



Buntingford Town Council

Flag Flying Policy

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Introduction

In 2008 the Government agreed to give UK Government Departments and Local Authorities the freedom to fly the Union Flag on their buildings whenever they choose to. The standard 15 Union Flag flying days are for 2023 are:

13 th March	Commonwealth Day
9 th April	His Majesty's Wedding Day
23 rd April	St George's Day
2 nd Monday in March	Commonwealth Day
6 th May	Coronation Day
17 th June	Official Birthday of His Majesty The King
21 st June	Birthday of the Prince of Wales
17 th July	Birthday of the Queen Consort
8 th September	His Majesty's Accession
12 th November	Remembrance Day
14 th November	Birthday of His Majesty the King

Funeral Commemoration

The Union Flag will be flown at half-mast on the following occasions unless stated otherwise.

Death of The Sovereign

Death of Senior Member of the Royal Family (see Protocol).

Death and funerals of Prime Minister and former Prime Ministers – subject to special command from Her Majesty.

The funerals of Foreign Rulers – subject to special command from Her Majesty.

Death of Lord Lieutenant or Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire – day of funeral.

Death of Serving Mayor, Consort, Deputy Mayor – day of death and day of funeral.

Death of serving member of Buntingford Town Council. – day of death and day of funeral.

Death of former member of Buntingford Town Council – day of death and day of funeral.

Death of Honorary Freeman of the Town of Buntingford – day of death and day of funeral.

Death of serving Town Clerk of Buntingford – day of death and day of funeral.

Death of retired Town Clerk of Buntingford – day of funeral.

Death of a serving or former MP for the constituency – day of funeral.

Death of armed forces personnel who were residents of the Parish killed on active service – day of announcement of death and day of funeral.

Death of serving Chief Constable of Hertfordshire Constabulary, Hertfordshire Chief Fire Officer or a serving area Police Commander – day of funeral.

Civic Occasions

Twinning Exchange Visits National Flag of visiting town during the period of the visit.

Mayor Making, Manor House events and other such notable occasions, the Buntingford flag to be flown.

Other Occasions

The Union Flag, Flag of St George or the Town Flag may be flown on other occasions at the discretion of the Town Clerk in consultation with the Town Mayor.
A national flag may be flown in solidarity with that nation should the occasion arise.