



## Press Release

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### Title: 2020 Civic Awards

#### Embargoed:

#### When:

**Where:** Wokingham

**What:** Civic Award Process

Wokingham Town Council is once again in search of people who are worthy of being singled out and publicly recognised for their generous use of time, ideas, energy and resources for the betterment of others.

We are looking for shining examples of civic mindedness, personal courage, or service to family or community that is above and beyond the ordinary. We want the recipients of these awards to know that the difference they have made to the lives of others, or indeed to the life of the town is recognised. This is your opportunity to give something back to those who care.

For examples and full criteria see [www.wokingham-tc.gov.uk/civic](http://www.wokingham-tc.gov.uk/civic). The on-line nomination form can be found in the Civic Award section.

An official ceremony will take place on Friday 24 January 2020 when the Mayor will present awards to successful nominees.

The deadline is Thursday 22 November 2019.

#### Quotes:

Cllr David Lee (Chairman of Civic Committee) commented: "Wokingham Town Council takes great pride in recognising those individuals who have significantly supported our Wokingham community. I encourage you all to think of people you know who have contributed to our town and nominate them to be considered for this important award."

Cllr Lynn Forbes (Town Mayor) commented: "I'm honoured that I will be hosting the Civic Awards ceremony for 2020."

During my mayoral year I have met with many great volunteers, they deserve our acknowledgement and I would like to present them with an award for their endeavours in supporting Wokingham.

I have met so many people in Wokingham who undertake such valuable voluntary work for the good of Wokingham and it's residents.

We now ask for your help, please nominate our wonderful volunteers so that Wokingham Town Council can thank them on your behalf. Thank you. ”

## **About WTC**

**Vision:** To encourage the life and vibrancy of Wokingham Town for its existing and future residents and businesses.

Wokingham Town Council comprises twenty-five councillors who represent the four wards of the town: Emmbrook, Evendons, Norreys and Wescott.

The Town Councillors are elected every four years. Each year the Council elects one of their members to be the Town Mayor and Chairman of the Council.

The Council delegates much of its business to the following committees:

- **Amenities:** Responsible for the Council's facilities such as parks, allotments, buildings, markets, and playgrounds
- **Arts & Culture:** Encourages, supports and, in conjunction with other organisations, delivers artistic and cultural events to users of the town centre.
- **Civic:** Makes decisions on matters relating to the Mayor's Civic involvement with the Town Council. These include Civic Events such as Civic Awards, Mayoral regalia and the honorary staff members.
- **Finance & Personnel:** Controls the finances and general administration of the Council. This committee also administers the allocation of grants to local charities and community projects.
- **Planning & Transportation:** This committee acts as a consultative body on Planning Applications, Development Proposals and Transport issues.

The Full Council meets at least six times a year. Council meetings are open to the public.

The agendas and minutes can be found on the Town Council's web site at

[www.wokingham-tc.gov.uk](http://www.wokingham-tc.gov.uk).

For general information please telephone the Town Council on 0118 978 3185.

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