



# Harwich Headlines

Welcome to this **Spring and third edition** of the Harwich Town Council newsletter.



Remembrance Sunday, a poignant and a respectful annual date within the council's calendar. In November 2023, members of the council robed and honoured to process to St Nicholas Church joining with local members of the community on this day, coming together to commemorate those who fought and sacrificed for our freedom today. Harwich's mayor Cllr. Maria Fowler proudly laid wreaths at local memorials within the area on behalf of the council and it was touching to see such a full church with members representing many

organisations within our town. Many thanks to all at St Nicholas Church for holding an aptly fitting and reflective service.



In January 2024, HTC commemorated Holocaust Memorial Day, observed for the second time in Harwich since the installation of the Kindertransport Memorial. Harwich Town Council is truly grateful and humbled that this memorial offers a space in the town to

commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day. A poignant day for all in reflection of the history that changed the world. Special thanks go to the students of Harwich and Dovercourt High School who wrote and read their poetry to the congregation, representing their school so beautifully. Despite the inevitable weathers that January presents, a huge turnout filling the pavement and road behind with visitors travelling to the town in order to show their support for a worthy day of reflection. You may have also noticed Harwich's High Lighthouse shined purple in its commemoration to Holocaust Memorial Day, funded by Harwich Town Council .



Harwich's High Steward, Chris Strachan has recently retired from the position after 17 years of dedicated service, having held the position since 2007. The tradition dating back to 1604 sees Harwich Town Council appointing its 34th High Steward and first female to occupy the role in 420 years, Sue Daish. A truly respected member of Harwich and its community, Harwich Town Council believes that Sue is the perfect candidate to take the position of High Steward and Sue has said to be 'honoured', 'extremely grateful', and

'proud to accept. April will see Sue's official Investiture and the council will be proud to see Sue appointed into the role.



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### Wilder Town Initiative

Members of HTC's Environment and Community Committee have agreed to become members of Essex's Wildlife Trust's initiative for Wilder Towns. The initiative seeks to encourage parish and town councils to aid in the restoration of natural spaces and aims to work with a collaboratively in achieving this. Over 40 councils within Essex are signed up to the scheme and Essex Wildlife Trust ensure total support to those who register to take part in achieving a common goal.

**Watch this space for all things environment enhancing!**

### A word from HTC's

#### Town Clerk- Lucy Ballard

There is no 'quiet time' in the life of a Town Clerk, and here at Harwich Town Council every day is different. 2024 is proving to be our busiest year yet with some very exciting things ahead. The office staff are always on hand to help our residents and it is always lovely to welcome visitors into the Guildhall, helping with enquiries and offering our support to all members of our community.

### Invite the Mayor

The mayor welcomes invitations to attend events held by organisations in the town. It may not always be possible for them to attend every event to which they are invited.

It is recommended that you submit your invitation in plenty of time prior to the event.

Once you have correctly submitted your event information, your invitation will be sent to the mayor. Once approved, you will receive confirmation from the Council staff.

**If you would like to invite the mayor or deputy mayor to an event please visit the HTC website for more information.**

[Mayoral Invitation Form – Harwich Town Council](#)

Please note the mayor's attendance is subject to availability and on receipt of an official Mayoral Invitation form.

### Dates for your diary

#### **Investiture of High Steward**

25th April 1100hrs—The Guildhall,  
1145hrs—St Nicholas Church service

#### **Mayor Making**

16th May— 1100hrs The Guildhall & St Nicholas Church followed by kitchel throwing

**Tour De Tending and Skate Park Jam**  
Sunday 19th May—Dovercourt Lifestyles area

**D-Day 80** - Church Service and Lighting of the Harwich Beacon

6th June—Various locations (enquire at HTC for further information)

### Harwich Town Council

#### Grant Funding Awards 2023-24

Harwich Quay Fireworks- £2500

H&D Rugby Club- £1635

CVST Harwich- £1000

The Ark Centre- £499

Spring Meadow Primary School- £1230

Harwich Museum- £444



The Guildhall is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday between

**9.30am –1.00pm**

For tour bookings please contact the office on 01255 507211.