



**SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL**

# Press Release

## **SANDOWN REMEMBERS FALKLANDS CONFLICT**

Sandown remembered the sacrifices made during the Falklands War and commemorated the 40th Anniversary of the end of the conflict, with a small service of remembrance conducted by Rev Williams, with wreath laying led by Town Mayor Cllr Paddy Lightfoot.

Cllr Lightfoot said 'Sandown residents served in the conflict, and it was important to honour the sacrifices made, as well as take time to reflect on the contribution made by service personnel in other conflicts'.

Rev Williams added 'The Memorial is a landmark for local residents, many of whom have the names of family members on the memorial, to pay tribute to those that served their country so that others can enjoy the freedoms and privileges they enjoy today'.

Sandown Town Council have invested in the renovation of the memorial, worked with local churches on commemorative events in addition to Remembrance Sunday, and secured funding for new flagpoles and planted commemorative troughs with Sandown Green Town Volunteers.

Cllr Lightfoot concluded 'It was important to mark the 40th anniversary, helping educate future generations, as well as thanking our armed forces for their service and honour the memory of those that gave their lives'.



Picture – Rev Williams and Mayor Cllr Lightfoot with colleagues at wreath laying service