

TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT – 4 June 24

Wednesday 15th May

The Trustees of Stone Common Plot AGM

It was nice to be able to thank the Trustees for all the work they do to make sure that this wonderful asset for Stone is so well maintained.

Thursday 16th May

Stafford Samaritans 60th AGM

An interesting event learning about the work of the group and meeting some of the volunteers. The guest speaker was the new Governor of HMP Stafford, and she spoke about her career and the way the Samaritans train cohorts to act as listeners.

Thursday 16 May

Sponsored Cyle Ride

On Thursday 23rd May I welcomed a group of Falklands Veterans Cyclists who are on a charity ride from Land's End to John O'Groats, including Chris Warner from Stone. Chris is the caretaker of Christchurch Middle School, and all the pupils came into Stone to see him and his fellow cyclists pass through.

DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT – 4 June 24

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On the 15th of May I attended the Stone District Scouts Annual General Meeting. I was glad to see the turnout and that so many members of our community were there to volunteer their time for the benefit of young people in Stone. They reported a 6% increase of interest to the Scouts, and whilst they are still eager to attract more volunteers, the plans that they have to the organisational structure of the Scouts shows that they are trying to run the organisation with expertise and efficiency. This is to empower the Scout leaders to focus on their areas of interest (which is working with the young people), and opening up opportunities for trustees and experts outside the traditional Scouts channels to bring their expertise in business and management along.

I was very well welcomed and had a lovely conversation with Elizabeth Birch, and other attendees. The Chairman paid homage to District Commissioner Philip Elliot for his dedicated service over the last 5 years, however he has announced his retirement.

It was wonderful to see so many people dedicated to providing a positive pathway to community involvement, and I was glad to have been welcomed with such warmth characteristic of the community in our town.