

PRESS RELEASE

SALTASH TOWN COUNCIL

It is with great sadness that Saltash Town Council announce the passing of His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh who sadly passed away on Friday 9th April 2021 at Windsor Castle.

Following a successful naval career during which he saw active service in the second world war, the Duke of Edinburgh tirelessly focused his work in support of Her Majesty The Queen offering her support, stability and comfort as she led our country through times of enormous social change. His Royal Highness also had many interests which he pursued separately to his work with Her Majesty The Queen, including conservation, engineering, and The Duke of Edinburgh's Award which he founded in 1956.

His Royal Highness has been consort to Her Majesty The Queen Elizabeth II for over 60 years from Her Majesty's Accession in 1952 to 2021.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Funeral will take place on Saturday 17th April 2021 at 3pm in St George's Chapel, Windsor. The Funeral Service will begin with a National Minute's Silence at 3pm. The service will be preceded by a ceremonial procession inside the grounds of Windsor Castle.

Floral tributes are welcomed to be placed at the Memorial Peace Garden, please may we ask that any plastic/cellophane wrapping is removed and disposed of safely and is not left on site. Please do not leave commemorative items such as stuffed toys as these will be removed. Please continue to maintain social distancing at all times. There is no official arrangement for giving donations in memory of The Duke of Edinburgh.

However, members of the public who wish to make a donation as a tribute to His Royal Highness are encouraged to give to a charity of their choosing or one of the charities or organisations which The Duke of Edinburgh supported in his public duties.

Over the course of his life, The Duke of Edinburgh was patron or president of some 992 organisations, with special interests in scientific and technological research and development, industry, the welfare of young people, conservation and the environment and the encouragement of sport.

Condolence books are available to physically sign at Saltash Library and an online book of condolence is available on the Saltash Town Council website https://www.saltash.gov.uk/book-of-condolences.php should you be unable to visit in person. All condolences books will be closed as of 5pm Sunday 18th April 2021.

Preparations for the mourning of this loss are underway and we are sure, as a nation, we will join in remembrance at the loss of His Royal Highness, The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh who will be sadly missed.

Saltash Town Council convey their deepest sympathies and condolences to the Royal Family on their great loss.

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