

New Mayor is 'serving' Guildford

Focussing on 'serving Guildford', our new Mayor for 2023-24 is Cllr Masuk Miah.

The new Mayor was appointed at the traditional Mayor Making ceremony at the Guildhall today.

It was agreed that the selection and appointment of the Deputy Mayor has been deferred to the [Selection Meeting](#) next week.

During his mayoral year, Masuk wants to support and inspire the many people who serve Guildford. Those who give up their time and energy to help others.

The Mayor of Guildford, Cllr Masuk Miah, said:

"My Mayoral year will focus on 'serving Guildford'. I'm a people person and love helping others. I've lived in Guildford for 37 years and got to know a lot of local people from many different backgrounds. These connections have given me a window into the ways many of our residents serve our communities. I want to help more local people come together to support one another.



"We're still overcoming challenges brought on by the pandemic. This makes the focus of my Mayoral year all the more important to me. It gives a greater need to make sure we pull together. I hope to meet and get to know as many groups and individuals as possible throughout the year."

The Mayor's chosen charity for the year is The Fountain Centre. Located in the St Luke's Cancer Centre in the Royal Surrey Hospital, it supports families living with cancer. They provide information, psychological support and therapies.

Masuk added: "I look forward to raising more awareness of, and funds for, The Fountain Centre. The charity supports families living with cancer. The Fountain Centre is there for patients and their families from the initial cancer diagnosis until treatment finishes. They are a true source of comfort for people at the worst time. One of the reasons I have chosen to support The Fountain Centre is because their service could not run without our local community. Inspiringly, whilst they have a paid core staff, they are primarily run

by over 100 volunteers. Throughout the year I will be supporting fundraising events to promote the work of The Fountain Centre."

The Mayor will also continue to support the [Mayor of Guildford's Local Support Fund](#). The fund provides vital support by granting small sums of money to help those in genuine need.

Moving to Guildford in 1986 was when Masuk began to quite literally serve the people of Guildford. Opening his first restaurant during this time, he also raised funds for Cancer Research UK and Macmillan Cancer Support. Through his businesses and charity work, Masuk became a well-respected figure in the community. He is known for always being willing to support his local area and the people living there. Masuk is married to Parvin and together they have three grown up children. When time allows, Masuk enjoys taking part in sporting activities and working out at his local gym.

In 2019 Masuk became a Guildford Borough councillor where he served on several committees, including the:

- Licensing Committee
- Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- Strategy and Resources Executive Advisory Board
- Joint Executive Advisory Board