

**CIVIC REPORT**

**Councillor Nocturin Lacey-Clarke 1<sup>st</sup> April – 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

| DATE                   | FUNCTION               | COMMENTS  |
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| 3 <sup>rd</sup> April  | Portland Civic day     | <p><b>Cllr Quayle</b> - I was privileged to represent the Mayor at the Portland Civic Day to get to see the operation at HeliOperations which specialises in helicopter operations, including Search and Rescue (SAR) training. With a rich naval aviation heritage, the facility operates ex-military aircraft and employs skilled personnel, including apprenticeships for local residents, to ensure safety and efficiency in maritime, military, and commercial aviation. Following our time at HeliOperations, there was a lunch and a further tour of Coombefield Mine. The mine is a significant limestone quarry operated by Portland Stone Firms Ltd. It consists of two voids, Coombefield North and Coombefield South, with the latter still actively mined for high-quality Portland stone. The quarry has been a key source of limestone, widely used in construction projects. Additionally, efforts are underway to incorporate sustainable practices, such as installing solar panels to reduce energy costs. The Mayor of Portland, Councillor Sheila Miles, expressed her thanks to Blandford for taking part in her Civic Day.</p> |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> April  | Wimborne Civic day     | <p><b>Deputy Mayor</b> - Cllr. Colin Stevens and I had a very pleasant time at the Wimborne Civic Day on Wednesday. The day began with guests being faced with a very well organised Town Trail, which took us to all the points of historic and civic interest in the town. Having finally arrived at the splendid Museum of East Dorset, we managed to get some rest there - as a succession of speakers talked to us about community life in Wimborne, including the very influential BID. This session was followed by a delicious lunch on the Museum lawn, before the day ended with some lovely choral music in the marvellous Minster church. Thanks for a lovely day!</p>  |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> April | Blandford Bowling Club | <p>I attended the Blandford Bowling Club open day where I was warmly welcomed and shown the amazing facilities they have. I had the honour of bowling the first wood and stayed to enjoy watching all the members in a fun day of bowling!</p>  |

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**Meetings Attended by the Chairman of Council**

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