

Mayoral Report – August/September 2026

Dasher Floral Showcase (15 August 2026) – Invited to open the Floral Showcase which took place in the Methodist Church, Wem. Contributors presented many varied floral displays with proceeds from the event primarily in aid of Severn Hospice, but also other donations to local charities.

VJ Service (15 August 2026) – Address and attendance at War Memorial, St Peter and St Paul Church, Wem. These services are reasonably well attended by members of our community and remain an important occasion in the Mayoral calendar.

Wem Carnival (5 September 2026) – Both daytime and evening parades with associated duties. Attended with Lady Mayoress. This year's event proved hugely successful with big crowds along carnival route and on the carnival field. Once again the carnival committee, along with many volunteers, created a memorable day for all.

Armed Forces Outreach (8 September 2026) – This has become an important gathering in Wem Town Hall that I have reported on before. Attendance appears to grow each month and I respectfully remind council of the community value this event holds. We must recognise the Parish Council and Shropshire Council on their effort's in hosting and supporting this program.

Wem Civic Society (19 September 2026) – This was an invitation to participate in their Wem Heritage Day event. Wem Civic Society continue to present aspects of Wem's history in all it's various forms. The heritage trail they have created is an example of detailed research and hard work undertaken by members of the society.

Planning Meeting Shrewsbury Guild Hall (22 September 2026) – To speak on behalf of council reinforcing our objections to the Aston Road/Church Lane development.

RAF Shawbury Annual Reception (24 September 2026) – This event is one of RAF Shawbury's major social engagements of the year. It is important to officially represent our town, reinforce our relationship and foster our association with our local military base.

August and September has been quieter than previous months, but our town continues to thrive and various groups/societies have provided plenty of entertainment and interest for our community to enjoy. As we move into Autumn we must turn our attention to fireworks, remembrance and Christmas as our town's calendar regains momentum.

Cllr Bob Barker
Mayor