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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 Jean Flaherty is the 138th Mayor and first citizen of Warrington.

Jean was born in the Fairfield and Howley ward of Warrington and, while Jean has moved around the town over the years, she returned to live in Fairfield and Howley in 1991. Jean is married to her husband, Terry Flaherty, who will be her Mayoral Consort. Jean and Terry share three children, five grandchildren and a great granddaughter.



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Since being elected to the council in May 2016, Jean has served as Chair of the council's 'Building stronger communities' committee and has been heavily involved in the development of the Central 6 Masterplan, as well as continuing to volunteer in her own community and develop a network of community groups across the town.

Jean's IT career saw her travel in America, Canada and Europe for work purposes before retiring at the age of 53 and settling back in Warrington. She began her career as an Office Junior, employed by the then Winwick and Newchurch Hospital Management Committee. She then transferred to working in communications in the late 1970s, before retiring in 2007 from her position as Managing Director of a UK subsidiary of a German software designer.

After many years of volunteering in her local community, Jean was persuaded to stand for the role of councillor in the Fairfield and Howley ward. Jean thoroughly enjoys the community aspect of her role and listening to and supporting the needs of local residents.



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In recent years, her work has focused on community development, communication and the environment. Jean helped to drive forward the council's investment in revitalising the successful Pavilion Tea Rooms in St. Elphin's Park, funding two refurbishments over five years which has resulted in a successful community offering in the heart of Fairfield and Howley.

The work in the park led to the development of the Friends of Friends Network, bringing together groups who volunteer in the community to improve the environment or provide activities for others. Jean followed this group development by co-ordinating the Warrington Crafters who have worked on large projects which have been displayed at the Town Hall over the last few years. She is also involved with the Litter Network, having supported the CLEAN initiatives in 2017 and 2022.



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Jean and Terry were able to enjoy a small number of activities during their year as Deputy Mayor and Consort, but of course, these were limited due to the coronavirus pandemic.

During her Mayoral year, Jean will continue to participate in the Warrington Fostering Panel and Corporate Parenting Forum, as well as supporting many volunteering groups where she is an active member.

Mayor's charities 2022 - 2023

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

- **St Joseph's Family Centre** – provides a range of services to support people and families in overcoming stress and family breakdown
- **Refuge (Warrington Independent Domestic Violence and Abuse Service)** – supports women and men experiencing domestic abuse
- **Footsteps** – provides support to anyone affected by someone else's drug or alcohol use
- **PAPYRUS** – a charity supporting the prevention of young suicide

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Invitations to the Mayor

The Mayor represents Warrington at many engagements, civic and community 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.

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.

Invitations can be made by completing the online form at [**warrington.gov.uk/mayor**](https://warrington.gov.uk/mayor). Please include information about 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.

You can also

Email: MayoralOffice2@warrington.gov.uk

Call: 01925 442139

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

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

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 they should accompany them throughout the event.

The formal announcement of the Mayor is “The Worshipful the Mayor of the borough of Warrington, Councillor Jean Flaherty”.

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.



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The office of Mayor

The Mayor is required to preside over full meetings of the council.

As first citizen of the borough, the Mayor will offer an official welcome to visitors to the town, and act as official host on occasions when there is a provision of civic hospitality.

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