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King Charles III and Queen Camilla to visit Guernsey on Tuesday 16 July 2024

His Majesty King Charles III and Her Majesty Queen Camilla will visit Guernsey on Tuesday 16 July 2024, their first visit since His Majesty's Accession to the throne.

The visit will highlight the special and historic relationship between the Channel Islands and the Crown which stretches back centuries.

Their Majesties' programme will include elements that showcase the communities of Guernsey, Alderney and Sark, our unique local culture and heritage, and the Bailiwick's commitment to supporting biodiversity, sustainability and combatting climate change.

The visit will include a special sitting of the States of Deliberation and centuries-old ceremony of homage to His Majesty, held outdoors on the St Peter Port seafront where islanders can come to watch the events.

Their Majesties will then head to the Crown Pier to discover more about Guernsey's local environment, heritage and traditions, including ongoing work to promote Guernesiate, local food production, and biodiversity initiatives.

Due to time constraints, Their Majesties are unfortunately not able to go to Alderney and Sark on this occasion. However, their time in Guernsey will include engaging with people from Alderney and Sark who will represent their distinctive island communities.

The Bailiff of Guernsey, Sir Richard McMahon said

"It will be a great privilege to welcome Their Majesties to the Bailiwick for the first time as King and Queen; the year after their Coronation. Their visit this summer shows just how special the relationship between the Crown and the Islands is."

Lieutenant General Richard Cripwell CB, CBE, the Lieutenant-Governor of the Bailiwick of Guernsey, said

“Their Majesties are passionate about meeting people from across communities. We want that to happen as much as possible during this visit, as well as showing off the Bailiwick’s culture, heritage, produce and environment. As part of that, we look forward to welcoming representatives from Alderney and Sark to Guernsey on the day of the visit.”

Deputy Lyndon Trott, Chief Minister of Guernsey said

“As is well known, His Majesty also has a special interest in global efforts to combat climate change. We are looking forward to showcasing our initiatives to support those efforts and promote sustainability across a range of sectors. That includes the pioneering green finance initiatives of our main economic sector, which have a global impact.”

More details about the visit will be released closer to the time, including information about where islanders can go to see Their Majesties. For the latest, please visit www.gov.gg/royalvisit2024.

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Notes to Media

Their Majesties last visited the Bailiwick in July 2012, when they were TRH The Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall.

Their Majesties are due to visit Jersey on Monday 15 July 2024, so will spend time in both Bailiwicks whilst in the Channel Islands.

Media accreditation details will be issued by Buckingham Palace Communications Team closer to the visit.

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The Seigneur of Sark, Major Christopher Beaumont, says:

“Sark is very much looking forward to presenting the best of the Island to Their Majesties. A Sark road show will be travelling to Guernsey so that Their Majesties can meet as many of the community and be introduced to the best of our lives here. It is intended to involve ceremonial activities, the whole school, cultural activities including arts and crafts, local produce, those who were living on Sark during the occupation, welfare and safeguarding provision, the emergency services and the progress of the Community Power Project. It is hoped that everyone who wishes to see Their Majesties will have an opportunity to do so. Additional sailings by IOSS will be provided as required.”

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