



**5<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

**Following the very sad news that our Patron, The Honourable Mrs Mary Bayliss CVO JP DL, passed away last week, Ian Caren, Chief Executive of Launchpad, said:**

“We are deeply saddened to hear of the death of The Honourable Mrs Mary Bayliss. Mary was the charity’s very first Patron and tirelessly supported Launchpad for over nine years. She was passionate about helping vulnerable and disadvantaged people in Reading, and regularly met with Launchpad’s clients and staff to understand the issues affecting people facing homelessness, and hear about the charity’s latest projects.

“We were also honoured to welcome Mary to our Carols by Candlelight service every year. I am so very grateful for the kindness and support she showed Launchpad throughout her patronage, and she will be missed by everyone at the charity. We send our sincere condolences to Mary’s family at this incredibly sad time.”