



Around the borough with the Mayor

In spite of three months of lockdown, Cllr Tony Louki has been as busy as ever in his role as Mayor of the London Borough of Hounslow. As a result of coronavirus, the Government is permitting councils to "roll over" their municipal year until May 2021. Here in Hounslow, it was formally agreed that all the committee and mayoral appointments from 2019/20, may be extended for another year.

HIGHLIGHTS

The result of this, Cllr Louki is only the second person in the history of the borough to be Mayor for two years (Cllr Brian Price being the first) but the first to do so in consecutive years. His charities will continue as before, although he will also offer support to the Hounslow Youth Counselling Service for 2020/21.

Well known local bus driver, Cllr Bishnu Gurung invited The Mayor to the Abellio run bus Fulwell bus garage where he was allowed to sit in and fire up one of the new TfL funded low emission buses which are now in service.



In early March, Cllr Adriana Gheorghe, along with her son Oly and the Mayor, were guests of the Ambassador, His Excellency Dan Mihalache at the Romanian Cultural Institute in Belgrave Square. The Mayors of Harrow and Croydon joined them in order to celebrate the work of the My Romania Community organisation.



On Monday 4 May, Firefighters' Memorial Day, the Mayor attended the Heston and Isleworth Fire Station's two minute silence to honour firefighters who died in the line of duty. The Mayor also visited the borough's two other fire stations at Chiswick and Feltham to join the Thursday applauds for the NHS.



VE Day was celebrated on 8 May and the Mayor was joined by Seema Malhotra MP and members of the Heston Royal British Legion for a walk to lay wreaths at the War Memorial on Heston Road.



One of the Mayor's favourite puddings is rhubarb and custard. That's why on some Thursdays during lockdown he has joined staff at Chiswick House Kitchen Garden cropping produce for the Hounslow Community Hub. The Devonshire Road eatery, La Trompette kindly donates freshly baked bread for distribution via the Hub.



Middlesex Day was celebrated on Saturday 16 May in Brentford, the historic location for County's parliamentary hustings and vote. The Mayor is seen here with the Brentford councillors, Guy Lambert and Mel Collins outside his home with the Middlesex Flag. The Mayor was particularly pleased

to welcome Mel to the occasion as he was shielded for much of the lockdown.



Early June, The Mayor met plot holders and the volunteers running Hatton Road Allotments including Warwick Francis who takes rent for his hives in the form of honey from the bees that live there.



On 15 June The Mayor visited Atfield House Care Home, Isleworth to launch 'Gift a Geranium' to a care home as a sign of thanks for their unstinting work during these most difficult times. He is pictured with care staff and Joseph, a West Thames College student, who is part time bank staff there.



Find out more about Hounslow's Mayoral team and how you can 'Gift a Geranium' to a care home at www.hounslow.gov.uk/mayor

You can also donate to the Mayor's charities at www.justgiving.com/companyteams/louki1 To find out more about the charities' work, visit www.ourbarn.org.uk and www.hounslowseniorstrust.org