

# Members' Briefing



Barking &  
Dagenham



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## Message from the Leader on the passing of HM The Queen

As you will have already heard, Her Majesty The Queen, has sadly passed away.

The formal notification of her death was issued yesterday (8 September) by Buckingham Palace. In line with official protocol and as a mark of respect the Union Flag is flying at half-mast at the Town Hall and will remain so until the Proclamation of the new Monarch, when it will be flown at full mast from 11am until sunset. It will then be lowered again to half-mast until sunset on the day of Her Majesty's funeral, the date and arrangements for which will be announced in due course.

There are opportunities for everyone including our residents to pay their respects locally.

Books of condolence are available to sign from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday at Barking Town Hall, and at Barking Learning Centre, Saturday 9am to 5pm and Sunday 10am to 4pm and Dagenham Library at the Heathway (which will also be open on Saturdays and Sundays 10am to 4pm). In addition, a Borough online condolence book is available at [www.lbbd.gov.uk/online-book-condolence](http://www.lbbd.gov.uk/online-book-condolence). Buckingham Palace have also published an online book of condolence at [www.royal.uk](http://www.royal.uk).

The books will be available to sign until the day after the funeral and a [statement from the Leader has been published on our website](#).

On Sunday, 11 September at 1pm, Ian Pittaway, the Deputy Lieutenant to the Borough, will read the local Proclamation on the front steps of CU London (the former Civic Centre in Dagenham) at an official public ceremony to an invited audience. At the end of the proceedings Councillor Darren Rodwell, Leader of the Council, will mark the start of the new reign by proclaiming “Long Live the King.”

You have been invited to join us to hear the local Proclamation and pay your respects. Please do not arrive before 12.30pm.

You can also bring flowers or alternatively lay them as a mark of respect at CU London or on the stage area in the Town Hall Square, opposite Barking Town Hall.

The local [Proclamation event](#) will be filmed and streamed live on the Council’s website at [www.lbbd.gov.uk](http://www.lbbd.gov.uk)

The country is now in an official period of mourning.

The Queen was very special and many of us will remember her with fondness and affection. The Queen had a remarkable reign and her sense of duty and

dedication to the public always shone through.

Our thoughts are with the Royal Family at this sad time.

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## Event Cancellation

Due to the sad passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, tomorrow's Steam and Cider Fair will no longer go ahead as a mark of respect to our longest

serving monarch.

We're sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

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