CIVIC REGALIA

As you are all aware there have been many discussions regarding the Saltash Town Council Mayoress's chain.

It was eventually decided to put this piece of regalia into retirement and for it to be displayed in the new cabinet at the Guildhall.

However, that does leave a bit of a gap in the availability of a suitable chain for the Mayoress or Mayor's Consort. There is a chain of sorts but it in no way, in our opinion, reflects the position that the Mayor and Mayoress / Mayor's Consort, of Saltash hold within the County of Cornwall and beyond.

In addition to this the medallions which are worn by the Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress/Consort are just that and are worn on a blue ribbon which is not the most practical or indeed the most comfortable piece of that regalia.

What the Deputy Mayor and myself, Deputy Mayoress, would like to do is to gift to the Town a new piece of Regalia to be worn by the Mayoress or Mayor's Consort and this can have one of the two medallions added to it, which are already in the Guildhall safe. These can be added to the new chain for whichever post is required being Mayoress or Consort. This new chain will be suitable for both male and female wearers.

We have purchased the chain and are looking for the Town Council to approve this new item to become part of the official regalia.

We have also purchased a chain to be used by the Deputy Mayor, replacing the blue ribbon which is currently being used.

Both items are to be gifted to the Town and for use by the Mayoress or Mayor's Consort and the Deputy Mayor.

It is unusual for a Husband and Wife to be both serving as Town Councillors and this purchase has been made to recognise that situation and to be an ongoing reminder of our years in office.

We would appreciate the agreement of the Town Council for these two pieces of Regalia to be added to the current chains and medallions held by Saltash Town Council and to be worn by those in office whenever possible.

Many thanks

Cllr Brenda Samuels Deputy Mayoress