

# **Okehampton Town Council**

## Flag Flying Policy

Okehampton Town Council will follow government guidance in relation to the flying of flags on government buildings and flags will be flown from the Town Hall on the dates stated in the policy.

Flags for other purposes or celebrations will not be flown by the Town Council.

### The Union Flag

The Union Flag will fly as follows:

•	March (2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday)	Commonwealth Day
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- 6<sup>th</sup> May
  Coronation Day
- 17<sup>th</sup> June Official Celebration of His Majesty's Birthday
- November (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday)
  Remembrance Sunday
  - 14<sup>th</sup> November Birthday of His Majesty the King
  - In recognition of a royal visit in consultation with the Lord Lieutenant
  - For official Royal events and celebrations
  - The death of the Sovereign or member of the Royal Family in line with issued guidance with a mourning cravat
  - The death of a serving Town Mayor
  - On official Twinning visits from Craon

The correct way for the Union Flag to be flown is with the broader diagonal white stripe at the top left-hand side of the flag nearest the flagpole as shown:



The Union Flag will be flown from the two 45° flagpoles situated on the Fore Street elevation of the Town Hall.

#### Other Flags

St George's Day, 23rd April - Flag of St George

#### Health and Safety

Flags will not be flown:

- when the wind speed is likely to exceed 25mph in line with flag industry standard advice and the exposed nature of the holders
- in the event of planned maintenance
- when the requirements of the risk assessment are unable to be met
- if appropriate members of staff are unavailable

Flags will only be erected by appropriately trained Town Council members of staff to comply with Health & Safety and insurance requirements.