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Mayor of Wellington

On behalf of the residents of Wellington and Wellington Town Council I would like to offer my heartfelt condolences to HM The Queen and the Royal Family at the passing of HRH the Duke of Edinburgh. Our thoughts are with them at this very sad time.

MAYOR'S REPORT - APRIL 2021

ROAD SAFETY ON THE A38

After yet another fatal accident on the A38 Whiteball Hill, Sampford Arundel Parish Council is working with the police and other agencies to try to resolve this particular issue before others are killed or seriously injured. However, as you will see from agenda item 11 tonight, the issue of road safety on the whole of the A38 from the Chelston roundabout to the Perry Elm is a great concern and Wellington Without Parish Council are seeking support from other local councils to have a uniform slower speed limit on this road.

BISHOP PETER, BISHOP OF BATH AND WELLS

I was very sad to hear that Bishop Peter has been forced, through ill health, to retire early from his appointment as Bishop of Bath and Wells. Longer standing town councillors will remember that when Bishop Peter visited Wellington in 2016 we were invited to meet him at the show home on Longforth Farm to discuss various issues relating to Wellington. Bishop Peter is an extremely down to earth man and I think that his easy going and approachable demeanour will be missed by all of us. I have written to Bishop Peter on our behalf sending him our best wishes.

SERGEANT DANIEL BISHOP

I was delighted to hear that our Neighbourhood Police Sergeant, Daniel Bishop, has received a Special Recognition Award from the High Sheriff of Somerset for his outstanding contribution to the community of Somerset. I am sure everyone will join me in congratulating Dan on this award and will wish to thank him and his team for everything they do to keep us safe and for looking after us.

POP-UP SHOP

It is excellent news that after trading in our Pop-Up Shop for four weeks, Craig and Karen Holmes' Wellington Bakehouse is taking over the empty Shaul's shop in the High Street. This goes to show that this town council venture has been a great success in helping businesses to test the market before committing to renting their own premises.

Every Friday afternoon I continue to attend the Emergency High Street Fund meetings with officers from the district council and members of the two other major towns benefiting from the fund, Taunton and Minehead.

A new fund entitled the **Welcome Back Fund** designed to help more work and initiatives to be undertaken to help high streets recover from lockdowns was announced two weeks ago and we are awaiting guidance on how these funds can be used and how much will be allocated to Wellington.

Janet Lloyd
12th April 2021