

Celebrating the Coronation of His Majesty, King Charles III

On May 6th 2023 our communities will come together to celebrate the coronation of His Majesty, King Charles III. Celebrations across the UK and the commonwealth realms will take place throughout the weekend with a range of events taking place.

The Coronation

The weekend will see official public celebrations taking place. These include;

- **The Coronation on May 6th, taking place in London.**
The coronation will be televised around the world where we will see the King and the Queen Consort travel to Westminster Abbey in the late Queen Elizabeth's horse drawn Diamond Jubilee Coach. Once the ceremony within the Abbey has begun, we will watch the anointing of King Charles followed by the crowning and enthronement. After the ceremony, the King and Queen Consort will travel back to Buckingham Palace in the state procession before appearing on the palace's balcony for the royal salute.
- **The 'Big Lunch' on May 7th.**
The Big Lunch is a day for celebrations around the country. The day is for communities to come together to mark the historic event through street parties!
- **'The Big Help Out' on May 8th.**
The Big Help Out has been developed by the Scouts and the Royal Voluntary Service. The day is all about members of the public getting involved in trying volunteering. Charities around the country will be joining in and offering opportunities for people to try something new!

Outside of these public celebrations, communities around the UK, families and Girlguiding units, will come together to host their own individual events to celebrate the big day. If you're looking for a way to celebrate, check out the ideas below!

How you can celebrate the Coronation!

- **Join the Girlguiding NWE King's Coronation Competition.**
Girlguiding North West England are hosting their very own Coronation Competition that your units can get involved in - Whether you're a Rainbow or Brownie or a Guide or Ranger you have the opportunity to enter this fun competition, with the chance to win a £20 gift voucher!

For Rainbows and Brownies - This is a super fun opportunity to bring out your units craft supplies - You are asked to design your very own crown! Whether it's glitter glue or feathers, be as creative as possible, you could also incorporate elements of your unit or section in the design!

For Guides and Rangers - You're about to watch history, with the first royal coronation to happen in England in 70 years! You're asked to create a poem to celebrate the coronation. What does the coronation mean to you? Who do you hope for the future with a King? It's totally up to you what you write!

To find out more about the competition and how to submit your entries, visit <https://www.girlguidingnwe.org.uk/news/the-kings-coronation-competition/>

- **Celebrate at Waddow Hall in Clitheroe**

Girlguiding's very own activity centre, Waddow Hall, is hosting a coronation event! A Garden Party to celebrate the coronation - The event is open to all Girlguiding Members as well as families!

The Garden Party - May 8th

The day event is just £5 per person and will take place from 11am to 3pm. It will be a super fun day out for units or families, activities include; A treasure hunt, a fancy dress competition, learning to plant seeds, circus skills and games and a badge!

Coronation Camp - May 7th

As well as the Garden Party, Waddow Hall is also offering a Coronation Camp. This is an opportunity to stay overnight at Waddow Hall, the night before the Garden Party. The Coronation Camp costs £20 per person, and this includes: Entry to the Garden Party on the 8th of May, One onsite activity, a lunch token, a drink, accommodation at Waddow and a breakfast bag!

The Garden Party is also taking place at Blackland Farm, Foxlease and Glenbrook. For more information please visit <https://girlguidingactivitycentres.org.uk/event/kings-coronation-event-2023/>

- **Take part in the Coronation Big Lunch**

The Big Lunch was founded by the Eden Project back in 2009 with support by the National Lottery. Since the project's launch, communities around the country have been coming together annually, each June, to share 'friendship, food and fun' - From 2009, The Big Lunch has now had over 1-million events held around the country!

This year the Big Lunch launched the Coronation Big Lunch, taking place from 6th to the 8th of May in celebration of His Majesty the King. How about holding your very own Big Lunch with your unit or division?

Find out more about the Big Lunch and get your Coronation Big Lunch pack from <https://www.edenprojectcommunities.com/the-big-lunch>

- **The Big Help Out - Lend a Hand, Make a Change**

Join in with the Big Help out from May 8th!

The Big Help out was created by a number of British charities including The Scouts and the Royal Voluntary Service. The day is to raise awareness of volunteering and allow members within communities to try volunteering, possibly for the first time, and make a difference!

Girlguiding as a charity is just one of the charities taking part in The Big Help Out, as well as being an official partner for the event! We can use this opportunity to talk about Girlguiding, promote what we do and recruit more volunteers! Check out more about how to join in with Girlguiding's Big Help Out recruitment drive here:

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/what-we-do/our-stories-and-news/blog/the-big-help-out/>

Don't forget to download The Big Help Out app to look for local volunteer opportunities in your area!

