

## Ledbury Town Council meeting Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2019

Report by Cllr Phillip Howells as the Mayor and Ledbury West Ward Councillor

### Mayor and Chairman's report

Since the last Council meeting I have attended some dozen events or activities including the following as the Mayor:

- Carnival Day parade and the Flower Show
- Presented our £5k grant cheque to the LYAS (Youth Drop-in centre)
- Ran as tail-runner in the Newent Park Run and also attended the Newent Onion Fayre
- Major Ledbury employer Helping Hand Export Award presentation day
- The Herefordshire Council Chairman's Mayor's and Clerk's meeting with the Clerk, where plans to re-energise the Market Towns Form and more proactively engaging with the Council to ensure we had greater impact on how S106 money was spent locally were discussed as key items on the agenda
- Held the first Mayor's Charity event – the Mayor's Mile, which was organised by the Ledbury Swifts and has raised £225 for the Mayor's charities

### Ledbury West Ward Councillor's report

- Have been to interesting and informative meetings/presentations which have included:
  - o A visit to the Worcester waste recycling centre which is a shared recycling facility
  - o A tour of the Skylon Enterprise Park – asking what the probability was of Ledbury maybe being a satellite enterprise zone in the future (not impossible, but unlikely in the near term)
  - o A presentation on the introduction of the new university in the city – NMiTE (New Model in Technology & Engineering) which is an initiative backed by government, educators and industry to transform engineering education and is Britain's first wholly new, purpose built UK university in 40 years
  - o Western Power Distribution stakeholders meeting, which was far more interesting than expected and gave some ideas for our ED&P T&F group looking at ways we should be more proactive in responding to proposed developments planning applications