#### **CORRESPONDENCE AND GRANT REPORT** - TO SALTASH TOWN COUNCIL

### MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup> 2021 FULL TC MEETING

### FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE MAYOR (COUNCILLOR PETER SAMUELS)

### AND SALTASH TOWN COUNCILLORS

### FROM SALTASH 1941 BLITZ COMMITTEE

#### FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup> 2021

Dear Mr Mayor and Saltash Town Councillors,

It is with great pleasure that I give an interim update to the Saltash Town Council on the progress of the Saltash 1941 Blitz Committee. Please also kindly consider this as our Community Chest Grant Report.

Despite the challenges of the Covid 19, the committee have worked tirelessly behind the scenes, towards achieving its aims and objectives of honouring and paying tribute to the 15 Saltash civilian fallen of the April 1941 Blitz.

May I re-emphasise that the Blitz Committee is most grateful to the Saltash Town Council for its £1,000 grant towards our projects on behalf of the Town, as laid down in our successful Community Chest bid.

We have complied with the criteria and guidelines of the grant, and in addition, we have successfully fund raised for additional items and projects towards the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary commemorations (April 1941/April 2021) and Acts of Remembrance.

Within the Saltash Town Council's agreement, which is on-going, we have spent funds on promotion, postage, invitations and a memorial plaque (see attached). The Donald Noel Cummins plaque will be sited near the Saltash Station GWR Goods yard where Donald lost his life in action, April 28<sup>th</sup> 1941, (GWR consulted).

Our further (and separately funded) projects have included a Saltash 1941 Blitz story/history board to be installed in Fore Street (site of the Blitz destroyed Wesley Chapel), at a Covid secure time in April this year (in accordance with previously conferred highway safety measures). This board will reflect on the tragedy of the April 1941 Blitz. Moreover, remember with honour and in perpetuity, the Saltash civilians who shockingly lost their lives at that time.

Further, three Acts of Remembrance are planned for 2021 – April 22<sup>nd</sup>/28<sup>th</sup>/May 2<sup>nd</sup>. All conforming to Government Covid 19 guidelines.

We are also very proud to announce that in association with Saltash Town Council, Saltash Enterprises PL12, Town Team, and S106 (and its working partners and representatives), the Saltash 1941 Blitz Committee's mutual endeavours with the aforementioned, resulted in a successful bid to S106 for two Blitz themed memorial seats which will be most significant additions to the forthcoming Town's Saltash Fore Street furniture projects. The Blitz Committee were delighted to work closely with, and in particular with Jo Baskott and Catherine Thomson and the other groups for these most appreciated memorial tributes to Saltash's civilian fallen.

In addition, the Blitz Committee have worked in unison with families of the fallen, local history consultants, the Saltash Scouts, Saltash Fire Service and Fire Cadets and local charities and businesses.

Our future press and media releases will reflect the generosity of our sponsors, supporters and collaborators. Thank you once again.

Yours sincerely



General Secretary (Saltash 1941 – Blitz Committee)

## WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

# DONALD NOEL CUMMINS

SALTASH REMEMBERS

Fireman, Auxiliary Fire Service Boy Scout Bronze Cross (posthumously awarded)

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Killed serving the Saltash community during WW2 bombing raid at Saltash GWR goods yard April 28th 1941

