

## Mayors Report for October 2018

1. I was invited to Ferndown Village Hall by Alex Rimmell a young man from Ferndown Upper School who had arranged a MacMillan Coffee event. Alex and his friends arranged and organised the whole event which was truly successful. They made in the region of £750 for MacMillan.
2. Clive and I travelled to Dorchester for the Civic Day. This started at the Dorset History Centre. This is a remarkable place with so many wonderful old documents dating back to the 1500. It was so interesting to see how they repaired the damaged documents trying hard to match materials used many years ago. Excellent visit. Our next stop was the Keep 106FM studio. This studio is a community radio station serving Dorchester and the surrounding area. This is run purely by volunteers and is a wonderful part of the community. Our third stop was to the Army Reserve Centre where we had lunch and a recruitment talk!!!!!! Finally we visited the Keep Military Museum for a tour and a talk. We have been twice before but this time with a wonderful guide it brought many things to life. A really excellent day.
3. Trinity School invited me and Clive along to congratulate their new School Council. These are wonderful events and the children thought Clive was the Duke!!!!!!
4. The Dorset Youth Organisation held its annual meeting which Clive and I attended. Once again the Volunteer organisation played a huge part with paid staff in getting services to people in and around our district. Especially to people who find life sometimes very difficult and need support in some way. Really excellent meeting.
5. Clive and I attended Lyme Regis Civic Day on a beautiful sunny day. This started in the Boat Building Academy where people paid to come along and build their own boats. The smell of wood was fabulous and it was so interesting to see so many age groups of people working and doing something they loved. One man we spoke to was a retired eye surgeon, he was building a boat to travel the canals in the Midlands where he lived. Excellent visit. We then went onto a small aquarium which is family owned. The aquarium is a real hands on one where children and

adults alike can feed the fish, hold star fish and generally ask questions. Really lovely place. The last place visited was the RNLI station with a tour and a talk about how the money is raised to keep the station going and how training is given. This always amazes me that volunteers are willing to put their lives on the line for other people in difficulty. These volunteers have my full admiration. An excellent visit.

6. I was met at Ferrett Green to buy the first poppy for our Town by Bob Richman representative of the British Legion.
7. The Residents association at Dewlands part asked if I would go and be part of the unveiling of their new defibrillator. This is a wonderful achievement with money raised from events put on by the association and grants given by local organisations. They were very welcoming.
8. I attended the CAB Annual Public Meeting. I have the utmost respect for this organisation and the volunteers who have such vigorous training. They all do an excellent job.