

TOWN MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS – 1 July 2025

Sunday 15 June – Biddulph Mayor Making Ceremony and Service

The town of Biddulph hosted a great mayor making service and buffet lunch at the Biddulph Methodist church. Sarah and I were made very welcome and it was great to be amongst the civic heads from across the region all enthusiastic for the year ahead. We were happy to see our previous mayor's brother representing Biddulph Stone in Bloom amongst other guests, showcasing the wonderful community that they have there. We congratulated the outgoing mayor for his term.

Saturday 7 June – Stone Carnival Parade

The Stone Carnival was a very memorable occasion with townsfolk and visitors present from Alkington all the way down to Westbridge to see the parade and attend the fair, car show, dog show, steeplechase, dog derby, line dancing, and to visit all of the merchants and tents participating in the occasion. The Deputy and I were absolutely astounded at the number of volunteers that had dedicated their time to making this event go ahead. They managed to organise a thoroughly successful weekend. Many of the volunteers had not organised an event like this previously, demonstrating the aptitude and attention to detail in ensuring that the event went ahead without a hitch. I want to reiterate sincere gratitude to the organisers, and to thank them for the value that this brought to the town, all at no cost to the visitors. It was nice to see other councillors present too enjoying the festivities, and to our Deputy Mayor for his enthusiasm throughout the day.

TOWN DEPUTY MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS – 1 July 2025

Saturday 7 June – Stone Carnival Parade

I accompanied the Town Mayor and the Mayoress in the parade for Stone carnival. We really enjoyed it, and had a great time, even though at one point there was torrential rain.

I judged the floats while the Mayor judged the walking groups. Everyone had done very well but I could only pick 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

*See photograph of the Mayor, Mayoress and Deputy Mayor below.

Sunday 8 June – Stone Carnival

Once again, I accompanied the Town Mayor at the Steeple Chase and Dog Derby show.

The Mayor and myself had to judge different categories in the dog show and ended up tag teaming on the microphone, commenting on all the different dogs. Had a great time and we have all learned what to do and what not to do for next year's carnival events.

