

Message from the Mayor

To be elected as Mayor of Hunstanton and Chair of Hunstanton Town Council is an honour and a great privilege – and I am very grateful to my fellow Councillors for placing their trust in me this year. Some may imagine that it is simply an honorary position that requires the holder to attend events wearing the Mayoral chain and a smile. In fact though, behind the glossy photographs, the day-to-day workload of the Councillor increases with additional responsibilities.

On taking up office on 18 May, I highlighted that the evolving political, economic and environmental climate may well create some interesting challenges in the coming year. Rest assured that your Town Councillors will work constructively with our partners to positively influence decisions that are likely to have an irreversible effect on the face of Hunstanton and its future prosperity. Whilst there is still more work to do, we have already begun to develop closer links with individuals, groups and organisations in order to share information and work in partnership on topics in which we have a common interest. We have also embarked on a strategy of community engagement, organising and participating in an increased number of local events to improve communication and check that our policies actually reflect the views of the local residents that we represent.

Amongst the many new initiatives, Councillor surgeries will now be held in the Town Hall on the last Monday of the month so please do come along and talk to us – you can browse the stalls at the indoor car boot sale afterwards! On 23/24 June we will have a stall at Carnival and on Saturday, 7 July we are hosting “Have a Field Day” from 12pm to 4pm at the Community Centre; this will be a fun-filled afternoon with traditional races (egg and spoon, sack races, etc.) and outdoor games for all the family, as well as a teddy bear’s picnic. Refreshments will be available, but you may prefer to bring a picnic and make the most of our own very special green space and community orchard.

Finally, do you have what it takes to be the official Hunstanton Town Crier? We are seeking an Honorary Town Crier specifically to play an important role at Civic events and generally to promote the town. The successful applicant will have a clear voice, a friendly personality and will enjoy being the centre of attention! More information is available on our website (<http://www.hunstantontowncouncil.gov.uk>)