

Councillor Janice Howard Vote of thanks Speech

Thank you Madam Mayor, I would like to acknowledge what an enormous challenge the past mayoral year has been for you. The pandemic has severely curtailed many of the usual community and London-wide mayoral events due to lockdown during your shortened year, however you have been an inspiration to us all, your innovative certificate program, recognising those who have gone above and beyond in the pandemic was inspired, not only that but to extend this to schools and GP surgeries certainly made its mark on every recipient, making them feel valued for the essential work they do. With face2face events impossible this did not deter Madam Mayor from finding so many ingenious ways of raising funds for her chosen charities. A virtual balloon race at Easter, online charity bingo, and online auctions have all helped to raise a great deal of money. It's down to your tremendous enthusiasm and energy that so much was achieved. There are still a few virtual events to happen and of course I shall be supporting them and hoping you raise even more money for the Morden Little league and the Merton and Morden Guild.

I am sure your mayoral year will be so well remembered for all you've done for the community of Merton. Thank you.

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