

Rhyl Mayor Cllr Alan James

Christmas is a time for celebration, an opportunity to create special memories with family and friends, a chance to reflect and be thankful.

Rhyl has much to look forward to over the next year as its redevelopment continues.

But amidst the celebrations, we must remember those less fortunate. 2017 has been a trying year for many and some will face Christmas with a huge sense of sadness and loneliness. Rhyl is known for its warm community spirit and I would encourage us all to spare a thought and reach out to those who face difficult times not just at Christmas but throughout the year. A kind word, a phone call or a knock on the door can go a long way.

As 2017 draws to a close I would like to recognise those who do so much to help others. As we have sadly seen on many occasions, all of our emergency and support services do sterling and compassionate work in tough conditions, looking after us 365 days of the year.

Some, the armed forces included, may be spending this Christmas working away from their loved ones and I would like to thank them all for keeping us safe and being there in our hour of need.

In doing so, I would also like to pay tribute to Rhyl's army of volunteers, fundraisers and community groups who do so much, quietly and without fuss, to help those less fortunate.

Finally, I would like to thank you, the people of Rhyl, for your continued support. On behalf of Rhyl Town Council, I wish you and yours a happy and healthy Christmas and all the very best for 2018.