

12 April 2021

### **Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh 1921 - 2021**

A hand-written letter of condolence on behalf of the borough of Guildford from the Mayor of Guildford, Cllr Richard Billington has been sent to Her Majesty The Queen:

"I am writing to you as Mayor of Guildford on behalf of the people of the Borough of Guildford in Surrey to offer my sincere condolences to You and other members of the Royal Family following the death of His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

"His Royal Highness was much loved and widely respected by people in Britain and throughout the world. The memory of His Royal Highnesses dedication to duty and loyalty to You, his family and country will remain with us and act as an example for us in the years ahead."

Flags at our Millmead offices, Guildford Castle and the Guildhall are flying at half-mast. Due to the Coronavirus (Covid-19) outbreak we will not be opening books of condolence in any Council buildings. The Royal Family book of condolence can be found here: <https://www.royal.uk/>.

If you would like to pay tribute, the Royal Family ask that you consider making a donation to a charity of your choice or one of the charities or organisations which The Duke of Edinburgh supported in his public duties. More details can be found [here](#).

During the period of mourning the Mayor of Guildford, Cllr Richard Billington will wear a black armband during Council meetings and at all public events as a sign of respect for his loss.

A two-minute silence will take place at the start of the Full Council meeting on Tuesday 13 April as a mark of respect.