



Certificate of Honour

awarded to

Peter Thompson

*by the Lord Mayor of Oxford on
Monday 19 June 2017
as a mark of recognition for exceptional service
to the City of Oxford*

CLLR JEAN FOOKS
LORD MAYOR OF OXFORD 2017-18

CITATION

Peter first came to our attention seven years ago when we persuaded him to do less for Oxford Preservation Trust and more for Oxford Civic Society. He became Vice Chairman in March 2010 and succeeded Tony Joyce as Chairman in October 2010, retiring as Chairman in March 2017.

He has met every request for his time and attention; even when nominally on holiday or visiting his antipodean family he has kept in touch. He has made himself a challenging but respected presence in

the life of our local organisations; councils and other public bodies, and others such as the Oxford Preservation Trust and the Oxford Pedestrians Society. He has written enough e-mails, articles and well-turned letters to the press to fill a book. There will have been many weeks in which the honorary position of Chairman will have felt like a full time job with internal and external meetings as well as emails and writing comments on proposed developments.

Peter has given huge encouragement and support to the groups of the society that do the detailed work on everything from planning applications to our litter problem. Above all he has challenged all of us to think hard about the future, whether of a single neighbourhood or the whole city-region with Oxford at its heart. He played a crucial part in starting the Oxfordshire Futures initiative. Peter's professional approach and passionate concern have immeasurably enhanced the society's reputation and thereby contributed to the shaping of Oxford. He also volunteers in other capacities e.g. as a Sustrans route ranger.