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Dear Colleague

### **HISTORIC COUNTY FLAGS DAY – 23 JULY 2019**

I am writing to let you know that the Government will be flying in Parliament Square Gardens on 23 July the 50 registered flags of our historic counties alongside the Union Flag. There will also be local celebrations of historic counties on the same day in many parts of the country, and I hope you will support any such celebrations in your constituency.

The Government attaches great importance to the history and traditions of this country, which are threads that help to bind our diverse communities together. I believe that flying for the first time, alongside the Union Flag, all the registered flags of our historic counties in Parliament Square – a central place in the life of our nation – will be a high-profile public statement both celebrating our history and demonstrating the significance of our Union. It will be an exciting catalyst for celebrations all over the country, with potential events marking historic counties, boosting tourism and bringing people together.

The 23 July is designated as Historic County Flags Day, hence the celebrations we will be having. To date 50 historic counties – 37 in England, 6 in Scotland and 7 in Wales – have registered flags, and these are the flags that we will be flying. I understand that in future further historic county flags may be registered with The Flag Institute (in Scotland with the Court of The Lord Lyon) and in subsequent years I would like to see these too forming part of the celebrations.

I would also mention that I have written to the leaders of those councils associated with registered historic county flags encouraging them to make arrangements locally to fly their historic county flag on 23 July.

I have enclosed a list of the historic county flags that will be flying in Parliament Square and I look forward to your support for an exciting day of celebration of our national history, cultures and traditions.

**JAKE BERRY MP**

COUNTY FLAGS REGISTERED BY THE FLAG INSTITUTE

1



**Anglesey**

*Hwfa's Banner*

County Flag

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**Bedfordshire**

County Flag

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**Berkshire**

County Flag

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**Buckinghamshire**

County Flag

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**Caernarfonshire**

*Owain's Eagles*

County Flag

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**Caithness**

County Flag

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**Cambridgeshire**

County Flag

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**Cheshire**

County Flag

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**Cornwall**

*St. Pirran's Cross*

County Flag

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**County Durham**

County Flag

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**Cumberland**

County Flag

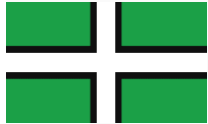
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**Derbyshire**

County Flag

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**Devon**

*St. Petroc's Cross*

County Flag

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**Dorset**

*St Wite's Cross*

County Flag

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**East Lothian**

County Flag

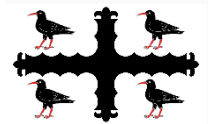
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**Essex**

County Flag

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**Flintshire**

*Edwin's Cross or Tegeingl Banner*

County Flag











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**Glamorgan**

*Iestyn's Chevrons*

County Flag

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| 19 |    | <p><b><u>Gloucestershire</u></b></p> <p><i>Severn Cross</i></p> <p><u>County Flag</u></p> |
| 20 |    | <p><b><u>Hampshire</u></b></p> <p><u>County Flag</u></p>                                  |
| 21 |    | <p><b><u>Hertfordshire</u></b></p> <p><u>County Flag</u></p>                              |
| 22 |    | <p><b><u>Huntingdonshire</u></b></p> <p><u>County Flag</u></p>                            |
| 23 |    | <p><b><u>Kent</u></b></p> <p><i>Invicta Flag</i></p> <p><u>County Flag</u></p>            |
| 24 |  | <p><b><u>Kirkcudbrightshire</u></b></p> <p><u>County Flag</u></p>                         |
| 25 |  | <p><b><u>Lancashire</u></b></p> <p><u>County Flag</u></p>                                 |
| 26 |  | <p><b><u>Lincolnshire</u></b></p> <p><u>County Flag</u></p>                               |
| 27 |  | <p><b><u>Merioneth</u></b></p> <p><u>County Flag</u></p>                                  |
| 28 |  | <p><b><u>Middlesex</u></b></p> <p><u>County Flag</u></p>                                  |



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| 38 |    | <u><b>Shetland</b></u><br><u>County Flag</u>                       |
| 39 |    | <u><b>Shropshire</b></u><br><u>County Flag</u>                     |
| 40 |    | <u><b>Somerset</b></u><br><u>County Flag</u>                       |
| 41 |    | <u><b>Staffordshire</b></u><br><u>County Flag</u>                  |
| 42 |    | <u><b>Suffolk</b></u><br><u>County Flag</u>                        |
| 43 |  | <u><b>Surrey</b></u><br><i>Warene Checks</i><br><u>County Flag</u> |
| 44 |  | <u><b>Sussex</b></u><br><u>County Flag</u>                         |
| 45 |  | <u><b>Sutherland</b></u><br><u>County Flag</u>                     |
| 46 |  | <u><b>Warwickshire</b></u><br><u>County Flag</u>                   |
| 47 |  | <u><b>Westmorland</b></u><br><u>County Flag</u>                    |

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Wiltshire

County Flag

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Worcestershire

County Flag

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Yorkshire

County Flag