

Following a recent careful and proper process within Council I am honoured to be selected as the incoming Mayor for Boroughbridge and surrounding Villages and I am very much looking forward to the opportunity.

Firstly, I would like to thank Cllr Geoff Haldenby and Cllr Monika Kaczmarczyk for the last 2 years of their dedicated service to our Council and to our Communities.

Being the Mayor and Deputy Mayor are voluntary positions and they both take up an awful lot of personal time and both Geoff and Monika have worked very hard over the last two years to raise the profile and quality of life in our Town and surrounding Villages. An lot of the work happens behind the scenes and they can both be proud of what they have achieved during their respective terms of office.

Obviously I am taking up the position of Town Mayor at a hugely difficult time for both residents and our local business community alike. The way in which our community has pulled together during these difficult times is heart warming and we can all but look forward better and easier times ahead.

I have been a Town Councillor since June 2018 and I was born and brought up in Wigan, Lancashire and I am the youngest of 4 sisters.

I originally trained as a nurse and served in the Army in the QARANC Nursing Corp, serving across the UK, Northern Ireland and Germany.

I then owned and managed a residential nursing home for the elderly in Harrogate for 15 years and I have also been completed several residential property developments in our area. I am now semi-retired.

I am very pleased that Cllr Peter Phillips has agreed to be my Deputy Mayor for the next 2 years. Peter brings huge experience to this role and as a previous Town Mayor he will be very helpful to me, the Council and our communities going forward.

As to the future, clearly we are still in the midst of very tough times right now which are impacting so many people, both young and not so young. Getting through this and supporting our communities through this will be my immediate priority. As and when we get back some semblance or normality I look forward to leading the Council and working hard to take the “can do” culture that we are building within the Town Council to even greater levels whilst delivering the highest levels of financial and operational effectiveness across the Council.