



## **Unveiling of the New War Memorial in Torpoint – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2019**

A new war memorial recognising the sacrifices made by the Torpoint community, from World War II onwards, was unveiled in the town on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2019. The memorial is the work of Torpoint Town Council and has been funded by donations from families of the fallen, local organisations and residents.

In total there are 116 names on the memorial, split into two sections it lists the names of military personnel who have made the ultimate sacrifice and civilians who were killed in the bombings of World War II.

The new memorial has been erected alongside the existing World War I memorial in Eliot Square. On Sunday representatives from the Royal Navy, Army and Royal Air Forces joined the community for the unveiling. Other distinguished guests included Lord Lt. Colonel Edward Bolitho OBE, the High Sheriff of Cornwall Mr John Willis along with the Lord Mayor of Plymouth Councillor Richard Ball.

The Mayor of Torpoint Councillor Mrs Chris Goodman said:

“The project to install the war memorial in Eliot Square, Torpoint has taken many years to plan and bring to completion. Recently a small number of Town Councillors, with members of the Royal British Legion Torpoint Branch, Torpoint Archives and St. James Church have worked together to plan the project to install the memorial, commemorating the fallen. This is an historic occasion for our town and we hope the families of the fallen will take pride in seeing the engraved names of their relatives recognised for paying the ultimate sacrifice.”

The parade included the Volunteer Band, The White Ensign Colour Party, Royal Navy personnel from HMS Raleigh, The RN Armed Guard supported by Army personnel from 165 Port & Maritime Regiment, personnel from RAF St. Mawgan, Head teachers and students from Torpoint Community College, Carbeile Junior School and Torpoint Nursery and Infant School. The parade formed at Albion Road and marched to Eliot Square for the service, led by Venerable Audrey Elkington Archdeacon of Bodmin together with Father Michael Brown.