

On 5th July 2021 Torpoint marked the very first NHS, Social Care and Frontline Workers' Day, celebrating all those who have worked so tirelessly to help our country through the Coronavirus crisis and who continue to support some of the most vulnerable people in society. Torpoint raised the NHS, Social Care and Frontline Workers' Day Flag at Sparrow Park, with a two-minute silence, playing The Last Post and Reveille.

Town Mayor Councillor Rachel Evans BEM led the occasion supported by her Mayor's Cadet Lucas and accompanied by Town Councillors, with Fr. Michael Brown leading prayers at the ceremony. Children from Carbeile Junior School and Torpoint Nursery & Infant School and attended, with representatives from The Rame Group Practice, Tamar Crossings plus the Torpoint Archives and Heritage Centre. Local residents attended, including Honorary Freeman of Torpoint Mike Pearn MBE.

The Town Mayor, said: "Today coincides with the 73rd anniversary of the National Health Service, a service that is internationally admired and an organisation that was recognised by Her Majesty the Queen today who awarded the NHS the George Cross for its staff's courage and dedication.

"The last 18 months have been hideous for many, it has impacted our town but thankfully not on the scale that others have had to deal with and I for one am grateful for that. We have many residents in our town who work for the NHS in many different guises from porters to consultants, ambulance teams to nurses, they have all done an amazing job keeping us safe.

"We absolutely must not forget our social care and other frontline workers. Our social care teams in our homes responded to the pandemic with compassion, commitment and selflessness in order to ensure our residents in social care remain as safe and supported as they can be.

"Our frontline workers come in many guises, some may not immediately spring to the forefront of your mind, our shop workers', teachers', community fire service, ferry men and women, council staff, refuge workers', postal and delivery teams, have all played an enormous part, not just in the last 18 months, but always in allowing us to go about our day to day life – we simply could not do without you all.

"Today we fly the NHS, Social Care and Frontline Workers' flag with pride and remember those of you we sadly lost and celebrate all of those that have dedicated so much to keeping us safe and putting our town and residents first – I offer you not only my personal thanks but those of Torpoint Town Council and the residents' of Torpoint – thank you for getting up every day and doing what you do."

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