



Press Release

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Title: New Wokingham Town Mayor

Embargoed: 6 May 2020

When: 2020-2021

Where: Wokingham Town

What: Cllr Tony Lack has been elected as the new Town Mayor of Wokingham and his wife Claire will become his Mayoress.

At a meeting held on Tuesday 5 May, fellow Councillors elected Cllr Lack to the post for 2020-2021.

Cllr Lack has been a Town Councillor since 2015, representing the ward of Evendons West. Since this time, Tony has been Vice-Chairman of the Planning & Transportation Committee, Chairman of the Elms Field Working Party and he has also been Deputy Mayor. In addition, Cllr Lack has played a very active role in organising litter picks and removing graffiti in the town.

The Deputy Town Mayor for the forthcoming term will be Cllr Maria Gee and her Consort will be Mr Chris Gee.

Quotes: Cllr Tony Lack

“It is a great honour to be chosen as this year’s Wokingham Town Mayor, and once restrictions have been relaxed, I look forward to representing the town with my wife Claire at my side.

Claire and I moved to Wokingham in 1984 and we have grown with the town through its last two urban expansions. We consider ourselves to be a typical Wokingham family commuting to work and raising children like most do; now the children have families of their own we identify with those who have aged alongside us and also those younger families embarking on that same journey.

As a result of the amazing work that so many are doing in response to the current situation, my theme for my Mayoral year is ‘Thank You’. There are so many wonderful individuals and organisations Claire and I would like to thank and we hope to raise awareness of this work throughout the year.

As a parent and grand-parent myself, I plan to choose a child-related organisation as my nominated charity for 2020/21, details of which I will share in due course.

Claire and I adore our Town and we pray that all our local traders can return to successful business in the very near future, with ours and your support.

I look forward to serving and meeting as many of our residents of Wokingham as possible this year, and in the meantime I hope you all remain safe and well.”

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 Town Twinning visits 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.

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