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Burgess Hill Town Council

PRESS RELEASE

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HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

"I was very sad to learn of the passing of HRH Queen Elizabeth II at the age of 96, who reigned over the Commonwealth for an incredible 70 years and was the absolute icon of our country.

As a Monarch she was a rock of calm stability in an often turbulent world. A Queen who epitomised faithful service and devotion to her role.

We can find comfort in her passing, knowing that here in Burgess Hill, we paid great tribute to the Queen when we marked her Platinum Jubilee with our 'Jubilee Fest' programme of events back in June of this year which included the fantastic Jubilee Concert and the lighting of the beacon.

The Queen visited Burgess Hill in 1999 with her husband Prince Phillip to officially open the Triangle Leisure Centre. She also met members of the public in the town centre and visited the Town Council Help Point.

My thoughts, and I'm sure the rest of the town's, are with the Royal Family at this time as they mourn the loss of their mother and grandmother.

An enormous part of our history has now moved on and we await the coronation of King Charles III.

God Save The King"

Peter Chapman – Burgess Hill Town Mayor

For members of the public, a Book of Condolence will be available in the Town Council Help Point for people to sign, from today - Friday 9 September. [An Official online Book of Condolence is available for members of the public to sign.](#)

The Help Point will be open as follows: Monday - Thursday: 9am - 5pm, Friday 9am - 4:30pm. The Help Point will also be open tomorrow - Saturday 10 September - between 10am and 12pm.

For those that would like to lay flowers, they will be welcome to lay them in the War Memorial Gardens, in Church Walk, in front of the photograph of Her Majesty the Queen. After Her Majesty's funeral, the flowers will be removed, composted and the compost used to plant a memorial tree at Batchelors Farm, at a later date.

St John's Church will be holding a Parish Service on Sunday 11 September, at 10am. Members of the public are welcome to attend. Today - Friday 9 September - at 12 noon, a bell will ring 96 times, one ring for each year of Her Majesty's life.

Further guidance on the National and Local Proclamations, and the date of Her Majesty's funeral will follow, in accordance with national guidelines.



