



## COWES TOWN COUNCIL

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### **Former Mayor of Cowes unveils memorial to commemorate victims of the COVID-19 pandemic.**

A new memorial, commissioned by Cowes Town Council, was unveiled by former Mayor of Cowes, Councillor Lora Peacey Wilcox on Monday 4 September 2023. The memorial was suggested by Councillor Peacey Wilcox during her term of office as Mayor of Cowes [2019-2021], and supported by members of Cowes Town Council.

Comprising of a granite stone, inscribed with the words *“REMEMBERING ALL THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC”*, the memorial has been positioned within the Rosebed at the Park Road entrance to Northwood Park. The location was chosen to be visible to passers-by, whilst also providing a quiet place to sit, reflect and remember loved ones lost.

The memorial is accompanied by an oak plaque commissioned by the Town Council, crafted by local craftsman Dovetailed Design.

Councillor Peacey Wilcox said:

*“I felt it was important to remember so many lives lost to us here in Cowes during that time. It was heart-breaking in the extreme with what families were going through.*

*Out of the depths of despair and sorrow comes hope and new life.*

*I thank all of those that supported my request at the Town Council to allow this memorial to be*

*commissioned. It was lovely to see a stone from the London Memorial Wall, who I have been working closely with.*

*Finally, thanks to Wight Stonemasonry and the team that fitted the very large memorial in a quite challenging area.*

*Much Love to you all."*



Photograph shows Councillor Lora Peacey Wilcox, former Mayor of Cowes, supported by Councillors Paler and Sanders.

*Photograph taken by Kate Scragg, Deputy Town Clerk.*

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