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Mayor
of Warrington

This booklet is designed to give a brief introduction to the role of the Mayor of the borough of Warrington and provide advice to those wishing to invite the Mayor to a function.



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Cllr Maureen Creaghan is the 137th Mayor and first citizen of Warrington.

Maureen was born in Warrington and has lived here all her life. She was married to her late husband Bernard for 45 years until he passed away in 2018. She has two daughters and four grandchildren.



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Maureen has worked in her community for many years. She has been a school governor for 20 years, specialising in safeguarding and special needs children. She is her Parish's safeguarding representative, appointed by the Diocese of Shrewsbury. In the past, Maureen was a youth worker, taking many young people to Lourdes each year and helping the sick and vulnerable members in her Diocese. She is passionate about young people with special educational needs and has taken on training with the ADHD Foundation to help provide additional support to teachers, parents and their children.

Maureen became a councillor in 2001 and, along with her fellow councillors, has spent the last two decades and beyond championing the needs of her communities. Maureen is a councillor in the Poulton South Ward with Colin Froggatt, working as an admirable team listening to and supporting the needs of their residents. Maureen is also a member of Poulton with Fearnhead Parish Council.



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Maureen is also Warrington's Older People's Champion working with other towns' champions in the North West, sharing good practice for our older people. Along with her colleagues, she has hosted a Memory Walk over the past few years, raising awareness of dementia sufferers and their families.

Maureen and her brother John have had a wonderful time as Deputy Mayor and Consort, and it was an honour meeting so many lovely people.

They attended numerous events and functions during the year including: the Latchford duck race on the River Mersey, opening Bent's Christmas Bonanza with Matthew Bent, welcoming the Duke of Lancashire Regiment on their return to the Peninsula Barracks in



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Warrington, attending the Christmas 'sing along' with the band of the 75th Royal Engineers and the children of Beamont Primary School, and an evening of prayer for the homeless.

As the Older Peoples' Champion, Maureen contacted Warrington care homes to offer assistance wherever possible, as part of the council's support in dealing with the COVID crisis.

Mayor's charities 2020/21

The charities Maureen will be supporting as Mayor of Warrington are:

- **Forget Me Not Unit at Warrington Hospital** – caring for patients with Alzheimer's and dementia.
- **JUMP** – providing photograph and film memories for children with terminal and life limiting illness in North West England and Wales.
- **Lifetime** – providing support and services for elderly residents.
- **PAPYRUS** – a charity supporting the prevention of young suicide.

Invitations to the Mayor

In view of the Mayor's busy diary, it is important that invitations are sent to the council's democratic services team well in advance of the date of the engagement, preferably in writing.

Invitations should include full details such as the Mayor's role at the function, which other dignitaries have been invited, how long the event is intended to last and who will meet the Mayor on arrival.

Upon acceptance a reply will be sent in writing and may also request more information.

To invite the Mayor to an engagement please email: MayoralOffice2@warrington.gov.uk or complete an online form at warrington.gov.uk/mayor
Telephone: 01925 442139

Address: Mayor's Parlour, Town Hall, Sankey Street,
Warrington WA1 1UH

Advice on protocol

The Mayor always has precedence in the Borough of Warrington, except in the presence of the Queen herself, or her representative.

The Mayor and Consort should be met immediately upon arrival by the organiser of the event or a designated person and should accompany them throughout the event.

The formal announcement of the Mayor is "The Worshipful the Mayor of the Borough of Warrington, Councillor Maureen Creaghan".

After initial introductions the correct form of address when speaking to the Mayor is “Madam Mayor”.

Unless the Mayor occupies the chair (at meetings etc), in formal seating arrangements (dinners etc), the Mayor should be seated on the immediate right of the host or chairperson.

When inviting the Mayor to any function, it is important to highlight what her role is.

Except for an introduction, the Mayor should be the first speaker.

The office of Mayor

The Mayor is required to preside over full meetings of the council, and as first citizen of the borough, offer an official welcome to visitors to the town, and act as official host on occasions when there is a provision of civic hospitality.

The Mayor plays a key role in promoting the town.

During the year, the Mayor attends numerous engagements including many annual civic and community events.



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The Mayor represents Warrington at many events during the year, supporting local organisations, charities, schools, youth centres and care homes.

The Mayor makes every effort to attend as many engagements as possible during her term of office.

Organisations are asked to give their assistance by forwarding as much detail as possible of any event, which the Mayor is invited to.

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