

## Annual Report of The Mayor, Councillor Mike Greenall 2021-2022

It has been an honour and privilege to serve as Mayor of Lancaster in the 2021-2022 civic year.

This year has been a memorable year for myself and my wife Margaret as Mayoress alongside me, and we have enjoyed meeting with all the organisers and volunteers who have worked endlessly throughout the Covid pandemic we have had to suffer throughout the district.

I would like to thank my Deputy Mayor Councillor Geoff Knight who stepped in to cover me when I was not available to carry out some of my duties. I would also like to thank all the officers of Lancaster City Council for their support and service to me and the Mayoress during this mayoral year.

Attending these Mayoral events would not have been possible if it was not for the organising skills of Jenny Kay who made sure we arrived safe and sound to these events and made sure we kept to the covid restriction rules which were still in force whilst she drove us to and from these events which included the wearing of face masks and also to use sanitizing gels.



Our first event we attended was the Olive Branch Foodbank in Lancaster which provided food items to vulnerable people and families and also homeless people and refugees throughout the district and they shared some amazing stories with us.

We also attended the National Hygiene Organisation in Morecambe and in Lancaster who have just started providing vulnerable people, families, homeless people and refugees throughout the district with all types of hygiene products.

We also attended the Induction of Reverend Canon Leah Vasey-Saunders at the Lancaster Priory as Vicar of Lancaster and the High Sheriff's Shield Hanging at Lancaster Castle.

Some events continued with limited numbers and social distancing including the VJ day Memorial, Remembrance Sunday, Nine Lessons and Carols at Lancaster Priory and Holocaust Memorial Day organised by More Music Morecambe. We also attended the Battle of Britain service at St Barnabas Church Morecambe, RBL Pennant Presentation in the Memorial Gardens and Christ Church Lancaster Inaugural Christmas Tree festival.



We have also attended various music events in Morecambe and Lancaster which included More Music in Morecambe where the organisers and volunteers explained what their roles were in training children of all ages how to play different instruments whatever their disabilities. It was amazing to see the outcome of all the hard work at a music evening we attended and also the different projects that they had undertaken.

That same day we then attended a concert by the Haffner Orchestra at Lancaster University which was well attended by the public and it was an enjoyable night listening to the different symphonies of famous composers by this remarkable orchestra.

We also attended the Highest Point Festival at Williamson Park on a Saturday evening and the main star that evening was Rick Astley and it was well supported by the public who enjoyed the music.

In February we were invited to take part in the official opening of the Chinese New Year Celebrations in Lancaster City Centre which was the year of the Tiger and this was really enjoyable.

We have made presentations at various sporting events throughout the district.

- Walking football competitions were held at Heysham Mossgate Astro turf pitch for players over the age of 50 and above which included people with some sort of disability and these events were organised by Mr David Brayshaw.
- We were invited to make a presentation of the Lockstep Trophy to the winners of the four team football competition held at the Giant Axe in Lancaster over two days and the competition was won by Lancaster City F.C and it was a pleasure to present them with the trophy.
- We also made a presentation to Morecambe FC for winning promotion to Division One of the Football League by winning the Division Two play off final at Wembley.
- We then hosted the Mayor of Milton Keynes who came to watch Morecambe FC play his home team MK DONS at the Mazuma Stadium where he saw his team beat Morecambe 4-0.
- We also made a presentation to the winning foursome Golf Team at the Silver Basket Trophy tournament at Lansil Golf Club Lancaster.
- We also were invited to make presentations at the Lancaster Grand Prix Cycle Race which took place around the country lanes on the outskirts of Lancaster over a distance of 99 miles. The race started off from Williamson Park and ended in Williamson Park and the race was won by Josh Whitehead of Team PB Performance.
- Last year we started a Way of the Roses Cycle Race from Morecambe to Bridlington which consisted of 170 miles cycling.



We also made a presentation to Great Britain Paralympic Wheelchair Rugby Gold Medal winners Stuart Robinson and his team mate Ayaz Bhuta who competed at the Tokyo Paralympics at the Salt Ayre Sports Centre where they both trained up to the start of the Paralympics in 2021.

We have also attended two tree planting events for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee which were held first at Ryelands School with the Lord Lieutenant Lord Shuttleworth and the second tree planting was with the Friends of Ryelands Park on Ryelands Park. We also planted a tree for the Friends of Syria in Williamson Park.

We were invited to a Princes Trust presentation in Lancaster which was organised by the Lancashire Fire and Rescue which involved taking teenagers away on a Outward Bound course in the Snowdonia Park area and each one gave a presentation on what they experienced whilst being on this course.

We also attended a Respect Awards Presentation evening at Lancaster House for the Lancaster Boys and Girls club who went on a outward bound course in the Lake District and they all gave a presentation on what they achieved by doing this course.

We have also attended numerous other events throughout our Mayoral year which are as follows.

- RNLI Morecambe Naming Boat Ceremony
- Mossgate School Student awards presentations
- Caton Road Flood Defence presentation
- West End Road Primary School presentations
- RNLI Lancaster Coffee Morning
- Lancaster Soroptimists International day for Violence against Women
- Torrisholme Trinity Methodist Church unveiling of Plaque
- Silverdoor Charter House Launch Party
- Laurel Bank Care Home Retirement party presentation
- Unveiling of a NHS Thank You Bench at Royal Lancaster Infirmary
- St Thomas Church Community Centre Opening Ceremony in Lancaster
- Lancaster Philately Club Fair
- The Growing Club Presentations
- Bay Volunteers Hope Church Lancaster Presentation
- St John's Awards and Honours for the district of Cumbria and Lancashire

I wish my successor Councillor Joyce Pritchard a successful and happy Mayoral year.