

Mayors of Lyme Regis 1297-2022

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The roles of mayor and burgesses were created in 1284 when Lyme Regis was awarded a Royal Charter by Edward I.

The complete list from 1437 is preceded here by seven earlier mayors.

1297	Geoffrey Le Keu
1310-11	William de Tholuse
1311-12	Robert Le Mercer
1312-13	Robert Kene
1314-15	Robert Pope
1317	Adam Vode
1318	Edward Robe

Source of information

1297-1318	Court Book 1309-1328.
1437-1833	<i>History of Lyme Regis and Charmouth</i> by George Roberts, 1834.
1834-2022	Display boards of Mayors in Lyme Regis Guildhall.

Up until 1920 the figure after a name is the number of times an individual held office. Year shown is that in which Mayor took office.

1437-1650

1437	Roger Crogghs	1588	John Hassard 5
1440	Robert Dare	1589	John Davey 1
1443	Richard Baker	1590	William Ellesdon 4
1451	John Tyneham	1591	John Bellamy 2
1471	Richard Dare	1592	John Hayes 1
1491	William Dare	1593	Walter Harvey 3
1497	John Tyneham	1594	John Hassard 6
1500	William Dare	1595	William Ellesdon 5
1502	Philip Williams	1596	John Davey 6
1503	Richard Shilyngford	1597	*Richard Norris 1
1505	John Burgh	1598	*Robert Barnes 1
1506	William Dare	1599	Christopher Elimestone 1
1507	Thomas Skorche	1600	*John Bidgood 1
1508	Philip Walche	1601	*Robert Hassard 1
1509	Robert Trevett	1602	Walter Harvey 3
1521	Ralph Ellysdon	1603	Jas Hill 1 (James Hill)
1547	T Ellesdon	1604	Sir George Summers (Somers) Knt 1
1548	John Dey 1	1605	*Richard Norris

1549	*Roger Garland 1	1606	John Hassard 7
1550	John Hassard 1	1607	*Walter Tucker 1
1551	W Tudbold 1	1608	Arth Moore 1
1552	J Tanner died and Thomas Ellesdon executed his place	1609	*Robert Bragge 1
1553	J Norris 1	1610	Jas Hill 2 (James Hill)
1554	Richard Hunt 1	1611	John Roze 1
1555	J Barratt 1	1612	Walter Harvey 4
1556	T Ellesdon 2	1613	*John Kerridge 1
1557	Jno Hassard died and Thos Ellesdon executed his place	1614	Walter Tucker 2
1558	Richard Hunt 2	1615	*John Hassard 1
1559	J Holcombe 1	1616	Rd Harvey 1 (Richard Harvey)
1560	Richard Buckford 1	1617	*Richard Wright 1
1561	Roger Garland died and Jno Morris executed his place	1618	Robert Bragge 2
1562	Robert Davey 4	1619	*Arthur Gregory 1
1563	*Henry Snow 1	1620	*Anthony Ellesdon 1
1564	Thomas Dare 1	1621	*William Kirridge 1 (Kerridge)
1565	John Holcombe 2	1622	John Roze 2
1566	Richard Barret(t) 2	1623	*William Davey 1
1567	John Hassard 3	1624	John Hassard 2
1568	Robert Davey 2	1625	Walter Tucker 3
1569	*John Garland 1	1626	Richard Harvey 2
1570	*William Ellesdon 1	1627	*Richard Alford 1
1571	*William Spering 1	1628	*John Newel 1
1572	John Hassard 2	1629	Anthony Ellesdon 2
1573	Richard Barrett 2	1630	William Kirridge 2 (Kerridge)
1574	Robert Davey 3	1631	John Hassard 3
1575	William Jurdayne 1	1632	William Alford 1
1576	*William Ellesdon 2	1633	Richard Roze 1
1577	*John Jurdayne 1 (Jurden)	1634	Walter Tucker 4
1578	John Hassard 3	1635	Richard Harvey 5
1579	*John Seaward 1	1636	R Alford 2
1580	John Jones 1	1637	Anthony Ellesdon 3
1581	*John Bellamy 1	1638	William Kirridge 3 (Kerridge)
1582	John Hassard 4	1639	J Newel 1
1583	Robert Davey 4	1640	*Robert Ceeley 1
1584	John Jurdayne 2 (Jurden)	1641	Walter Tucker 5
1585	William Ellesdon 3	1642	Richard Alford 3
1586	W Harvey 1	1643	John Hassard 4
1587	Jno Jones 2	1644	T Sealey (Ceely or Ceeley)
		1645	John Perrot
		1646	Anthony Ellesdon 4
		1647	Richard Alford 4
		1648	*John Davey
		1649	*Ignatius Turner
		1650	Richard Rose elected, but Ignatius Turner executed the place

