor to Harpenden East for eight years, serving as Town Mayor in 2009/2010 and 2013/14 and Deputy Mayor in 2012/13. She served as Chairman to a number of committees and working parties during her term. Rosemary continues to represent the Harpenden East ward as a District Councillor.

Mrs Caroline Vincent served as a Town Councillor to Harpenden East for eight years, sitting on a number of committees and working parties during her term. Mrs Vincent took a strong interest in environmental matters of the Town Council.

The Town Mayor said *"It is an honour to be able to present my past colleagues with these awards in recognition of their long service to the Harpenden residents over such a long period. Their dedication to their Councillor roles was unfailing and was appreciated by many throughout the Town"*

Following the presentation a small reception was held with the award holders, their families and current Town Councillors to celebrate the event.

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