

The Coronation of His Majesty The King and Her Majesty The Queen Consort

Saturday 6 th May 2023	The Coronation of His Majesty The King will take place at Westminster Abbey
Sunday 7 th May 2023	Coronation Concert will be staged and broadcast live at Windsor Castle and The Coronation Big Lunch will take place across the country
Monday 8 th May 2023	A public bank holiday and The Big Help Out which will encourage people to try volunteering to support their local areas

Further to the January Town Council meeting, the Acting Community Engagement and Events Manager has met with the Community Events Manager from CADW regarding the use of Newcastle castle. Discussions are on-going regarding the possibility of illuminating the castle with coloured uplights or the use of a mobile beacon within the grounds.

Pageant Master Bruno Peek has stated that it is unlikely that there will be lighting of the beacons for the Coronation, although Buckingham Palace has not confirmed this officially.

Considerations for Council:

- Which day to organise celebrations
- What sorts of activities to organise
- What budget is allocated to the activities
- Roles and responsibilities:
 - Who will be responsible for planning and executing the activities
 - Which committee (or full council) will oversee the activities

Examples of activities being considered by other Town and Community Councils:

- Public live screenings of the Coronation
- Putting up bunting or other decorations around the town
- Family-focused activities across the weekend including a live music stage and street entertainers
- A town/village fayre with royal themed attractions including craft stalls, food, children's entertainment (games, face painting and balloon modelling) and local choirs
- A royal pageant for children
- Picnic in the park
- A community lunch in a large marquee with entertainment and a quiz
- A Royal themed tea party for the older residents
- Arranging a Royal theme coffee mornings
- Free craft activities for children such as "make your own crown"
- Providing free seed bombs for young people to plant
- Working with community groups to make red, white and blue craft decorations for the high street
- Planting red, white and blue flower beds around the town

- A competition to come up with a recipe (similar to Coronation Chicken) with a local Chef to judge the entries.
- Lighting up of landmarks and iconic buildings in red, white and blue
- Working with artists and cultural and creative organisations to organise an arts competition

Considerations

- Prepare event/project plan, H&S risk assessment and ESAG documentation for public event
- Seek road closures if outside town centre pedestrianised area
- Seek permission to hang bunting from BCBC if necessary
- Liaise with local businesses to support the event/activities