1651-1779

1651	Anthony Ellesdon 5	1717	G Butcher [John Butcher]
1652	Richard Alford 5	1718	Nathaniel Gundry 2
1653	John Davey 2	1719	*Samuel Courtena 2 [Courtenay]
1654	*Walter West	1720	Jonas Whetcom (e)
1655	Ignatius Turner 3	1721	*Robert Burridge 3
1656	*Robert Burridge 1	1722	Henry Henley
1657	*Gabriel West 1	1723	Robert Carswell
1658	*Solomon Andrew	1724	Henry Holt Henley
1659	John Ellesdon	1725	John Bowdidge Jun
1660	Amyell Hart	1726	John Burridge Jun
1661	*John Eyre	1727	*Andrew Tucker
1662	*Gregory Alford	1728	John Cox
1663	*Walter Tucker	729	*George Coade
1664	William Smith	1730	Henry Henley 3
1665	*John Tucker	1731	Henry Holt Henley 2
1666	Solomon Andrew	1732	John Rodbard
1667	*William Cottle	1733	Jonas Whetcomb 3
1668	*Edward Edwards	1734	*Robert Fowler Coade
1669	*Robert Coade	1735	Thomas Henley
1670	*William Cogan	1736	Francis Fane
1671	Amyell Hart	1737	George Coade Jun
1672	*John Whetcomb(e)	1738	Rob Carswell died/Henry H Henley
1673	*Andrew Tucker		
1674	Walter Tucker 2	1739	John Scrope
1675	*William Smith 2	1740	J Coade
1676	*Robert Cawley	1741	*Richard Churchill
1677	Solomon Andrew 3	1742	Henry Fane
1678	William Carswell	1743	George Coade 2
1679	Edward Edwards 2	1744	John Newell
1680	John Burridge	1745	Robert Henley
1681	Robert Coade 2	1746	Henry Holt Henley 4
1682	Sol Andrew Jnr	1747	Robert Fowler Coade
1683	*Robert Jones		
1684	Greg Alford 2/Robert Burridge	1748	Francis Fane
1685	Andrew Tucker 2	1749	- [Hutchins - Samuel Warren]
1686	John Standerwick (e) 1	1750	George Kerby [Kerbey]
1687	Amyell Hart 3 [Amiel Hart]	1751	Warren Lisle
1688	*Robert Burridge	1752	Hon Francis Fane
1689	*John Edwards	1753	Sam Warren
1690	*Nathaniel Butler	1754	Warren Lisle
1691	*Matthew West	1755	Thomas Fane
1692	John Lymen	1756	Joseph Wallis
1693	*Robert Fowler	1757	John Baker
1694	Baruch Pitts	1758	John Fane
1695	William Carswell 2	1759	John Tucker
1696	*John Burridge 2	1760	Richard Lathels
1697	John Standerwick (e) 2	1761	A Raymond
1698	*Benjamin Beer	1762	Henry Swymmer
1699	Robert Burridge	1763	Warren Lisle
1700	*John Bowdidge		

1701 *Nataniel Gundry
1702 *Samuel Courtenay
1703 *Thomas Pitt
1704 Nathaniel Butler 2
1705 *Nicholas Newell
1706 *Jonas Whetcomb(e)
1707 Matthew West
1708 John Lyman 2
1709 John Edwards 2
1710 *Robert Burridge Jun
1711 Henry Henley
1712 John Bowdidge
1713 *Henry Bunston
1714 Robert Colbert
1715 John Burridge 3
1716 George Manthe or Mantle

1764 S Warren 2
1765 R Churchill
1766 John Baker
1767 S Warren 3
1768 Hon Henry Fane
1769 J Puddicombe
1770 Robert Clarke
1771 W Peterson
1772 John Luther
1773 A Raymond
1774 J Puddicomb
1775 John Fane
1776 S Warren 4
1777 Inigo W Jones
1778 Giles Davie
1779 G Davie held over

1780-1904

1780 John Coad – ousted by
quo warranto
William Peterson 2
1781 G Kerbey – ousted by
quo warranto
Francis Hammond
1782 A Raymond
1783 Francis Fane
1784 W Peterson 3
1785 D R Michel
1786 A Raymond 2
1787 D R Michel 2
1788 John Warren 1
1789 Hon Thomas Fane
1790 W Peterson 4
1791 G B Batson
1792 Joseph Wallis
1793 D R Michel 3
1794 John Warren 2
1795 Hon Thomas Fane 2
1796 W Daniell
1797 T Rawlings
1798 W Peterson 5
1799 Hon Thomas Fane 3
1800 John Warren 3
1801 A M Raymond
1802 W Daniell 2
1803 Henry Fane

