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Torpoint Organisation of the Year 2013-2014

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TAHC REPORT September 2025

Dear Members and Volunteers,

September has been particularly busy.

The glass cabinet displays have been changed by Angela, Fiona and Tom.

This process takes at least a week. Artefacts removed from the existing display, have to be checked on the catalogue, before being returned to the correct box in Room 5 in the Council Chambers. There are 79 boxes of artefacts, which are classified on the database.

Dressing the cabinets and making labels for new displays is a work of art.

These displays were enjoyed by about 150 visitors this month.

Guests attending the "Freedom of the Town" march by HMS Raleigh on Sept 28th, gathered in the Community Hub before moving down to the Ferry Lanes.

Several of these guests also came into the Archives.

HMS Raleigh was commissioned in 1938 and has been as important to the development of Torpoint, as the Dockyard was in the 1800s

One glass cabinet has artefacts relating to the Royal Navy and HMS Raleigh in particular,

The wall display shows the first "Freedom of the Town" march in 1997.

A 97 year old Torpoint lady, now living in Tamara, visited.

Her son was delighted when his mother became animated while looking at our publication, "Torpoint's Lost Terraces" The house where she had been born in 1928 was pictured. In "Torpoint in Pictures" and "Meeting the Ferry", the lady also spotted a photo of her father, riding a shire horse off the ferry in the 1950s.

It is heart warming to give an elderly lady so much pleasure.

The lady would like to have her memories recorded.

Over 300 voluntary hours were worked in the premises and at home this month.

It has been a great honour to have this commitment to recording Torpoint's History recognised.

Five TAHC volunteers were invited to a reception at County Hall, Truro on Friday Sept 26th.

There we joined 9 other groups of volunteers who had been nominated for a "King's Award for Voluntary Service"

The event was hosted by Sir Edward Bolitho, Lord Lieutenant, who represents King Charles in Cornwall, and Councillor Nolan, Cornwall Council Chairman. An individual accolade to each group, was read by Councillor Nolan and each group received a signed and framed certificate, recording the nomination, from Sir Edward, who thanked all volunteers for giving so much their time to serve others.

After the presentation there was a splendid cream tea.

Sir Edward, Councillor Nolan, Deputy Lieutenants and some Cornwall Councillors sat at each table in turn for a chat.

The photograph below is courtesy of Cornwall Council.



Back Row
Front row

Mike, Brian , Sir Edward, Councillor Nolan, Sir Edward's cadet
Ann, Rosemary, Rose

A sub committee has reviewed and updated documents ,relating to all policies and practices for operating within the guidelines for running our charitable organisation.

Mike Pearn, Chairman

Copy to The Hub Manager (for info).
Torpoint Town Council

Dates **Get Together** in the CHAT upper room, Macey Street School, 11am Thursday Nov 13th