

CIVIC REPORT

Councillor Hugo Miéville 14th May – 24th May 2024

DATE	FUNCTION	COMMENTS
18 th May	Unveiling of Information boards at the Milldown Extension	In my last formal engagement as Mayor, I had the pleasure of inaugurating the information boards on the Milldown extension, in a short ceremony which celebrated the donations of 70 people or families from Blandford Forum towards the planting of trees in this beautiful new space. The ceremony also celebrated the financial contribution of some £18,000 to this exciting new Dorset Rangers project. The act of celebration was completed by with suitable amounts of coffee and cake! Thanks to all involved with this great idea.

Councillor Nocturin Lacey-Clarke 25th May – 24th June 2024

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1 st June	Blandford Hedgehog Group Summer Fete	Deputy Mayor - On Saturday 1 st June, Yvonne and I had the pleasure of opening the Blandford Hedgehog Group Summer Fete at the Parish Rooms, which was very well attended on a sunny morning. We were made to feel very welcome, and we were offered some delicious cake and coffee, before moving on to our second engagement of the morning. Thanks to all involved!
1 st June	D-Day 80 Service at Tarrant Rushden Airfield	Deputy Mayor - Later in the morning, Yvonne and I had the honour of attending the Commemoration of the 80th anniversary of the D Day operations at Tarrant Rushton Airfield, from where the gliders heading for Pegasus Bridge and other targets, took off late on 5 June, 1944, towed by Halifax planes. There was a very moving service, followed by wreath - laying : I laid a wreath on behalf of the people of Blandford Forum. The occasion was attended by senior RAF and Army officers, as well by Angus Campbell, Lord Lieutenant of Dorset.
12 th June	Opening the Museum Tour For Carers	A fantastic morning celebrating carers that do so much for our community! I was lucky enough to be invited to attend this excellent event organised by Sylvia from the Blandford Town Museum, Katie from The Blandford Fashion Museum and Sarah from the Blandford Forum Parish Church. Carers were offered an opportunity to visit both museums for free, attend a back stage tour, including the roof of the church and a plethora of sandwiches and cakes! This was the first of what is hoped to be an annual event to thanks and support our carers!

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14 th June	Paralympic Display at the Fashion Museum	<p>Deputy Mayor - On Friday afternoon I was delighted to visit the new display of Olympic clothing at the Fashion Museum, the star feature of which was the clothing and equipment donated by Dame Tanni Grey-Thompson at various Paralympic Games - including her wheelchair! This is all part of a themed exhibition called 'Our Sporting Heritage' which includes clothing from a range of sports. After the visit, I enjoyed some splendid Fashion Museum hospitality, including delicious home-made Ginger Cake! Thanks very much, Katie and the team!</p>
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Meetings Attended by the Chairman of Council

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