

Meet the Mayor... Cllr Tony Louki

Mayor of Hounslow 2019-20

Councillor Tony Louki, ward member for Osterley & Spring Grove, has been elected Mayor of Hounslow for the municipal year 2019-20. The appointment was made at the Annual General Meeting of the Council at the end of May.

A well-known local figure, Cllr Louki has lived in Isleworth since the mid-1980s, representing Isleworth North ward in 1990 and 1994 before being re-elected in Osterley & Spring Grove in 2014 and 2018.

Speaking after his election to the office of Mayor for the next 12 months, Cllr Louki said:

"It is my privilege, pride and honour to serve as the 55th Mayor of the London Borough of Hounslow. I will commit myself to supporting and representing the whole of borough, all parts, all bits, all postcodes, all people, all institutions, all schools, clubs, societies and associations.

"I shall also, bar the odd barbeque, do my very best to be carbon minimal, using public transport or an electric or hybrid pool car and minimise the use of the Mayoral limo."

Charities

The Mayor of Hounslow has historically chosen two local charities to support throughout their term, and the first charity Cllr Louki has chosen is Our Barn Community (registered charity number 1181421).

"I have supported the development of Our Barn Community since 2014 when I first met organisers and participants tending the allotments at Osterley Park and encouraged their acquisition of a building in the park. At this and other locations, Our Barn deliver activities for people aged 16 and over particularly with autism type diagnoses mainly but not exclusively in sports and other team work which lead to skills for work and life.

"As Mayor, I want to help them to acquire additional equipment for their Buddy Bike project in Osterley Park. I would like the Mayor's Fund to raise money to at least purchase a Velo Plus bike that is built to carry a wheelchair, and also a hand trike."

Due to celebrate his own 60th birthday this year, the Mayor has chosen Hounslow Seniors Trust (registered charity number 1148061) as the second of his two charities for the year.

"This year I will reach the tragic age of sixty so should like to support another active local charity, the Hounslow Seniors Trust, to help enhance practical and intergenerational arts, sports, dance and cultural events across the borough. This charity, run by its Hounslow resident participants, has been delivering the Older People's Festival since the summer of 1993 and I should like the Mayor's Fund to support additional activities at other times of the year.

Councillor Raghwinder Siddhu, ward member for Bedfont, is the new Deputy Mayor.

One of Hounslow's more recent elected members, having joined the council in 2018, Cllr Siddhu is looking forward to taking up his ceremonial role of Deputy Mayor in Hounslow, and supporting Cllr Louki over the coming year.

Speaking of his Deputy Mayor, Cllr Louki said:

"I cannot think of a more appropriate, skilled, kind, supportive and sensible back up for this busy year ahead. Sincere thanks for joining me on this journey."

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