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I wanted to take this opportunity as the new Lord-Lieutenant of Kent to extend my gratitude to you and your organisation for the exceptional work you are doing during this unprecedented time.

I take over from Viscount De L'Isle as Lord - Lieutenant in the most extraordinary circumstances. As we enter a further period of lockdown, the impact of this dreadful pandemic on families, mental health, personal finances and the economy are sadly becoming clearer. It is important to me, as Her Majesty The Queen's representative in the county, to offer support and encouragement to all those working on the front line in the NHS, care homes and the other emergency services and also charities, the military and local government and the new army of community support volunteers and businesses who have stepped up to the mark in so many ways.

The way in which communities across the County have been working together to help during this time is extremely moving and I hope, in the future, to not only honour the sacrifices of so many but to celebrate the way in which our county has pulled together to respond to this unprecedented crisis. Our County is a special county in that at times of emergency we all unite to ensure our communities are safe and cared for.

I know you must be under incredible pressure during this time and am truly thankful that you are there for those most in need. I would like to reassure you that you are very much in our thoughts at this incredibly difficult time.

Thank you once again and please extend my appreciation to everyone in your organisation, it is greatly appreciated by us all in Kent.

With very best wishes

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