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Kidsgrove Town Mayor Report May 2025

I am please to present the Annual Report for 2024/2025

When I was made mayor in May 2025, what a change was waiting for me.

We started the year off with our Annual Council Meeting where I was elected as Town Mayor for the coming civic year and Cllr Jill Waring as Deputy Mayor.

Within weeks our town clerk Hannah Marr, become gravely ill and unfortunately passed away early august. Hannah had been our clerk for two years and had worked on projects such as

installation of cctv and new Speed Indicator Devices (SIDS).

Sue Woodward our administration officer has recently been promoted to Assistant Clerk after joining us in 2023 on a temporary contract.

Our new town clerk, Nicola Antoney, joined us in May 2023 to help our then clerk whilst the council found itself short staffed. She then went on to becoming our locum with the passing of Hannah and then was made our Town Clerk in December 2024.

During the last twelve months, we have held our Beer Festival, Remembrance Sunday, Christmas competitions, Lantern Parade and Light Switch On and Easter competitions. I have attended a variety of functions including presenting local business with best dressed window, our yearly Panto held here in our own Town Hall, presentation evenings and the opening of a new mental health unit for women here in Kidsgrove to name a few.

Our Victoria Hall goes from strength to strength, with repeat hirers from bowling clubs, theatre groups, dance clubs, exercise clubs and private hirers.

Our Dementia Café keeps going from strength to strength. The Town Deal Project is still on going.

In 2024 – 2025, the Town Council awarded a total of £3900 in grant funding to a variety of local parish groups.

Whilst reflecting on the past year it is easy to get caught up in our own lives but I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers in our parish who give their time to help to put on events and run our local groups, without who, they would not be able to operate.

Lastly, I would like to thank all my fellow councillors and council officers, for the support and help over the last year.

Your sincerely

Cllr Kevin Johnson

Town Mayor of Kidsgrove

2024 - 2025