



A letter from the Mayor of Workington to our twin town - Val de Reuil

Dear Friends,

The 8th May represents a historic turning point for our communities. On this day, 75 years ago, the nations of Europe began their slow and painful journey back to peace and prosperity. The conflicts which began in the previous decades brought suffering and destruction on a scale we had not experienced before. From the Arctic to the shores of Africa, all of Europe was consumed by strife which set family against family, community against community.

All war did not end on 8 May 1945, but particularly here in Europe, we can mark this date as the beginning of a new chapter in our histories. We began the journey to reconstruction and unity, which even the events of the last year have not fundamentally altered.

Now our communities face the challenge of the Covid-19 pandemic. We are all discovering the true value of our 'key workers' - cleaners, carers, shop and distribution workers and of course the thousands of medical personnel who keep our hospitals running under tremendous pressure.

Now more than ever, we need to look out for our friends and families. In Workington we are proud to view the people of Val de Reuil and all of France amongst our friends and family. In better times, we hope to meet again in the spirit of international friendship and cooperation which is symbolised by our commemoration of 8 May.

Please stay safe
Cllr Janet King
Mayor of Workington

