



ROYAL COUPLE TO VISIT ON LIBERATION DAY

MEDIA STATEMENT

Guernsey will receive a Royal Visit from Their Royal Highnesses The Earl and Countess of Wessex on behalf of Her Majesty The Queen on Liberation Day this year. They will be attending events on Liberation Day which mark the celebration of the 77th Anniversary of the end of Occupation during WWII (see notes 1 and 2). They will travel to Sark for its Liberation Day on 10th May.

Their Royal Highnesses will visit Guernsey, Alderney and Sark. In addition to the Liberation events in Guernsey and Sark, the visit will also mark the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty The Queen, which will be the primary focus in Alderney on 10th May.

The Bailiff of Guernsey Mr Richard McMahon commented: *'I am delighted that The Earl and Countess of Wessex will join Islanders in marking this important day for Guernsey. It will be a day of particular importance for those who were evacuated, lived through the Occupation, or were deported.'*

I am further pleased that Their Royal Highnesses will also be able to help the Bailiwick celebrate the major milestone of Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee.'

Details of the visit will be published in due course.

Mr RICHARD McMAHON
Bailiff

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Notes for Editors:

1. HRH The Earl of Wessex KG, GCVO: His Royal Highness is The Queen's youngest son and attends numerous national and international events to support Her Majesty in her official duties. He also undertakes numerous public engagements for a large number of his own charities. His work has a particular focus on the development of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, from which he has taken over many responsibilities from his late father. His Royal Highness is particularly passionate about organizations and causes which provide opportunities to young people. He is also a keen supporter of sport, as Vice-Patron of the Commonwealth Games Federation, and has a strong personal interest in the Arts.
2. HRH The Countess of Wessex GCVO: The Countess of Wessex champions many causes as a working member of the Royal Family. Her Royal Highness undertakes supports the Women, Peace and security Agenda and works alongside charities, governments and businesses in furthering the participation of women in peace processes. The Countess champions the importance of eye health at home and abroad as Global Ambassador for the international Agency for the prevention of blindness, supporting organisations to make sight a reality for as many as possible. The Countess is also an advocate for neurodiversity and people with disability, developing young people's potential and supporting farming communities.
3. Previous visits by Their Royal Highnesses:
 - To Guernsey – July 1987 (as The Prince Edward); July 2009 (The Earl and Countess of Wessex); May 2015 (The Countess of Wessex, for the 70th Anniversary of the Liberation); September 2016 (The Earl of Wessex)

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