

**HIS MAJESTY KING CHARLES III**  
**PLANS TO MARK THE CORONATION**  
**SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MAY – MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

The Lord-Lieutenant, The Lady Colgrain has been advised of further details from The King's Household to mark the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III where people from across the UK and the Commonwealth will come together to celebrate this historic event.

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Coronation Service**

The centrepiece of the Coronation weekend is the Westminster Abbey Service due to take place in the morning. The Service will be conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Service will reflect the Monarch's role today and look towards the future, while being rooted in longstanding traditions and pageantry.

Their Majesties The King and The Queen Consort will arrive at Westminster Abbey in procession from Buckingham Palace, known as 'The King's Procession'. After the Service, Their Majesties will return to Buckingham Palace in a larger ceremonial procession, known as 'The Coronation Procession'. Their Majesties will be joined in this procession by other Members of the Royal Family.

At Buckingham Palace, The King and The Queen Consort, accompanied by Members of the Royal Family, will appear on the balcony to conclude the day's ceremonial events.

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May – Coronation Big Lunch**

Communities will come together to arrange street parties, gatherings in parks, gardens and community spaces to mark the Coronation. 'The Big Lunch' team, supported by The Eden Project, will provide downloadable resources via [The Coronation Big Lunch](#). Her Majesty The Queen Consort has been Patron of the Big Lunch since 2013.

The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) has written to all Local Authorities in England asking them to be supportive of requests for Street Parties. [Guidance on how to organise a street party can be found here](#). You can also highlight more guidance on [Street Meets](#) which offers easier ways to bring communities together.

DLUHC has expressed its support for any Councils wishing to organise Coronation events and celebrations within their towns and cities and to utilise any of their council-owned civic amenities in order to do so. Large screens in public places can be used to show television coverage of the Coronation which could include the Ceremony and Procession on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May or indeed the Coronation Concert on the evening of Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May. These screenings could be complemented or enhanced by being part of a wider local event if deemed appropriate and can be safely managed.

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May – Coronation Concert**

On Sunday a special Coronation Concert will take place at Windsor Castle, produced, staged and broadcast live by the BBC. The BBC will arrange for several thousand pairs of tickets to be made available via a public ballot. The audience will also include volunteers from The King and The Queen Consort's many charity affiliations,

The concert will see a world-class orchestra play interpretations of musical favourites by some of the world's biggest entertainers, alongside performers from the world of dance. The performances will be supported by staging and effects located on the Castle's East Lawn and will also feature a selection of spoken word sequences delivered by stars of stage and screen.

There will also be an exclusive appearance from The Coronation Choir. This diverse group will be created from the nation's keenest community choirs and amateur singers from across the United Kingdom, such as Refugee choirs, NHS choirs, LGBTQ+ singing groups and deaf signing choirs. The Coronation Choir will appear alongside The Virtual Choir, made up of singers from across the Commonwealth, for a special performance on the night.

The centrepiece of the Coronation Concert, 'Lighting up the Nation', will see the country join together in celebration as iconic locations across the United Kingdom are lit up using projections, lasers, drone displays and illuminations.

### **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May – The Big Help Out**

This event is being organised by [The Together Coalition](#) and will include support from partners such as the Royal Voluntary Service, Faith Groups from around the United Kingdom and the Scouts. This initiative will highlight the positive impact volunteering has on communities and the satisfaction it can bring to people giving up their time to volunteer and bring about change.

Recalling His Majesty's lifelong dedication to public service, supported by The Queen Consort and other Members of the Royal Family, it is hoped that this initiative will provide an opportunity for communities to come together and support a whole range of volunteering initiatives to create a lasting legacy. More information on how people can get involved can be found here on [The Big Help Out](#)

### **Funding**

The National Lottery Community Fund is supporting communities across the United Kingdom to come together to mark the Coronation. Funding of up to £10,000 is available for Coronation-related events and activities via the National Lottery Awards for All programme. It can take up to twelve weeks from the date of application submission for successful groups to receive funding. Therefore, applications for events around the Coronation weekend would need to be made **by mid-February**. The funding criteria terms and conditions can be found at [National Lottery Awards For All](#)

The National Lottery Heritage Fund will celebrate the Coronation by providing new opportunities for young people to engage with heritage, landscapes and the natural environment. The Coronation programme will build on the Heritage Fund's Platinum Jubilee programme from 2022, with a £7 million commitment to help communities across the UK reconnect with nature and support young people who have chosen a career in natural heritage. Further information will be available in due course via [The Heritage Fund](#)

As and when further details become available, more information will be circulated.

If anyone has any queries or questions relating to any of the above, please do contact Miss Jo Holmes, Deputy Clerk – [joanne.holmes@kent.gov.uk](mailto:joanne.holmes@kent.gov.uk) who will be pleased to assist.

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