

ES&BG PC Protocol for the death of His Majesty the King

This protocol sets out the action to be taken in the event of the death of His Majesty the King and shall only be implemented when an official announcement is made by Buckingham Palace.

The Clerk will be the lead for this protocol in the event of the Royal death, in liaison with BDBC. The following actions will be undertaken to mark the occasion.

Cancellation of meetings/business

Meetings pre-arranged to be held anytime within the 10 days of mourning must be cancelled/rescheduled. This includes any events of a celebratory nature (Christmas, Easter, fetes, parties) but does not include Remembrance Services. Unless falling on a Saturday, the day of the state funeral will be a public holiday and no business should be transacted.

Words of Condolence

A message of condolence from the Parish Council as a corporate body shall be published on the website, and social media.

Condolence Book

Residents will be directed to the on-line royal book of condolence.

In Mourning Veil on Website

From the first day after death the home page will be overwritten with a black page carrying a portrait of His Majesty the King during the period of mourning. This shall be arranged by the current website developer and remain in place until the day after the state funeral has taken place.

In Mourning Covering Image (for ESG Facebook page)

From the first day after death a suitable cover image shall be published. This shall stay in place until the day after the state funeral has taken place. To be arranged by the Clerk.

Area for Laying Floral Tributes

Floral tributes may be laid around the War Memorial and this opportunity will be published accordingly at the time. Only cut flowers in compostable wrappings (with no plastic ribbons/ties or rubber bands) may be laid. The area shall be checked regularly during the time of mourning. These will remain in place until the day after the state funeral has taken place. Once removed the flowers will be composted appropriately.

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