**APPENDIX 2.**

Fellow Councillors and Member of the public. Here is my second Newbury Town Council Mayors Report, 18th October 2021.

I won’t bore you all with my report, but I am happy to take questions.

6th June I officially opened the Hospital garden on Andover Road. Caroline and James were in attendance along with two NHS Nurses. On the 4th October, the Royal Horticultural Society has awarded a Pride of Place Award for Old Hospital Green’s NHS Commemorative Garden. A great achievement for all involved.

I would like to thank every one of the officers who work at NTC, for all their hard work and dedication in everything they have done during lockdown, in helping keep Newbury Town open.

Cllr Billy Drummond

Mayor of Newbury

24th JUNE Madam Mayor and I attended the meeting about the Newbury Autumn Festival at Donnington Grove golf club.

July 13th I was invited to the British Legion Club for the 100th Anniversary, a day to be proud of all our Armed own.

3rd August I attended a meeting of the Newbury Twin Association.

9TH August I met with my charity, Speakability at the Thatcham garden centre for coffee and cake with my Deputy Mayor Cllr Gary Norman, we had a great morning chatting to all of the clients who attend.

14th August It gave me great pleasure to present a 20th Anniversary certificate to Mag’s Gore who joined NTC on the 14th August 2001 and has worked tirelessly for the past two decades.

21st August I attended a dedication of specially- planted wood Lockdown Woods to those lost in the Covid-19 pandemic. Three Lockdown Woods have been planted in West Berks to provide spaces for remembrance and reflection. 3 31st August Madam Mayor and I held a teddy bears picnic hunt completion, organized by Elisa Mullen, my Civic Manager. It started out a bit slow, but after going round the park and rounding up lots of little people, we had a great morning with lots of happy kids.

4th September Cllr Gary Noman attended the Reading LGBT Festival 4th September I attended the performance of the St Matthews Pasion at St Nicolas Church, which was the first performance of the Newbury Festival. It was received and good to see that Newbury is coming alive at last.

5th September I was invited to speak to the Greenham Woman’s Peace Protestors, celebrating 40 years since starting out in Cardiff with 35 men, woman and children and walking 120 miles to Greenham. How most of the peace woman have mellowed over the ensuring years.

9th September Madam Mayor and I were invited to a Summer Party at the home of the Lord Lieutenants home in Pangbourne, pity about the weather.

9th September Cllr Gary Norman attended the 60th Anniversary of the Newbury

Trefoil Guild, I believe that Cllr Norman felt he was the odd man out!

11th September Madam Mayor and I were invited to the Grand opening of the newly opened Falkland Cricket club. Then I handed out the prizes to the Wash Common Annual Show. I would certainly recommend this event next year, which I do believe will be an annual event, absolutely great day out for all the family.

18th September I had a great evening handing out the awards to all the winners of the Newbury Allotments holders. I handed out 21 awards, including Best Newcomer, Best Plot, Best School Plot, Best Site Overall and this year’s special award, sponsored by Yew Tree Garden centre in association with Newbury in Bloom was given to one tenant whose allotment plot stood out as the very best across all 6 sites. It went to Sheila Smith, who was presented with a cheque for a £100 in vouchers from Yew Tree Garden Centre. 1 8th September Newbury Town Hall opened up its door to one and all. We had many people, young and old through the Town Hall doors. I would like to personally thank officers and Councillors for helping make the day an absolute success.

18th September I was invited to speak to the Newbury Street Pastors. There was 3 new Street Warden commissioned on the night. Street Wardens do a fantastic job in Newbury by helping the vulnerable and taking some pressure of the police.

28th September I attended the AGM of the Samaritans.

1st October I attended the opening of the newest restaurant In Newbury, the Blues Smokehouse, it’s great to see new business opening in Newbury.

1st October a great time was had by all at my charity’s quiz night, Speakability and he winning team, led by the Greens won by ½ point. £215 was raised after deductions for food and raffle prizes.

5th October I cut the ribbon on the newly revamped Curry’s store at the retail park.