



Chairman / Mayors Report May 2026

- As Mayor I attended (along with my granddaughter) an excellent concert given by the Town Band entitled *At The Cinema* and held at the Stables Theatre on Sunday 26th April.
- I was part of the team present at the reopening of the Willen Hospice shop on Station Road on Friday 1 May
- I attended a (symbolic) presentation of a cheque for £4K towards adding to our CCTV coverage which was held at Oxford Town Hall on 8 May> the funding comes from the recovered funds accumulated from ill-gotten gains resulting from criminal activity and grants are selected by the team working at the Police & Crime Commissioners Community Fund award for 2026.

As Town Council Chairman I attended the drop in presentation given by East West Rail at the Summerlin Centre on 25th April. Approximately 300 residents attended the session held between 12 noon and 5pm and we shall hear more at the Annual Town meeting on 12th May when representative of EWR will be in attendance to present and take questions.

On 5th May representatives of the Town Council meet with Cute Maps to discuss options for the spend of the s106 Arts funding allocated for the town.

2026 marks the 180th Anniversary of the opening of the Marston Vale rail line and amongst other events it is intended that an exhibition of memorabilia connected with the line which will move from the Higgins Museum (Bedford) to Woburn Sands Town Library in June/July.

Local elections for Milton Keynes City Council took place on 7th May and I will report verbally on the outcome of those elections at the meeting on Monday 11 May.

Cllr David Hopkins

Mayor of Woburn Sands