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BOROUGH COUNCIL**

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WOKINGHAM BOROUGH MOURNS DEATH OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II

Wokingham Borough Council joins the rest of the country in mourning following the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Borough Mayor Cllr Caroline Smith said: "On behalf of the residents of Wokingham Borough and the staff and members of the borough council, I would like to express my deepest sorrow at the death of our esteemed monarch Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

"Most people living in this country today will have no knowledge of life without her as our Queen and I know that the grief will be real and long-lasting. For more than 70 years she reigned with compassion and grace and she leaves a far-reaching legacy that spans the whole world and will be felt for many generations to come."

A book of condolence is open at the Civic Offices in Shute End, Wokingham for anyone wishing to express their sadness and to give their condolences following the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The Civic Offices will be open from 9am to 5pm on Saturday 10 September and Sunday 11 September and from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday, until the day following The Queen's funeral. Residents are welcome to come anytime during opening hours.

Those wanting to sign a condolence book online, can do so on the Royal Family e-book of condolence by visiting www.royal.uk.

People who would like to share a message of sympathy but are unable to get to the Civic Offices, they can email their message to mayor@wokingham.gov.uk and it will be printed out and included in the condolence book. Alternatively for those unable to access the internet, they can send a hand written message which the council will include in the condolence book. These should be sent to: Wokingham Borough Council, Civic Offices, Shute End, Wokingham RG40 1BN.

Anyone wanting to leave flowers as a mark of respect should place them on the lawn by the pond at the Civic Offices.

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Further information:

1. More from cem@wokingham.gov.uk