

Dear Sir,

ELECTIONS 2021 - POLLING STATION E57

As always, the Guildhall staff deserve recognition and my gratitude for all their hardwork, assistance and professional advice throughout the Election period.

Our stalwarts, Casual Caretaker and Cleaner / Caretaker veterans of many Elections, deserve special thanks for their unfailing support and physical labour in setting up the Polling Station. We could not manage without them.

It was a pleasure to meet the Assistant Town Clerk and the Receptionist, neither of whom had experienced an Election at the Guildhall before. Their objective suggestions concerning a revised layout, due to Covid 19 precautions, was most helpful. and their invitation to view the set-up on the day before Polling turned out to be a Godsend. Having collected my Ballot Box from Liskeard on the 3rd, I was advised that I should have been given an extra Ballot Box for the Tamar Ward! The greatest problem was that of voters putting their

Ballot Papers in the wrong box and causing re-counts! As a result, we had to alter the set-up that Cleaner/Caretaker and had worked hard to create. It also meant that the extra Poll Clerk I had been allocated for marshalling and sanitisation would have to assist in the issuing of Ballot papers (and she has never participated in an Election before).

This was an Election like no other and we only survive the day thanks to the fantastic help from Casual Caretaker and his colleagues Service Delivery General Assistants Their

assistance in marshalling the voters and their sanitising surveillance were crucial to the smooth running of the day. I always consider myself truly blessed to work at the Guildhall with your wonderfully supportive staff.

With best wishes to you all.

Yours gratefully,

PRESIDING OFFICER)