

VE Day – 75th Anniversary

The message then was a salute to the men & women at home & abroad who sacrificed so much in pursuit of the 'Great Deliverance'.

At the start, the outlook looked bleak, the end distant, the outcome uncertain. But we kept faith that the cause was right - and this belief carried us through.



Never give up, never despair – that was the message of VE Day. Many people laid down their lives in that terrible conflict. They fought so we could live in peace, at home & abroad. They died so we could live as free people in a world of free nations. They risked all so our families & neighbourhoods could be safe. We should & will remember them.



The wartime generations knew that the best way to honour those who did not come back from the war, was to ensure that it didn't happen again. The greatest tribute to their sacrifice is that countries who were once sworn enemies are now friends, working side by side for the peace, health & prosperity of us all.



Today we remembered from our homes & our doorsteps ... But our streets were not empty, they are filled with the love & the care that we have for each other. Throughout our country today, we are willing to do what it takes to protect & support one another. We are still that brave nation.