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Mayor attends first Worldwide Whitchurch Weekend in Hampshire

On Sunday 19th July, the Mayor of Whitchurch, Shropshire Cllr Mike McDonald, attended the inaugural Worldwide Whitchurch Event in Whitchurch, Hampshire.

Mike was presented with the Pennant as the next host town for the weekend - to be held in 2017. This Pennant will be displayed in the Civic Centre in the run up to the event in 2017 and then handed to the next host town, which we believe is Whitchurch, Cardiff (for 2019).

The closing ceremony, where the event was 'handed over' to our town of Whitchurch, Shropshire, took place on Sunday at The Silk Mill, Whitchurch, Hampshire. The Mayor said "It was an honour to represent our town and we were made to feel very welcome." Mike was also presented with an oak tree as a gift to represent the "common bond" between our Whitchurch communities. This will be planted within the town later this year and will be named "The Whitchurch Oak" as a reminder of our links with other Whitchurches worldwide.

It was a fantastic weekend event and included a spectacular opening parade, Sports events, Music, Art and other live entertainment and local crafts. Details can be found on their website - www.worldwidewhitchurchweekend.com

Mike is pleased to return with the confirmation that Whitchurch, Shropshire will have the honour of hosting the event in 2017 and hope to attract visitors from every Whitchurch in the world – including Canada!!

The Mayor stressed that organising the event will be no small task – so we will be calling on community and sports groups, along with local businesses to join together in what should be a great opportunity to showcase our town ... the current event has received wide coverage in the press, on radio and TV.

More details will follow regarding the 2017 event and how everyone can get involved!