

Chairman of Council report – Council Meeting **6 December 2024**

Last month Remembrance services were held throughout the County and I am grateful to those Councillors who laid wreaths on behalf of the Council in the Market Towns. I attended services at the Garden of Remembrance at the Cathedral, St Peters Square and in Shobdon. The large turnouts testify to our communities' appreciation of previous sacrifices and the importance of the peace we have all benefited from.



I arranged two visits for members to HARC our County Records Office, to see the excellent facilities we built there and the extensive collection of records of Herefordshire from the last 900 years. We have a statutory duty to look after these records and provide the opportunity for other documents to be safely housed for future generations.

I spoke recently at the Carers Rights Day event at the Kindle Centre which highlighted the important work of unpaid family carers in our county. We discussed the challenges of caring and the opportunities for support. I will forward you all their Disability Network News so

you are aware of some of the support organisations that are available in Herefordshire.

Since the last Council meeting I have attended the launch of the Wye Valley Trust Education centre, the 80th anniversary celebrations of Herefordshire Young Farmers, HWGTA apprentice awards, the reopening of Ross Market Hall and the County Fire presentation awards. I have also visited the Herefordshire Community Foundation, the new Veterans Centre in Widemarsh Street, and participated in Citizens Ceremonies.

Cllr Roger Phillips