

HONORARY FREEMAN CEREMONY TREVOR ALLEN

At the Statutory Annual meeting of Lydd Town Council held on Monday 22nd May 2023 the resolution to bestow the Freedom of Lydd upon Trevor Allen was proposed by Cllr Clive Goddard and seconded by Cllr Bob Jones and supported by the majority of Councillors present and voting.

This honour is only awarded in rare and exceptional circumstances and the contribution that Trevor has made over many years of dedicated service without doubt meets the criteria of the Town Council's policy to bestow this distinction in recognition of his efforts and achievements.

In support of his nomination proposed at the Annual Council meeting Cllr Goddard said he would give Councillors some facts and figures – Trevor Allen had 44 years uninterrupted service on Lydd Town Council until he chose not to stand at the recent election and that it was unlikely that anyone in the Chamber would achieve that length of service. He had served as the Town Mayor for two years and Deputy Mayor three times. He served on the Planning and Environment Committee, Finance and General Purposes, Amenities, Personnel and Allotments. He had been on several outside bodies including Lydd Twinning and Lydd Club Day and the Romney Marsh Water safety committee Kent Playing Fields Association, National Playing Fields Association, Community Hall, Football Club and Banks Sports and Social Club. Cllr Goddard said that Trevor more than met the criteria to be an Honorary Freeman.

At the Council meeting held on 4th September 2023 Trevor Allen formally received the title of Honorary Freeman and the loving cup ceremony was performed with the Mayor and Trevor standing back-to-back to drink from the loving cup which is contained in the Town Council's Mace.

A special reception for Trevor's invited guests of family and friends was held on 11th September in the Council Chamber at the Guild Hall Lydd and Trevor was presented with his Honorary Freeman pendant and scroll.

