



HARPENDEN TOWN COUNCIL

CLOSER TO THE COMMUNITY

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PRESS RELEASE

Harpenden welcomes its new Town Mayor

The Annual Meeting of Harpenden Town Council and the Mayor-Making Ceremony took place on Monday 18 May. Councillor Brian Ellis was delighted to be elected as the Town Mayor for 2015/16, having served as Deputy Town Mayor for 2014/15. Councillor Mrs Nicola Linacre was elected as the Deputy Town Mayor for 2015/16.

The outgoing Town Mayor, Councillor Mary Maynard, was presented with a certificate and badge and thanked for all her hard work and commitment over the past year. She wished Councillor Ellis a successful year in office.

Brian is looking forward to his year as Mayor and sees it as an honour and a privilege to work for the town of Harpenden and its people.

The Town Mayor said 'My theme for the year is 'Resilience'. I have met many inspiring people over the years who have overcome difficult periods in their lives and remained focused and upbeat despite the odds. The strength that they have shown and their determination is a great example to us all. I have chosen to support two local charities; The Harpenden Trust and The Southdown Play Areas Trust. They are very local and very committed in improving the lives of those in our community. I look forward to working with my nominated charities and fundraising for them during my year in office and meeting local residents as I perform my civic duties throughout the year.'

The Harpenden Trust has been in operation for 60 years and helps individuals and families in Harpenden who are suffering hardship, financial or otherwise. The Southdown Play Areas Trust has been established this year to raise funds to rebuild children's play areas in Southdown and is an initiative of the local community.

Brian has lived in Harpenden for 30 years and is married with two adult children, who attended local schools. He was elected a Harpenden Town Councillor in 2011. He has a degree in engineering, an MBA, and has worked for international banks in Hong Kong and the City of London. This included 15 years at Citigroup where he specialised in the insurance and reinsurance sector, requiring extensive travel to the United States, Bermuda and Continental Europe. Brian is also a St Albans District Councillor and is active in the community as a Board Member of a Housing Association, Chairman of a housing charity and as a JP.

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