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Dear Catherine

I am writing to you today as Her Majesty The Queen's personal representative here in Suffolk.

Last Friday, on the 75th Anniversary of VE Day, millions of people around the world listened to The Queen's deeply moving address, an inspiration to us all in these dark times. I thought you might like a copy for your Parish Council records. I also enclose a copy of the address she made to the nation on the 5th of April, and a message of gratitude from the Duke of Edinburgh.

These are exceptionally challenging times for our communities and yet despite the uncertainty and sadness, I am hearing of extraordinary acts of kindness across Suffolk as neighbours pull together to help the most vulnerable in their communities. This pandemic can and will affect people in so many different ways, but its targeting on our most vulnerable people is particularly cruel. Without the work of your Council and the support of your community, I know that it could be unbearable for so many more friends and neighbours.

With your help and leadership, I know we will get through this challenge together and that our communities will emerge from it stronger.

Please accept the deepest gratitude to you, your colleagues, and your community here in Suffolk for all that you are doing to support each other in such difficult times.

My warmest best wishes,

*Yours ever
Clare*

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