

CIVIC REPORT

Councillor Nocturin Lacey-Clarke 1st October – 28th October 2024

DATE	FUNCTION	COMMENTS
3 rd October	Blandford Connect Day Centre MacMillan Coffee Morning	I attended the Macmillan coffee morning in the day centre, where I had a lot of fun helping man the cake stall and serving some amazing homemade cakes (whilst sampling a few), in great company and all for a really good cause.
10 th October	Yeovil Civic Day	Deputy Mayor - I enjoyed a lovely day as Deputy Mayor in Yeovil today. We were shown round the impressive array of facilities which the Town Council has recently taken over from the hard-up Somerset Council, including the very swish and modern Westlands Entertainment Venue; the lovely indoor and outdoor facilities of the Recreation Centre, and finally the lovely woodland and lakeside area of Ninesprings Country Park. It must have been a lot of hard work to transfer ownership, but it seems to have been managed seamlessly! Thank you for a great day, including a delicious lunch at the Quicksilver Mail pub!
19 th October	Blandford Camp Dashain Celebration 2024	Deputy Mayor - I spent a fantastic Saturday evening as Deputy Mayor at the Gurkha Dashain celebrations at Blandford Camp, in the company of former Mayor Cllr. Colin Stevens. We enjoyed fantastic hospitality, and tasted some delicious curries and sweet desserts, washed down with wine and beer. We were then royally entertained by a succession of dancers of all ages, who danced Gurkha dances in appropriate costume - including of course the fiercely impressive 'khukuri' dance. Cllr. Stevens and I were tempted up on stage for some dad - dancing at the end of the evening. We had a lovely evening, thank you!
26 th October	Blandford Poppy Appeal Launch including Opening the Field of Remembrance	Opening the field of remembrance was an excellent event that has kicked off this period of reflection leading up to Remembrance Day. It was well organised and attended by numerous people. My thanks go to the RBL for all their time and effort.
27 th October	Dorset Legal Service	It was an honour to be invited to the Dorset Legal Service where we saw dignitaries from all over the south come together to support the many different groups that make up our legal community in Dorset. Anthony Woodhouse did a fantastic job organising and hosting the whole event alongside Rev. Beaumont.

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Meetings Attended by the Chairman of Council

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