

Councillor Sylvia Taylor
Mayor of Blackpool 2012-2013



Biographical details

Sylvia was born in Oldham and moved to Blackpool in 1954. She started work in the check office of the Co-op on Shepherd Street.

Sylvia met her husband, Ivan, at the Empress Ballroom of the Winter Gardens in November 1959 and they were married one year later at St Thomas's Church, Counce Street.

She initially lived in Bispham and she and Ivan adopted a daughter, Lisa, in 1969 and moved to 172/174 Devonshire Road, Corner Shop in 1971.

In 1981 Sylvia moved to her present address and worked seasonally in the cash office of the Blackpool Tower. She moved on to working as a wages clerk and cashier at Superbowl and Brannigans. Sylvia finally retired in 1995 when she became a Councillor in Claremont.

Sylvia started her political career when she joined the Labour Party in 1962 and stood for the Council in 1963, 1964, and 1965 in the old Bank Hey Ward which is now the Brunswick Ward. She became a County Councillor for Brunswick and Claremont in a by-election due to the death of Eric Kirton in 1993 and for a short time was both a County Councillor and Local Councillor. She has always enjoyed working in education, health, fire authority and licensing since being on the Council.

In 1979 Sylvia became a Magistrate and achieved 20 years service before transferring to the Supplemental List. She has been a governor at Devonshire Primary School for nearly 40 years and has been a committee member and Trustee of the Boys and Girls Club at Laycock Gate from 1995. Sylvia began attending the Salvation Army in 1998 and serves as an adherent.

During her time at the Council Sylvia has been Mayoress to her husband, Ivan, and Deputy Mayoress to Cllr Sheilagh Baugh when Cllr Leo Pomfret was the Mayor in 1987.

Sadly, Sylvia's daughter passed away in 2007 but she and Ivan have two wonderful grandchildren Luke and Tyne. For her hobbies Sylvia enjoys travelling and Mediterranean and world cruises.

Sylvia's Mayoress is Julia Massey who was born on Oddfellow Street, just off Bonny Street in May 1958. She attended Grange Park School and then St Catherines. She has four sons and two grandchildren. Julia was Mayoress to her mother Cllr Mary Smith and is very proud to be Mayoress for Sylvia.