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WAR MEMORIAL TO COMMEMORATE THE ROLE OF WOMEN

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Dear friend,

As we celebrate the 80th Anniversary of VE Day and the end of the Second World War, we remember those who paid the ultimate price in securing our freedom.

However, we wish to celebrate those who stayed at home, to keep the home fires burning. Especially the role women played in filling key industrial and vital roles during all conflict. This contribution has rarely been commemorated, and a national memorial was installed on Whitehall in 2005 to correct this, however, we want to do the same locally to commemorate the role women played in industry here.

We need to raise £10,000 to achieve this, and we are hoping those organisations whose stories are intertwined with these events can assist. If this is something that you feel you can support us with, please drop me an email on the contact details above. It would be fantastic to commemorate this, this year, to unveil in March. The memorial is likely to be located in Victoria Square adjacent to the existing Cenotaph, in a complimentary design to be confirmed soon.

Working together for a better Borough

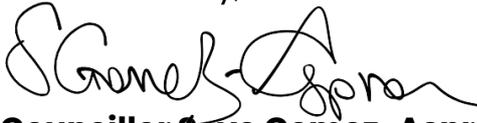
The first ever female Mayor of our Borough, Margaret Shard, was appointed in 1945. She had lost almost every finger on both hands in an explosion in a munitions factory, yet within weeks was back representing the residents of the borough in the Town Hall. We all have our own stories: I know that my Nan and her cousin drove cranes in the Vulcan Foundry during the war, and we've all seen the inspiring images of young women carrying large sections of rolled glass at the Pilkington Factory to keep the war machine moving alongside thousands of others.

It is a strong part of our local identity, to celebrate both workers and women, without whom, the war could not have been won, often working in gruelling conditions.

I hope that you can support us in this important commemoration. Please get in touch if you feel you can help us with this project.

Lest we forget.

Yours faithfully,



Councillor Seve Gomez-Aspron MBE
Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of St Helens