- **Host a Coronation Party!**

If you're looking for something to do with your unit, why not throw a Coronation party?! Have your unit work together to create a royal celebration fit for a King - Here are some ideas for your party;

- Create your own royal decorations - You could follow the traditional red, white or blue colour scheme and even add in some gold! From bunting to pom pom and balloons to banners!
- Hold a fancy dress competition - Have everyone come as their interpretation of 'British', you may have girls dressing up as royalty, a british celebrity or even come dressed as a teapot!
- Have a British party buffet - You could have your unit bring an item of food each. From jam sandwiches and scones to a victoria sponge and party rings, you will soon have a feast fit for a King!
- Invite your family and friends! Why not invite members of your unit's families to your party, allow them to see what we do at Girlguiding and how much fun we have, you may just get some new volunteers and unit members!

- **Check out the Coronation Toolkit**

As part of the Coronation, HM Government has put together a super fun toolkit you can use to celebrate the event! The Toolkit has a range of activities from learning how to make homemade bunting to recipes to wordsearches and activity sheets.

You can find the toolkit here:

<https://coronation.gov.uk/toolkit/?fbclid=IwAR1Bv6SiHkWI1V34uhjBzpp8rbtzvQ-tKejMAHKZ0ky8uj4qi7o-titaCSU>

- **The Coronation Creative Challenge**

HM Government has also teamed up with Angellica Bell to create the Coronation Creative Challenge! The Coronation Creative Challenge is to help showcase all the creative ways people across the country and the Commonwealth are celebrating the King's Coronation:

“From making your own street party bunting to designing a royal invitation or creating a recipe fit for a King, there are lots of ways to get involved. However you're celebrating the Coronation, share your creations for a chance to feature in our Creative challenge gallery.” Check out the challenge here:

<https://coronation.gov.uk/coronation-creative-challenge/>

Or watch Angellica Bell discuss more about the challenge here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D1gFK6FitU>

- **Congratulate His Majesty on his Coronation**

Did you know you can write to any member of the Royal Family, including the King! How about creating something with your unit to send King Charles to help commemorate his Coronation - this could be writing him a letter, creating a card, writing a poem, creating a collage or drawing him a picture!

It is known that King Charles is shown almost all of what is sent to him as he takes a keen interest in everything he receives! You never know, maybe he will send you something back...

You can send anything you create for the Coronation to:

His Majesty The King,
Buckingham Palace,
London,
SW1A 1AA

- **Supporting your Community**

“To Serve the King and my Community” - part of our Guiding promise.

We all know serving others is at the heart of Girlguiding, why not get involved in your community to do some acts of kindness? Have a look at this list for some inspiration:

- Help clear up your community by litter picking at a local park
- Plant some flowers and seeds
- Raise money for a local charity
- Help bag pack at a local supermarket
- Visit a nursing home to help spread some coronation joy!
- Make thank you cards for members who support your community such as local police, ambulance and fire workers, as well as NHS workers, search and rescue, etc!

- **Don't forget to order your Girlguiding Coronation badges!**

Coronation Badges are available at the Girlguiding NWE shop to help you celebrate the Coronation with your units:

Coronation Woven Badge (£1.00): <https://shop.girlguidingnwe.org.uk/products/king-charles-iii-coronation-woven-badge>

Coronation Metal Badge (£2.50): <https://shop.girlguidingnwe.org.uk/products/king-charles-iii-coronation-metal-badge>

A brief summary of King Charles' Community and Charity Support

King Charles III was born on the 14th of November 1958, the first born to the late Queen Elizabeth II and the late Prince Philip. Throughout Charles' life, he has continuously worked to support his country as well as members of the British public. After being the first British royal to graduate University (University of Cambridge) in 1970, Charles began his military career.

Charles' began his military career whilst studying at Cambridge, in his second year he was given flying instruction from the Royal Air Force. In 1971 Charles left the Royal Air Force and began his career within the Royal Navy, following in the footsteps of his father, Prince Philip, his grandfather, King George VI and his great grandfather, George V. During this time Charles spent time aboard the HMS Norfolk, HMA Minerva and HMS Jupiar as well as qualifying as a helicopter pilot. The future-King stepped down from his active service in the Royal Navy at the end of 1976.

After Charles' active service with the Royal Navy came to an end, he set up the Prince's Trust. A charity in the UK to help vulnerable young people, aged between 11 and 30, who are facing a range of different issues such as homelessness, being in trouble with the law, mental health, etc.

Since the charity's launch, Charles continued to invest his time into charities, he continued to establish his organisations into a global enterprise, which is known as The Prince's Charities.

In 2020, the Prince's Trust supported its 1-millionth young person.

For over 40 years of his service, King Charles has always been inspired by supporting communities and transforming lives. He is now a patron or president to more than 400 organisations and charities across the country.

Some organisations the King is currently patron of include; Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie Cancer Care, The Britannia Association, The Queen's Green Canopy, The Royal Navy, The Samaritans, The Wordsworth Trust and WWF-UK.

His charities alone raise more than £150-million each year to support his work in the UK and abroad.