

FLAG FLYING POLICY AT CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

1. GENERAL

The Cheshire East Borough Flag will be flown permanently at full mast on all Cheshire East establishments where a safe and serviceable flag pole exists. It will be the responsibility of the Property Team to ensure that Cheshire East Flag is suitably maintained and flown.

The Cheshire East Flag will only be flown at half mast on the death of the following until sunset on the day of the funeral:

- a Member of the Council;
- an Ex-Mayor of the Borough;
- an Ex-Leader of the Council;
- an Honorary Freeman;
- an Honorary Alderman;
- a serving Member of Parliament of a Parliamentary Constituency within the Borough.

Set out below are those occasions when an alternative flag will be flown at the Administrative Centres in Sandbach, Macclesfield and Crewe only.

2. UNION FLAG

The Union flag will be flown full mast on the following days:

- 9 March – Commonwealth Day
- 21 April – Birthday of Her Majesty the Queen
- 13 June – Official Birthday of Her Majesty the Queen
- Second Sunday in November – Remembrance Sunday

The Union Flag should be flown at half mast on the day of the death of the following:

- The Sovereign; or
- The Mayor.

The flag will remain half mast until after the funeral (except in the case of the Sovereign when flags are hoisted right up from 11:00 a.m. to sunset on Proclamation Day – and then lowered back to half mast after sunset until after the funeral).

In the case of deaths within the Royal Family (except the Sovereign), the flag will be flown on the day of the funeral and subject to special commands from the Sovereign in each case.

The Union Flag will be flown to support the Great British Team during the Olympics.

3. NATIONAL FLAG OF ENGLAND

St. George's Day 23rd April.

The National Flag will be flown to support the English Team during the Commonwealth Games and, at the discretion of the Leader of the Council, in support of other National Teams.

4. ARMED FORCES

The following flags will be flown in support of the Armed Forces:

Army 18th June (Waterloo)
Merchant Navy 3rd September (Red Ensign)
Royal Air Force 15th September (Battle of Britain)
Royal Navy 21st October (Trafalgar)
Armed Forces Week (June each year)

5. OVERSEAS VISITORS

The relevant national flag will be flown when Cheshire East Borough formally receives visitors from overseas.

6. MARK OF RESPECT

The Leader of the Council will determine when Cheshire East Council will fly its flags at half mast as a mark of respect to express the sympathies of the Council in appropriate circumstances.

7. OTHER OCCASIONS

Ad hoc requests to fly flags that are not covered by this policy will be determined by the Leader of the Council.