

# Wimborne Minster Town Council

## Flag Flying Policy

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### 1. The purpose of this Policy

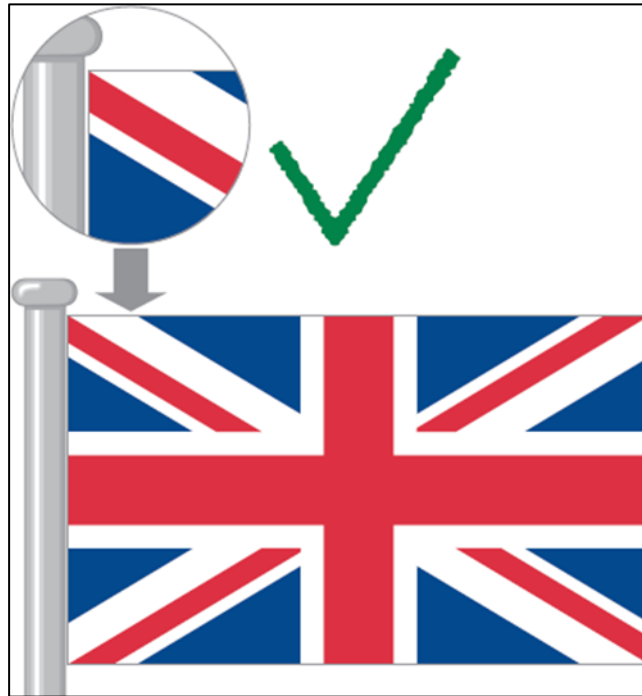
- 1.1 As a civic body, Wimborne Minster Town Council (the Town Council) wishes to adhere to established protocol when it comes to flying flags from its flagpole on the Town Hall
- 1.2 Flags have come to symbolize recognition and respect for national events, memorials and occasions. In addition, they can be used to show support and solidarity for causes the Town Council wishes to promote.
- 1.3 Adhering to this Policy will ensure that appropriate respect, dignity, and support are observed at all times.

### 2. Flying flags

- 2.1 The Town Council's civic flagpole is located on the Town Hall (angled flag pole).
- 2.2 Flags may be flown on every day of the year
- 2.3 Flags will be flown at day and night.
- 2.4 The following flags will be flown as required – the Union Flag, the flag of St George, and such other flags as may be approved by the Town Council. The Union Flag will be flown unless there is a reason to fly a different flag. The Town Council will fly the flag of St George for a week in April to commemorate St George's Day. Such other flags will be flown to show the Town Council's support during appropriate times or on nominated occasions.
- 2.5 Flags will be flown at full mast on the following occasions:
  - Commonwealth Day (second Monday in March)
  - His Majesty's Wedding Day - 9 April
  - St George's Day – 23 April (St Georges flag)
  - Coronation Day - 6 June
  - The birthday of The Sovereign - 17 June
  - Birthday of The Prince of Wales - 21 June
  - Armed Forces Day – 29 June (Armed Forces flag)
  - Birthday of The Queen Consort - 17 July
  - His Majesty's Accession - 8 September
  - Armistice Day - 11th November
  - Remembrance Sunday (second Sunday in November)

- The Official Birthday of The Sovereign - 14 November

2.6 The Union Flag will be flown the correct way up.



2.7 Due to 45-degree flagpoles, no flags at half-mast can be presented.

The above covers Royal and national mourning, but flags may be flown at half-mast on private or non-government buildings on other relevant local occasions. The Town Council will follow the Government's guidance with regard to when it is relevant to fly the Union flag at half - mast on other national occasions.

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