

## Hengist Field Care Home resident awarded an Honorary Freeman ship



Hengist Field Care Home had the honour and pleasure of hosting a very important presentation on Thursday 25 June. Resident, Bronwyn McGarrity was Mayor of Gravesend in 2009 – 2010 and was presented with the Honorary Freeman ship of Gravesend Borough. Bronwyn received a scroll, a booklet of photos, a medal and some beautiful flowers.

Bronwyn served for many years on the council and was the Special Councillor for the Elderly in the Borough. She dedicated all her spare time working to make life better for senior citizens. Bronwyn was also involved with a number of charities including **Alzheimer and Dementia support Services**.

The presentation took place in the **Orangery Lounge** and all current social distancing and **PPE** regulations were followed as much as possible. Members of The Council attended the presentation and a special speech was given via video link by the current **Mayor of Gravesend**.

In the Mayor's speech, he mentioned that Bronwyn was born in 1936 and had lived in Gravesend since the age of two. Bronwyn had worked as a maths teacher for many years and had also been involved with many sports, such as netball, and had also been treasurer for the rowing club.

The Mayor ended his speech by congratulating Bronwyn and thanking her on behalf of the council and residents of Gravesend for

her many years of eminent service to the Borough.

After the presentation, Bronwyn was able to have a short conversation with her son who is in Spain. He told his mother how proud he was and that he would see her as soon as he was back in the country.

***Hengist Field Manager Neli Koleva and the staff here at the Home would like to congratulate Bronwyn on her many achievements especially gaining the Freeman ship of Gravesham Borough; "It was an honour and a privilege for the Home to be able to host such a prestigious event attended by members of Gravesend Council, Neli Koleva Home Manager, and some of the Care and Activities staff who work closely with Bronwyn."***



