

**CIVIC REPORT**

**Councillor Roger Carter – 29<sup>th</sup> January – 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

DATE	FUNCTION	COMMENTS
1 <sup>st</sup> February	1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary of New Refuge	This is a men's refuge in Blandford that relies on a jigsaw of charity funding. Although only open for a year, their success rate in helping vulnerable or abused men is excellent. It was a pleasure to be able to give civic recognition for this very important refuge.
9 <sup>th</sup> February	Ron Salter 100 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Party White Cliffe House Nursing Home	I think Ron was quite overwhelmed by the number of family (4 generations), friends and well-wishers attending his party. I was given the additional honour of presenting him with a card and telegram from the Queen. A very moving party
12 <sup>th</sup> February	Blandford Snowdrop Memorial Service	A beautiful service of commemoration for people who have lost loved ones and wish to take part in remembrance of them. The congregation had the opportunity to light a candle in memory.
15 <sup>th</sup> February	‘Creating the Shape’ Exhibition Blandford Fashion Museum	The fashion museum is a gem in Blandford and unique in Dorset. The latest display is stunning and well worth a visit. I would like to pay tribute to the management and organisation by the dedicated group of volunteers who run the museum.
15 <sup>th</sup> February	Gala Charity Concert Bryanston School Music Scholars	This really was a display of superb, sometimes touching virtuoso, musicianship from the young music scholars from Bryanston, who performed to a packed church. The school is very keen to form closer links with the local community and this is one way in which they are achieving this.
17 <sup>th</sup> February	Blandford & District Lions Club 46 <sup>th</sup> Charter Lunch	It was a pleasure to give civic recognition to the Blandford and district Lions club and to give thanks for all the voluntary fund raising they do for the Blandford Community. Unexpected, was a cheque for £100.00 for the mayor's charities

**Meetings Attended by the Chairman of Council**

None