



## Press Release

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### Title: New Wokingham Town Mayor

#### Embargoed:

**When:** 2021-2022

**Where:** Wokingham Town

**What:** Cllr Tony Lack has been re-elected as the Town Mayor of Wokingham for a 2<sup>nd</sup> year and his wife Claire will continue as Mayoress.

At a meeting held on Tuesday 4 May, fellow Councillors elected Cllr Lack to the post for 2021-2022.

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 plays a very active role in litter picks and removing graffiti in the town.

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

A small civic service is being held at St. Paul's Church next Sunday 16th at 2pm for the Mayor, his family and a few Councillors and guests. The service will be livestreamed for any others who wish to watch the service; please visit the following link to view: <https://youtu.be/qKfLmt6YoFM>

**Quotes:** Cllr Tony Lack

"I feel privileged to be chosen as Mayor for a second year and to be given another chance to perform many of the Mayoral duties that were curtailed over the last 12 months.

During the last year Claire and I visited all sorts of groups and organisations but were particularly impressed by the efforts and successes of all the charities that are working to make Wokingham a wonderful place to live. We are praying that the recovery from the pandemic continues to be successful, so we have chosen the

theme of “Reconnect” for our year as we all reconnect with the ones we love as well as our favourite retailers in town.

We did not have a chance to raise any funds for a charity last year but this time we hope to do a bit better. In keeping with my wish to help youngsters in the town I have selected the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wokingham, Mayor’s Own, Scout Group as my charity. This Group is based in Norreys and I hope that by supporting them we can help them reconnect with their activities.

Our Council has worked hard to perform all its duties in the last difficult year and I am very proud that it remains in a sound financial position. My thanks go to both Councillors and staff for their hard work.

Claire and I look forward to serving once again and to meeting as many of our residents, volunteers and traders as we can throughout the year.”

## **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 Remembrance and Civic Awards 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

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