

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

I felt extremely honoured to be asked to be Vice Chairman of Sevenoaks District Council and then to serve as the Chairman.

I have attended many events over the last year and met many dignitaries, mayors, Lord Lieutenants and Councillors and their associated deputies.

The events I have attended include Forget Me Not Café's, the Eden Valley Museum, Choral Evensong at Rochester Cathedral, Mayor of Ashford's Civic Service, Guide Dogs for the Blind, Sevenoaks Family Fun Days, Tour and Afternoon Tea Party at Tonbridge School, Several Flying the Flag Day's, Royal British Legion Remembrance event, Mayor of Bromley's Sunday Lunch in aid of Ukraine, Lord Mayor Canterbury's Annual Dinner and Dance and many more other lovely charity events.

My chosen Charities for my term as Chairman had been the Eden Valley Museum in Edenbridge which is volunteer run and is a great asset to the community of the Eden Valley and visitors from all over the world. My other Charity which is close to my heart is the Sevenoaks Dementia Friendly Community. This charity, although small in comparison to other charities, is essential to the people of Sevenoaks and provides a welcome space for those people suffering from dementia where they can have a go at crafts, sing songs, dance and most importantly, offer company.

The high-light of my year as Chairman was to be asked to attend King Charles III garden party at Buckingham Palace on the 8th May this year.

I would like to thank the Democratic Service Team for all the help and support they have given me with special thanks to Amanda Miller for organising my diary and helping me in arranging my fundraising charity events.

My thanks go to my wife Lyn and consort for attending many of the events with me. My thanks go also to Cllr Laurence Ball who attended some of the events in my absence.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere thanks to all the members and officers of the Council for their patience and respect that I have received as Chairman.

Cllr. Alan Layland

Chairman 2023-2024