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To Norfolk Parishes

I am absolutely delighted to learn from John Pennell, Director & Chair of the Well-Being Initiative, Norfolk Association of Local Councils, that so many Norfolk parishes have taken up the Lieutenancy offer of a specially commissioned memorial plaque to commemorate the resilience of your community during the time of the pandemic. I have heard of numerous inspirational stories of how communities have come together to support others and I very much wanted to mark this. Although the Parish Councils are the conduit, I should emphasise that the plaque is for your community as a whole.

You will have heard from John that the design incorporates the skills of a recent graduate from Norwich University of the Arts, Ruby Douglass, and the wording from a team at Norwich's National Centre for Writing. The cost of the project has been covered by generous sponsorship from Adnams, the Red Socks Charitable Trust, the Geoffrey Watling Charity, the Pennycress Trust, the Kip and Alison Bertram Trust and the Sybil Cholmondeley Trust.

The plaques, a photo of which is attached, are suitable for inside or outdoor use and it is entirely up to your community to decide where they might be placed.

I have asked the Deputy Lieutenants to present the plaques to each parish and they will be in touch with you within the next few weeks. This does not have to be a formal event, it might be a parish meeting, your Harvest Festival or another event where residents gather together. If you have a specific occasion which you would like a Deputy Lieutenant to attend, please contact the DL who is co-ordinating the distribution – Melinda Raker, DL ols@croxtonpark.co.uk

If your parish has not yet signed up to receive a plaque, please let Melinda know. I would be thrilled if every parish in every area of Norfolk honoured their community in this way.

HM Lord-Lieutenant of Norfolk, The Lady Dannatt, MBE



The Office of the Lord-Lieutenant and Deputy Lieutenants of Norfolk

Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenants are the representatives of the Crown for each county in the United Kingdom. Men or women of all backgrounds, they are appointed by The Queen on the advice of the Prime Minister. It is their foremost duty to uphold the dignity of the Crown, and in so doing they seek to promote a spirit of co-operation and good atmosphere by the time they give to voluntary and benevolent organisations and by the interest they take in the business and social life of their counties.

Lord-Lieutenants are required to appoint Deputy Lieutenants (DLs) at their discretion and Norfolk has 50 such DLs across the county. Their role is not specified in legislation, but their duties are what the Lord-Lieutenant determines. However, the legislation makes it clear that the primary criterion for appointment as a DL is that of 'appropriate service', including military service, together with residence in the county or area. DLs are widely representative of the County in many respects including location, gender, social range and service, particularly voluntary service within the community.