

Mayor's Communications, Wednesday 24th July 2019

Ipswich has been a hive of activity this summer:

There has been the Armed Forces Day on the Cornhill earlier in June, and more recently Ipswich Music Day and the Indian Summer Mela in Christchurch Park; Global Rhythms on the Cornhill, and Suffolk Pride on the Ipswich Waterfront.

With the school holidays almost upon us, the council is again organising a variety of events to keep youngsters from getting bored, including the free i-Card for Ipswich residents aged 5-16 old.

August will also be a very busy month as we look forward to the Ipswich Maritime event at the Waterfront from 17th and 18th August, and of course the Ed Sheeran concerts in Chantry Park over the August bank holiday weekend.

And who could forget "Elmer's Big Parade" - a summer trail of 55 large elephants and 84 mini ones all around the town including inside the Christchurch Mansion, the Tourist Information Centre and the Ipswich Museum. The trail runs until 7th September, so there's plenty of time for everyone to "follow the trail"!

There's also been the Crucial Crew Project - a children's safety awareness initiative, which has benefited many thousands of youngsters over the past decades. As Mayor I was very pleased to join some of our local school children taking part in this initiative at Inspire Suffolk and to see the work that Crucial Crew do in helping to keep our children safe.

A topping-out ceremony for the council's new development at Cauldwell Hall Road took place in June and as Mayor I was delighted to join the Leader and other councillors for this event.

Finally, I would like to thank my Deputy Mayor, Cllr Jane Riley, for her support during my recent ill health, and I look forward to taking full grasp of the mayoral reins again as soon as I can.