

FULL COUNCIL MEETING – THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2026

ITEM 8 - MAYOR'S MONTHLY REPORT

Reporting Period: 31 July – 17 September 2026

Since my last report, I have continued to represent Haverfordwest at a range of community, civic, charity, educational and stakeholder engagements.

During this reporting period, I have undertaken 28 engagements, bringing my total number of mayoral engagements since taking office to 121.

On 17 September 2026, I will also reach 120 days in office as Mayor of Haverfordwest.

Key Highlights Since 31 July

Civic Week

A significant part of this reporting period was Haverfordwest Civic Week. It was fantastic to see so many residents, community organisations, businesses and volunteers coming together for our town.

The week's events included Garth in the Park, which welcomed 236 attendees, with more than 400 milkshakes and 200 wraps provided. The Prendergast event attracted more than 300 people, while the Picnic in the Priory welcomed 178 attendees.

Riverside Market Day was another fantastic success, bringing 30 traders into the town and recording a footfall of 5,482 people.

The Haverfordwest Carnival also proved to be a huge success, attracting more than 4,000 people, with 13 floats and over 100 walkers taking part.

Charity and Community Engagement

During Civic Week, the Mayor's Bingo event raised more than £1,000 for SNAP Specialist Play, my first chosen mayoral charity.

I have continued to support and engage with charities and community organisations throughout this reporting period. One of the privileges of being Mayor is having the opportunity to meet the people who work tirelessly to support our residents and to help highlight the important work taking place across our town.

Connecting the Community

Work has continued in preparation for the third year of Connecting the Community, the initiative I host alongside the Sheriff.

We have continued to work with both new and returning stakeholders to ensure that the programme can once again provide opportunities for residents to come together, access practical support and enjoy activities during the autumn and winter months.

I am particularly pleased to see new organisations becoming involved while continuing to build on the partnerships developed during the previous two years.

Reading Is Fundamental

The Reading Is Fundamental programme has now been rolled out to schools across Haverfordwest.

The initiative encourages children to read five books and complete five short book reports, with submissions being completed by 6 November.

This is an initiative that I am particularly proud of, as it was one of the commitments made during my mayoral year. The aim is to encourage a love of reading and recognise the achievements and efforts of young people across our town.

Young People and Education

I attended the Pembrokeshire College Freshers' Fair, where I had the opportunity to speak with hundreds of students as they began the next stage of their educational journey.

It was also great to meet with representatives from the College to discuss potential future projects and opportunities for collaboration with Haverfordwest Town Council.

I also attended the Haverfordwest High School awards ceremony, where I had the honour of presenting the Mayor's Award to Seren Wolf.

Community and Stakeholder Engagement

Throughout this reporting period, I have continued to meet with residents, stakeholders and partner organisations regarding a range of issues and opportunities affecting Haverfordwest.

This has included discussions around community initiatives, biodiversity, community transport, local business and opportunities for future partnership working.

I have also continued to make myself available to residents through the Talk to Your Mayor sessions and through engagement within Castle Ward and the wider town.

Moving Forward

As I reach 120 days in office, I remain committed to ensuring that the Mayor's role is visible, accessible and actively engaged within our community.

The next period will see the continued delivery of Connecting the Community and Reading Is FUNDamental, alongside further engagement with our schools, charities, community groups, businesses and stakeholders.

I am pleased to report that, to date, I have undertaken 121 mayoral engagements in my first 120 days in office, including 28 engagements during this reporting period.

I would like to thank everyone who has invited me to events, worked alongside me and supported the Mayor's Office during this busy period. I remain incredibly proud to represent Haverfordwest and look forward to continuing this work in the months ahead.

Cllr Randell Izaiah Thomas Turner
Mayor of Haverfordwest