

Mayor's Communications – Events

Item 3

I've been delighted with the variety of events that I've been invited to since 16th October. Many have worked well with this year's theme of Come Together – art including music; sport and active recreation; and social inclusion.

Lots of engagements are repeat events that have been in the calendar for decades. I'm delighted to see many new often more diverse activities are getting onto the list.

	DATE	EVENT
121	16/10/2024	Council
122	19/10/2024	Mayor of Broxbourne Afternoon Tea
123	19/10/2024	Stevenage Arts Guild Fundraising Event - Quiz
DM	20/10/2024	St Albans Civic Service
124	20/10/2024	Stevenage Marathon. First Stevenage Mayor to complete the Stevenage Marathon while Mayor. Character building weather.
125	22/10/2024	Pod Visit – Oaks Cross
126	22/10/2024	Filming Christmas charity message.
127	22/10/2024	Toastmasters 100 th Anniversary Teams Event
128	23/10/2024	One YMCA Thanks Giving Service St Albans Cathedral
129	24/10/2024	Step2Skills Supported Employment team Job Fair – HCC at Lounge 76, Football Club
130	26/10/2024	Helping Herts - The October Great 12 Challenge
131	26/10/2024	Stevenage Together Awards with 300 people
DM	27/10/2024	Stevenage InterFaith Forum Sacrament meeting
132	30/10/2024	Voices of Heritage - Celebrating Black Narratives County Hall
133	31/10/2024	Opening of a new stall in the Indoor Market - Sophia's Health Shala
134	31/10/2024	Diwali & Kali Puja Celebration. 300 people in Bedwell Community Centre.
135	02/11/2024	Stevenage Liberal Jewish service in Cuttys Lane.
136	04/11/2024	Stevenage Community Trust members' morning hosted by Hotel Cromwell
137	04/11/2024	Halloween Fancy Dress Judging
138	05/11/2024	Annual Firework Display in Fairlands Valley Park
138	06/11/2024	Meet and Greet the winners of the Best Scary Dressed Halloween Competition
140	10/11/2024	Remembrance Sunday including Inspection of the Cadets in Old Stevenage.
141	11/11/2024	Armistice Service in the town centre.
142	11/11/2024	78 th Birthday of Stevenage New Town.
143	12/11/2024	BUGS (Bus Users' Group Stevenage).
144	13/11/2024	GRIDSERVE Stevenage Grand Opening
145	15/11/2024	Launch of Music24's charity EP "Sing Together" recorded at Abbey Road Studios
146	15/11/2024	Welwyn Hatfield Mayor's Quiz Night. A respectable fourth.

147	16/11/2024	St Hugh and St John Church 60th Anniversary Event Afternoon Tea.
148	16/11/2024	Stevenage Grange Rotary Club Winter Ball Dinner and Dance
DM	17/11/2024	Celebration Communion - St Hugh and St John's Church
149	17/11/2024	High Sheriff of Hertfordshire's Justice Service -St Albans
150	17/11/2024	Sakhi Milap Hertfordshire Diwali Party Celebration Hindu Festival, Oval Community Centre.
151	17/11/2024	Stevenage Inter Faith Forum – Celebration of Inter Faith Week.
152	19/11/2024	Host Schools Parliament In Council Chamber. No spare seats.
153	19/11/2024	Second annual 'Herts Arts' concert
154	20/11/2024	Knebworth House (KHEPT) Meeting
155	21/11/2024	Woolenwick Juniors 50th Celebrations
156	23/11/2024	Bargain Grocery Outlet Opening Ceremony, Queensway
157	23/11/2024	Christmas Lights Switch-on Ceremony. New town centre.
158	26/11/2024	Echoes Exhibition to celebrate the 16 Days of Action Campaign. Raising awareness of domestic abuse.
159	26/11/2024	Town Twinning Ingelheim Autun (TSIAA) Fundraising Event
160	27/11/2024	Light the World Orange. Soroptimists – County Hall
161	28/11/2024	St Peter's Church with Roebuck schools
162	28/11/2024	VIP Pantomime Night, Gordon Craig
163	29/11/2024	Opening of Stevenage Winter Wonderland
164	30/11/2024	Stevenage Men's Choir and The Christ the King Singers Concert
165	30/11/2024	Old Town Christmas Lights Switch On Ceremony
166	01/12/2024	GCS Guru Charana Smaranam Young Talents Annual Classical Indian Dance & Music with many from Stevenage at St Albans
167	01/12/2024	Stevenage District Scouts Christingle Service
168	02/12/2024	Special Council for Michael Downing. A very special event which prompted many memories.
169	03/12/2024	Age Concern Carol Service at Holy Trinity
170	04/12/2024	Sports Partnership (HSARP) Annual Conference. Active Connections.
171	04/12/2024	Mayor of Broxbourne's Charity "Winter Warmer" Fish and Chips.
172	05/12/2024	Guest speaker. Business breakfast at the Football Club.
173	05/12/2024	Barnardo's Celebration at the Cromwell Hotel
174	05/12/2024	GlaxoSmithKline Christmas Giving Tree Collection of Toys
175	06/12/2024	St Nicholas Church and Community Christmas Tree Festival
176	06/12/2024	Tollers Festive Event at Arlington Business Park
177	06/12/2024	Judging of the Holocaust Memorial competition
178	06/12/2024	Stevenage Lytton Players Performance - Wyrd Sisters
179	07/12/2024	St Andrew and St George Christmas Tree Festival
DM	07/12/2024	The Oval Community Christmas Fair (Mayor and Deputy at different times).

180	07/12/2024	St Nicholas Day and lights switch on
181	07/12/2024	Stevenage Singers at St Nicholas Church.
182	08/12/2024	The Church of St Andrew and St George Advent Carol Service
183	10/12/2024	Irish Network Stevenage Christmas Lunch
184	11/12/2024	Paskong Pinoy Stevenage Annual Christmas Gathering. The Mayor's table won the karaoke competition!
185	13/12/2024	SDS Burger Van – Thank you drop in at SBC depot
186	13/12/2024	Stevenage Men's Choir Christmas concert and social
187	14/12/2024	Stevenage Ladies Choir Christmas concert in aid of People for People
188	17/12/2024	Residents Bake Off at Jubilee Court (near Lonsdale Road).
189	18/12/2024	A farewell for our corporate events officer.

Reflecting the Come Together theme I have adopted a slightly different approach this year.

One way or another, directly or with partners, I am working my way round different kinds of music.

In the run up to Christmas I've enjoyed several concerts by some of the choirs in our town. I did promise to mention that the Stevenage Men's Choir, in particular but not exclusively, are very keen to recruit some new singers.

Coming up soon on Saturday 8th February we have the showing of a film showing Stevenage as it was in 1967; a Ceilidh Dance on Saturday 1st March; and the Arts Guild Musical Evening on Monday 31st March.

Our inter faith event will be at 2.30p.m. on Sunday 9th March.

I've been pleased to be able to support many sport and active recreation activities with the Herts Sports Partnership and others. I'll be looking for sponsorship. I've recently earned myself a "Good For Age" place in the London Marathon on 27th April – naturally running for the Mayor's charities!

JIM BROWN

MAYOR OF STEVENAGE

This year's Mayor's Charities and good causes. Herts Sports Partnership (Come Together with Sport and Active Recreation); Stevenage Arts Guild (Come Together with Arts, Music and Culture) and People for People (social inclusion).

(DM = Deputy Mayor).

Mayor Events from 16 October 2024 – Come Together