

PRESS RELEASE – 9th April 2021

Remembering HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

The Great Yarmouth borough is joining with the whole nation in mourning the sad passing of HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

Flags at Half-mast

As a mark of respect and remembrance, the Union Flag and Borough Flag outside the Town Hall are flying at half-mast until 8am the day after the funeral, with the community invited to take part in a two-minute silence at 11am on the day of the funeral itself.

E-book of Condolence

In order to support public safety during coronavirus, there will not be a physical book of condolence at the Town Hall or other civic venues. Instead, people are invited to sign the official E-book(s) of Condolence when available. In addition, the mayor is writing a letter of condolence to be sent on behalf of the whole borough to the private secretary of Her Majesty The Queen.

Floral tributes

Floral tributes will unfortunately not be allowed in St George's Park, and local memorial services and events will be postponed due to the pandemic. People are asked to consider making a charitable donation in lieu of laying flowers.

Statement from the mayor

Cllr Michael Jeal, the mayor, said: "On behalf of Great Yarmouth Borough Council and the whole Borough of Great Yarmouth, I would like to express our sorrow as we mourn the passing of the Duke of Edinburgh and our deepest condolences to HM The Queen and the Royal Family.

"As the Queen's consort, Prince Philip gave decades of loyal public service to the peoples of the United Kingdom and Commonwealth, for which he is rightly respected. While his passing is a huge loss to the nation, his deeds and example live on.

"We know he so loved Norfolk – and Norfolk loved and respected him in return. His visit with HM The Queen to Great Yarmouth in 1985 was a great honour and is fondly remembered by local residents, along with his visit in 2002 to open the former Nelson Museum."