

Chairman of Council report – Council Meeting **9 October 2026**

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I was delighted be at the presentation of the King’s Award for Enterprise to one of the County`s specialist military businesses, who had previously won an award in 2019.



Simon Davies established Spectra Group in Herefordshire in 2002 in Kingstone, following a military service. The business grew from a clear operational need: reliable

communications for people working in remote, demanding or hostile environments.

Spectra designs, engineers and manufactures secure voice, data and satellite communications systems for defence and security users worldwide. SlingShot established Spectra internationally by extending the reach of existing tactical radios through satellite communications.

They are now building on that heritage with other sites in the USA and Australia and new software-defined tactical communications system, designed to evolve as operational requirements and technologies change.

The King’s Award is a great recognition and achievement and the Lord Lieutenancy can arrange support to any company who would be interested in applying for the award.



RAF Cadets from Hereford, Ross, Ledbury, Leominster and Ludlow attended the annual Battle of Britain remembrance service, this year held at St Pauls Church Tupsley hosted by Hereford City Squadron ATC. Following the service I and the High Sheriff joined the Lord Lieutenant who took the salute as the Cadets marched past.

Since our last Council Meeting the Vice Chairman and myself have carried out various duties including Battle of Britain commemorations, Art College graduation, Services for Independent Living AGM, and several Citizenship ceremonies.

Cllr Roger Phillips OBE JP

Chair Herefordshire Council