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## [Public information notice on Passing of HM Queen Elizabeth II: Travel to Royal Hillsborough Village](#)

News story

Members of the public will be welcome to pay their respects to HM Queen Elizabeth II at Hillsborough Castle during the period of official mourning.



- Hillsborough Castle Gardens will be open free of charge from Wednesday 14 September to Sunday 18 September for anyone that wishes to take time to pause and reflect on the life of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.
- Direct access into the estate and the floral tributes at the main gates is now being facilitated via the main car park off the A1. Mobility assistance is available for those wishing to pay their respects. More information is available [on the Historic Royal Palace website](#).
- Park and ride services via the Eikon Centre are no longer available. Everyone travelling to Hillsborough Castle should use the parking facilities at the A1 Hillsborough Castle visitor centre.
- The floral tribute area at the village entrance to Hillsborough Castle will be open from 8am to 8pm daily.
- Please be aware that the dedicated area for floral tributes at Hillsborough Castle will close at 8pm on Monday 19 September.
- Normal business at Hillsborough Castle and Gardens will resume on Tuesday 20 September.
- “Other artefacts” (i.e. items other than flowers, such as teddy bears) are not allowed to be laid, and will be removed. Notes will be removed and preserved.
- More information and guidance can be found on the [Cabinet Office mourning period guidance web page](#).
- Guidance has now been issued for how the public can attend Her Majesty The Queen’s Lying-in-State at Westminster Hall and can be viewed [here](#).
- Further information on the public transport services is available on [Translink’s Website](#)

## **When is Hillsborough Castle open?**

- The floral tribute area at the village entrance to Hillsborough Castle will be open from 8am to 8pm daily. Please be aware that the dedicated area for floral tributes at Hillsborough Castle will close at 8pm on Monday 19 September.
- The gardens at Hillsborough Castle are now open free of charge until

Sunday 18 September. The gardens will close again on Monday 19 September for the State Funeral. Normal business will resume on Tuesday 20 September when the castle and gardens will both reopen again to paying guests.

### **I live in Hillsborough, what do I need to know?**

- Local residents and business owners within Royal Hillsborough Village should receive a leaflet from Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council regarding the special arrangements in operation during the national period of mourning.
- From 11 am Thursday 15 September, local resident parking permits will no longer be required and the Community Assistance Centre will be closed.

### **I am a blue badge holder and want to see the flowers?**

- Blue badge holders and others with mobility issues can access the floral tributes area via the A1 visitors centre where they will be able to park and then be facilitated to the top site to view the flowers.

### **I just want to lay flowers, what do I need to know?**

- Hillsborough Castle Gardens is accessible via the main car park off the A1 as well as the main village entrance. More information is available [on the Historic Royal Palaces website.](#)
- Flowers may be laid outside Hillsborough Castle; any other material (such as wrappings and other tributes) will be removed and the flowers will be laid in the dedicated area.
- The floral tribute area at the village entrance to Hillsborough Castle will be open from 8am to 8pm daily. Please be aware that the dedicated area for floral tributes at Hillsborough Castle will close at 8pm on Monday 19 September.

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## **[Message of condolence from the SIA's Chair and Chief Executive](#)**

News story

A message of condolence to the Royal Family following the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.



Security Industry Authority

We are deeply saddened to learn the news of the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. We join with the rest of the nation in mourning the loss of our monarch who served us all with such dignity, warmth and kindness for more than seventy years.

On behalf of our Board and all of the staff at the Security Industry Authority (SIA), we extend our profound sympathy and sincere condolences to the Royal Family.

Heather Baily – Chair, Security Industry Authority

Michelle Russell – Chief Executive, Security Industry Authority

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## [Prime Minister's Tribute to Her Majesty The Queen](#)

Mr Speaker, in the hours since last night's shocking news, we have witnessed the most heartfelt outpouring of grief at the loss of Her Late Majesty The Queen.

Crowds have gathered.

Flags have been lowered to half-mast.

Tributes have been sent from every continent around the world.

On the death of her father King George VI, Winston Churchill said the news had:

..."stilled the clatter and traffic of twentieth-century life in many lands."

Now, 70 years later, in the tumult of the 21st century, life has paused again.

Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was one of the greatest leaders the world has ever known.

She was the rock on which modern Britain was built.

She came to the throne – at just 25 – in a country that was emerging from the shadow of war.

She bequeaths a modern, dynamic nation that has grown and flourished under her reign.

The United Kingdom is the great country it is today because of her.

The Commonwealth is the family of nations it is today because of her.

She was devoted to the Union of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

She served 15 countries as Head of State and she loved them all.

Her words of wisdom gave us strength in the most testing times.

During the darkest moments of the pandemic, she gave us hope that we would meet again.

She knew this generation of Britons would be as strong as any.

As we meet today, we remember the pledge she made on her 21st birthday to dedicate her life to service.

The whole House will agree: never has a promise been so completely fulfilled.

Her devotion to duty remains an example to us all.

She carried out thousands of engagements.

She took a red box every day.

She gave Her Assent to countless pieces of legislation,  
and was at the heart of our national life for seven decades.

As Supreme Governor of the Church of England, she drew on her deep faith.

She was the nation's greatest diplomat.

Her visits to post-apartheid South Africa and to the Republic of Ireland showed a unique ability to transcend difference and heal division.

In total she visited well over 100 countries.

She met more people than any other Monarch in our history.

She gave counsel to Prime Ministers and Ministers across government.

I have personally greatly valued her wise advice.

Only last October, I witnessed first-hand how she charmed the world's leading investors at Windsor Castle.

She was always so proud of Britain and always embodied the spirit of our great country.

She remained determined to carry out her duties even at the age of 96.

It was just three days ago at Balmoral that she invited me to form a government and become her 15th Prime Minister.

Again she generously shared with me her deep experience of government, even in those last days.

Everyone who met her will remember the moment.

They will speak of it for the rest of their lives.

Even for those who never met her, Her Late Majesty's image is an icon for what Britain stands for as a nation – on our coins, on our stamps and in portraits around the world.

Her legacy will endure through the countless people she met,  
the global history she witnessed,  
and the lives that she touched.

She was loved and admired by people across the United Kingdom and across the world.

One of the reasons for that affection was her sheer humanity.

She re-invented the monarchy for the modern age.

She was a champion of freedom and democracy around the world.

She was dignified but not distant.

She was willing to have fun, whether on a mission with 007 or having tea with Paddington Bear.

She brought the monarchy into people's lives and into people's homes.

During her first televised Christmas message in 1957, she said:

"Today we need a special kind of courage...so we can show the world that we are not afraid of the future."

We need that courage now.

In an instant, yesterday, our lives changed forever.

Today we show the world we do not fear what lies ahead.

We send our deepest sympathy to all members of the Royal Family.

We pay tribute to our late Queen, and we offer loyal service to our new King.

His Majesty King Charles III bears an awesome responsibility that he now carries for all of us.

I was grateful to speak to His Majesty last night and offer my condolences

Even as he mourns, his sense of duty and service is clear.

He has already made a profound contribution through his work on conservation, education, and his tireless diplomacy.

We owe him our loyalty and devotion.

The British people, the Commonwealth, and all of us in this House...

...will support him as he takes our country forward to a new era of hope and progress...

...our New Carolean age.

The Crown endures.

Our nation endures.

And in that spirit, I say: God save The King.