



The Town Council's Newsletter

Horwich

Horwich welcomes the new Town Mayor 2023-2024



Councillor David Grant was appointed as Chairperson of the Town Council and Mayor of Horwich for 2023-2024. David Grant was brought up and raised in Horwich mainly on Singleton Avenue. He attended Lord Street Primary School (now Beacon) and then went to Rivington & Blackrod High School. David was a keen long-distance runner competing in runs throughout Horwich & Rivington. He is a supporter of Bolton Wanderers and a member of the Supporter's Trust.

David worked in finance for both the BBC and ABN Amro commercial bank. Married to Dr Kathryn Grant, his wife of almost 14 years, they have 2 boys who are avid football players.

David has always helped within his community becoming Vice Chair of Friends Of Star Lodge and started an active role in politics in 2019 when he joined Horwich & Blackrod First Independents, where he won his seat in Vale ward on Horwich Town Council. David won his seat in Horwich and Blackrod Ward on Bolton Borough council in 2021 and went on to become Leader of the party in 2022 following the resignation of the founding party leader.

In 2022 he was appointed as Deputy Mayor of Horwich, and following his success in the all-out Borough elections where he was elected to all three of Horwich, Blackrod and Bolton councils, he was selected to be Mayor of Horwich for 2023/2024 civic year.

David's charities for his civic year are Sam's Warriors (who offer a befriending service through running, walking and yoga to assist in mental health and wellbeing), Rock-it! (a charity to engage the local youth through music building confidence in a safe environment), and Veteran's Army which is a charity which helps military veterans with support, training and counselling, as well as currently helping with aid in Ukraine.

The Town Mayor will be supported during his year of office by his wife Councillor Kathryn Grant who will be Town Mayoress for 2023 – 24.



Deputy Mayor of Horwich 2023-2024

Councillor Ian Aldcroft was appointed as Deputy Town Mayor for 2023 - 24 with his wife Janet as Deputy Town Mayoress.

Ian Aldcroft was born in Manchester, England, in 1953. He moved to Radcliffe on Trent at the age of three and then to Eastwood near Nottingham. In 1963, he moved to Culcheth and attended Newton-le-Willows Grammar School while living there.

In 1971, Ian moved to Horwich, where he worked for a while at Ingersoll Rand. He then took a course in Civil and Structural engineering and draughting and went on to work for several engineering firms, including Allott and Lomax, Biwaters, Bertram Done and Partners, the CEGB, and Bolton Council.

In 1991, Ian joined United Utilities, where he mostly worked in knowledge management. He retired early at the age of 63 in 2016.

In 2019, Ian joined the fledgling Horwich and Blackrod First Independents party. He was pleasantly surprised to gain a seat at Horwich Town Council, representing the Claypool ward. Ian was re-elected in May this year to continue to serve the ward.

Following his re-election, Ian was voted in as Deputy Mayor for 2023 – 2024 and will be supported by his wife Janet, who will be the Deputy Mayoress.

Ian is married with two grown children. His interests include photography, reading, music, and looking after cats



New plaque at former Black Bull Pub



A new civic plaque has been installed at the Rivington Grill on Church Street. Formerly the Black Bull Public House, this distinctive stone building has existed for over 200 years. In the 18th - 19th centuries it was a stage coach inn and in the early 19th century it was the centre of administration for the original village of Horwich presided over by Joseph Ridgway.

The plaque reads:

Former Site of The Black Bull Public House, A stagecoach inn circa 1750 and centre of local administration for the original village of Horwich 1800 - 1850

Have an idea and want to try it out? Why not contact Horwich Community Centre for room hire availability?

Have a look what's on here at the Centre. We have Pilates, yoga, upholstery, social events, meals for the elderly, classes for pre-school kids, language courses, Aikido, Citizens Advice drop-in, Morris dancers and much more.

Contact horwich.hrc20@gmail.com for more information



A message from the retiring Horwich Town Mayor

It has been a huge honour to be the Town Mayor of Horwich for the past 12 months, my hometown, in addition to being Deputy Town Mayor for the previous three years. It was an incredibly busy but enjoyable year meeting and supporting numerous groups and opening several exhibitions. It was great to launch new initiatives such as the Young Citizen of the Year Award and the Mayor's 'Design a Christmas Card' competition. The winning designs were produced for sale to raise funds for my local charities and the winning primary school pupils were rewarded with the honour of turning on the town's Civic Christmas Tree lights with myself.

The town commemorated the Platinum Jubilee with a three-day spectacular free event and marked the Jubilee and Coronation with oak trees planted and wildflower seeds given out, in addition to commemorating the 150th anniversary of Local Government in Horwich. Free bookmarks were also given out to all primary school pupils in the town to encourage reading. It was a huge honour to also announce the Proclamation of a new Monarch for 70 years.

Having recently handed over the chains of office, I look forward to supporting our new Town Mayor and wish him all the best in the role.

The following donations have been made to my supported charities:

The Horwich RMI Cricket Club received £1000, The 1471 Horwich Squadron Air Training Corps received £1000, The Rivington Heritage Trust received £800, Eagley Band received £800, the Anderton Centre received £300 and the North West Air Ambulance received £100

Festival of Horwich 2023

Horwich Town Council are organising a one-day free event which will include inflatables, demonstrations, involvement from all the businesses, street food, vendors, crafting and much more.

The event will kick start from 12pm on Saturday 23rd September with festivities running until 11pm.

The event is currently in its early planning stages but more information will be made available closer to the time so keep your eyes peeled for updates on our social media and newsletters.



The Horwich Parish (Consists of the whole of Horwich and part of Lostock) is divided into six wards:

Vale, Bridge, Lever Park, Church, Central, Claypool, Fall Birch and Brazley with 14 elected representatives serving an electorate of over 15,000.

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