



**The Worshipful The Mayor
Councillor Margaret Harnden**

The Private Secretary to His Majesty The King
Buckingham Palace
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15th September 2022

Dear Sir

The Mayor of Runnymede, the Leader, members of Runnymede Borough Council and its residents share in the sadness of the Royal Family, following the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

We pass on our sincerest condolences to yourself and all the Royal Family.

It was an honour for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to visit Runnymede in 1953 when she officially opened the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Air Forces Memorial, and again when she visited the Memorial most recently in 2021 to mark 100 years of the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF).

As a patron of the Magna Carta Trust, we also look back with affection on her visit in 2015 for the 800th anniversary celebration of the sealing of the Magna Carta in Runnymede. As part of these celebrations a bronze statue of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was unveiled in Runnymede Pleasure Grounds and this will continue to give residents and visitors a place for fond reflection for many years to come. Indeed, it has become one of the sites within the Borough where tributes to the Queen have been left.

Her Majesty's reign saw huge change and advancement around the world, but she remained a dependable constant in all our lives. Her steadfast commitment and exemplary service to the country have been greatly admired and will be sadly missed.

Runnymede Borough Council joins in the mourning of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, grieving the loss of a Monarch who saw periods of war, peace and social upheaval during the 70 years of her reign. She was an outstanding leader and an inspiration to the world for her remarkable lifetime of service.

We have the honour to be, Sir, Your Majesty's humble and obedient servants.

**Cllr. Margaret Harnden
Mayor of Runnymede**

**Cllr. Tom Gracey
Leader of the Council**