1841 William McDowall Tartt
1842 Robert Hillman
1843 William Glyde
1844 Capt Benett, RN 2
1845 Capt Benett RN 3
1846 Robert Holmes
1847 John Swaine Hooke
1848 George Roberts
1849 Daniel Carter
1850 George Cartwright
1851 John G S M Moore, RN
1852 Frederic Edward Bourne
1853 Theophilus B Goddard
1854 George Roberts
1855 John G S M Moore, RN 2
1856 Richard Whitehouse
1857 Robert Hillman 2
1858 Frederic Hinton
1859 Frederic Hinton 2
1860 Robert Hillman 3
1861 Robert Hillman
1862 Frederic Hinton
1863 Frederic Hinton
1864 Frederic Hinton
1865 Samuel Osborn
1866 Samuel Osborn 2
1867 Samuel Osborn 3
1868 Henry Tucker

1804	Simon Lee	1869	Samuel Osborn 4
1805	John Michel	1870	Henry Henley
1806	W Peterson 6	1871	Henry Henley 2
1807	A M Raymond 2	1872	David Shorter Skinner
1808	John Donne	1873	David Shorter Skinner
1809	A M Raymond 3	1874	David Shorter Skinner
1810	John Warren 4	1875	Henry Henley
1811	C W Michel	1876	James Farnham
1812	W Peterson 7	1877	James Farnham 2
1813	A M Raymond 4	1878	Levi John Maeer
1814	Robert Clarke	1879	Levi John Maeer 2
1815	B Combe	1880	Andrew B Brandram
1816	John Donne 2	1881	David Shorter Skinner 4
1817	G P Upton	1882	Henry Henley vice 5 D S Skinner resigned April 24 th
1818	John Warren 5	1883	Henry Henley 6
1819	Joseph Dornett	1884	Henry Henley 7
1820	W Peterson 8	1885	Henry Henley 8
1821	G P Upton 2	1886	Henry Henley 9
1822	John Chambers	1887	Zachary Edwards
1823	Lieut Gen J Michel	1888	Zachary Edwards 2
1824	W P Daniel	1889	Zachary Edwards 3
1825	G P Upton 3	1890	Thomas E D Philpot
1826	T C Carpenter	1891	Thomas E D Philpot
1827	Jos Dornett 2	1892	Zachary Edwards 4
1828	C Marr	1893	Zachary Edwards 5
1829	Lieut Gen J Michel 2	1894	Gaius Osborn 2
1830	John Chambers 2	1895	Gaius Osborn 3
1831	Vere Fane	1896	Gaius Osborn 4
1832	Thomas Brown Hardwicke	1897	Henry Octavius Bickley
1833	J Hussey	1898	Henry Octavius Bickley
1834	Charles Marr 2	1899	Henry Octavius Bickley
1835	C Marr 3	1900	Henry Octavius Bickley
1836	Harry Burrard Farnall	1901	John R C Talbot
1836	Major Henry Bayly	1902	John R C Talbot
1837	Capt Benett RN	1903	Samuel Harris
1838	Harry Burrard Farnall 2	1904	George John Rendall
1839	John Drayton		
1840	Lt Col Sir H Bayly, RN		

1905 –

1905 George John Rendall 2
1906 James O'Neil
1907 James O'Neil 2
1908 Samuel Harris 2
1909 Samuel Harris 3
1910 Alban J Woodroffe
1911 Alban J Woodroffe
1912 Henry Octavius Bickley 5

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1914-18 Alban J Woodroffe
1919 Alben Wiscombe
1920 Alben Wiscombe 2
1921-23 Henry Ellis
1924 James Bragg
1925 James Bragg
1926 George Frederic Eyre
1927 George Frederic Eyre
1928-31 Reginald Walter Baker
1932-34 George H Worth
1935 George F Eyre
1936 George F Eyre
1937-44 William J Emmett
1945-47 Harry J Blanchard
1947-51 Alfred F King
1951-54 Beatrice M Staples
1954-55 Leah S Bonning
1955-57 Alfred F King JP
1957-58 Leah S Bonning
1958-59 D R Nicholls
1959-61 E W Grote
1961-62 Ralph Oliver CC
1962-64 E J Hallett
1964-66 F D Fortnam
1966-67 A E Lane JP
1967-69 E W Price JP
1969-70 A Richards
1970-72 V J Homyer
1972-76 Henry Chessell BA
1976-79 Henry J Broom
1979-81 Dennis F Applebee
1981-82 Ivor W J Curtis
1982-84 John P Broderick
1984-85 Philip Evans
1985-87 Ivor W J Curtis
1987-89 Dennis F Applebee
1989-91 Michael R Hartley
1991-93 Owen K Lovell
1993-94 Stuart Case
1994-97 Barbara M Austin
1997-99 Stanley B Williams
1999-2001 Owen K Lovell
2001-03 Kenneth G Dibben
2003-06 Barbara M Austin
2006-07 Kenneth Whetlor
2007-09 Sally L Holman
2009-11 Michaela L Ellis
2011-15 Sally L Holman
2015-17 Owen K Lovell

2017-19 Michaela L Ellis
2019-22 Brian Larcombe MBE
2022- Michaela L Ellis