

NEWTON ABBOT TOWN COUNCIL



FLAG FLYING PROTOCOL

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FLAG PROTOCOL

Newton Abbot Town Council has a range of civic roles and responsibilities which include marking international, national and local events and celebrations through the flying of flags.

Official (formal) Flag Poles	
Newton's Place	Two angled & wall mounted flag poles, located on the front of the building.
St Leonard's Clock Tower	On the roof.
Other Flag Poles	
Courtenay Street	Various locations – see appendix A
Queen Street	Various locations – see appendix A
Wolborough Street	Various locations – see appendix A

Flags are a symbol of our history; they can unite communities and boost national identities. They are emotive symbols with the potential to be divisive. As a government organisation the Town Council has a duty to consider requests for flags to be flown from its flagpoles with fairness and integrity whilst abiding with the rules set out by [Central Government](#).

Permission to fly flags.

In accordance with minute number 2011/05(31), authority is delegated to the Mayor/Deputy Mayor in consultation with the Town Clerk to approve the flying of an appropriate flag on any occasion not contained within the list of designated flag dates below. In England and Wales, flags are treated as advertisements for the purposes of the planning, but express advertisement consent is not required to fly the Union flag from a flagpole. The government has published [a guide on the planning rules in England on flying types of flag](#).

Designated Flag Flying dates:

There are [designated days](#) when the Union Flag must be flown on UK government buildings (listed in bold in the table below) by command of His Majesty The King. However, UK government buildings are encouraged to fly the Union Flag all year around.

The Town Flag to be flown on all occasions not included below.

DATE	OCCASION	FLAG
27 th January	Holocaust Memorial Day	Newton Abbot Town Flag at half-mast.
2 nd Monday in March	Commonwealth Day	Commonwealth Flag
9th April	His Majesty The King's Wedding Anniversary	Union Flag

23rd April	St George's Day	St George's Cross
6th May	Coronation Day King Charles III	Union Flag
3 rd June	Merchant Navy Day	Red Ensign
6 th June 2024	D Day 80 <i>in 2024</i>	Union Flag
3 rd to 30 th June	LGBTQ+ Awareness Month	Rainbow Pride Flag
15th June	Official birthday of His Majesty King	Union Flag
18th June	Armed Forces Day	Union Flag
21st June	Birthday of HRH The Prince of Wales	Union Flag
17th July	Birthday of Her Majesty The Queen	Union Flag
8th September	His Majesty The King's Accession	Union Flag
11th November	Armistice Day (Remembrance Sunday is the nearest Sunday in November)	Union Flag
14th November	Birthday of His Majesty The King	Union Flag

As a mark of respect

Directions for the flying of the Union flag following the death of a senior member of the Royal Family will be laid down by central government. Immediately on the official announcement of the passing of the Sovereign and at the request of the Town Clerk, flags will be lowered to half-mast at:

- St Leonard's Clocktower
- Newton's Place (two masts located on the front of Newton's Place are angled, black ribbon will be tied at the top of the mast.)

Only the Union Flag can be flown, all other flags must be removed.

Please refer to the Protocol for Marking the Death of a Senior National Figure for flag flying protocol.

Local death - requests for a permitted flag to be flown at half-mast to mark the passing of a well-known local person will be granted for a period of 48 hours and for the day of the person's funeral.

Significant national or international disaster - In the event of a significant national or international disaster, for example a catastrophic earthquake or major act of terrorism, the Town Council may fly a permitted flag as a mark of respect.

International sporting finals - requests to fly the flag of any home nation team or sportsperson reaching the final game of an international sporting event will be at the discretion of the Mayor/ Deputy Mayor and the Town Clerk.

Appendix A

Table illustrating brackets and Sites in town

Business	Address	Quantity	In situ?	Listed Y
Newtons Place	43 Wolborough Street	2	Yes	YES
Carrick Johnson	16 Wolborough Street	1	Yes	
Austin's Furniture Store	15-21 Wolborough Street	2	Yes	
Taji Barbers	5 Wolborough Street	1	Yes	YES
Austin's main store	6 Courtenay Street	2	Yes	YES
Waterstones	7-9 Courtenay Street	1	Yes	
EE	11 Courtenay Street	1	Yes	
Peacocks	28 Courtenay Street	2	Yes	
Superdrug	26 Courtenay Street	1	Yes	
A-Plan	29 Courtenay Street	1	Yes	
Barclays Bank (VACANT)	40 Courtenay Street	2	Yes	
Gerry & Co Jewellers	44 Courtenay Street	1	Yes	
Woods Estate Agents	6 Queen Street	1	Yes	
Waffle Inn	54 Queen Street	1	Yes	YES
Coffee Couture	62 Queen Street	1	Yes	YES
Argos (VACANT)	63 Queen Street	2	Yes	
Stitches	103 Queen Street	1	Yes	
Magnus Dental	95 Queen Street	1	Yes	
China Garden Restaurant	137 Queen Street	1	Yes	