

Hatfield Heath Parish Council

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FLAG FLYING POLICY

1. Introduction

In order to clarify the protocol for the flying of flags on the village flag pole, the parish council have introduced this policy. There are designated days when the Union Flag must be flown www.gov.uk/guidance/designated-days-for-union-flag-flying.

The Government “would encourage local authorities and other local organisations to follow suit where they wish to fly flags. This guidance applies from the summer 2021.”

“The Union Flag should be flown every day except on certain occasions when you may wish to fly other flags, including but not limited to, the national flags of the constituent nations of the United Kingdom, the Armed Forces flag, the Commonwealth flag, county and other local flags, and other flags which may promote civic pride.”

Hatfield Heath Parish Council will fly the Union Flag on the 8 flag flying days (taken from Government Guidance) as shown below and will consider other dates as appropriate:

08 September	His Majesty's Accession
2 nd Monday in March	Commonwealth Day
14 November	Birthday of His Majesty the King
06 May	Coronation Day
2 nd Saturday in June	Official Celebration of His Majesty's Birthday
23 April	St George's Day
11 th November	Remembrance Day
21 June	Birthday of The Prince of Wales

2. Protocol for Flag Flying

2.1 The Union Flag is to be flown at full mast (together with other flags where in accordance with the protocol, for example the Cross of St George being flown on St George's Day).

2.2 Death and Funeral Commemoration

The Union Flag will be shown at half mast (from 8am until sunset) on the following occasions across all buildings unless stated otherwise.

1. Death of The Sovereign from announcement of death to the day of the funeral except on Proclamation Day when the flag will be hoisted to full mast from 11am until sunset. (See separate Protocol)
2. Death of a member or near relative of the Royal Family or the funeral of members of the Royal Family subject to special command from His Majesty. (See Separate Protocol)
3. The funerals of Prime Ministers and former Prime Minister subject to special command from His Majesty.
4. The funerals of Foreign Rulers subject to special command from His Majesty.
5. Death of a Lord Lieutenant or Deputy Lieutenant of Essex – day of funeral.
6. Death of a serving Chair, Deputy Chair – day death and day of funeral.
7. Death of a serving Member of Hatfield Heath Parish Council, day of death and day of funeral.
8. Death of a former member of Hatfield Heath Parish Council and former Chair of Hatfield Heath - day of death and day of funeral.
9. Death of armed forces personnel who were residents of the parish killed on active service, day of the announcement of death and on the day of the funeral.
10. Death of a serving Chief Constable of Essex Constabulary, Essex Chief Fire Officer, day of funeral.

3. Civic Occasions

1. St George's Day (23 April) the Cross of St George to be flown from 8am until sunset.
2. Armed Forces Day Armed Forces Day flag to be flown from 8am until sunset.

4. Other Occasions

The Union Flag may be flown at full or half-mast on other occasions at the discretion of the Parish Clerk, in consultation with the Chair of Hatfield Heath Parish Council.

There may be other specific national or county occasions where other recognised flags may be flown at full or half mast, at the discretion of the Parish Clerk, in consultation with the Chair of Hatfield Heath Parish Council.

If you have any questions, require further information or would like to discuss your circumstances before submitting an application to fly a flag please contact:

The Parish Clerk, Hatfield Heath Parish Council

Email: clerk@hatfieldheath-pc.gov.uk

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