

Flag Hoisting Policy

The Council will fly three flag styles, being the Union Flag, Flag of St George and a House Flag with the Stratton St Margaret Parish logo. The first two will be used for the dates set for all UK government buildings as set by the government each year. The House flag will be flown as required on other dates. Flags will not be flown during severe weather warnings/conditions and during planned maintenance.

- Flags will only be hoisted by trained and authorised staff members
- The Union Flag will be flown the correct way up with the wider white diagonal strip above the red diagonal strip nearest the flagpole
- Flags will be flown at half mast which means that the flag will be two thirds of the way up the flag pole on dates:
 - as advised by the Queen or the Department for Culture, Media and Sport
 - on the death/funeral of a serving member of the Armed Services from the Parish
- Alternative flags will be flown as below:
 - Commonwealth or European National Flags on their National Days following any request from relevant local community associations and/or groups of residents
 - Armed Forces Day Flag on and before 26 June in accordance with advice from the Chief of the Defence Staff

2017 dates will be:		
March 13 (second Monday)	Commonwealth Day	Union (during ceremony)
April 21	Birthday of Her Majesty The Queen	Union
April 23	St George's Day	St George Cross
June (as appointed)	Official Celebration of Her Majesty The Queen's Birthday	Union
June 24	Armed Forces Day	Armed Forces
November 12 (second Sunday)	Remembrance Day	Union (during ceremony)

The flags will be located in the Parish Council Office and a second set of keys to the flagpole clearly marked and stored in the key cupboard.

Notes:

Weather Conditions

Recommended weather conditions for flying flags

- Normal sized flags (as guideline table in Flagpole and Flagsizes section) are suitable for flying in up to and including force 6 winds.
- In Force 7 winds all normal sized flags should be removed and replaced with storm flags, which are one third of the size of the normal recommended flag.
- Wind speeds of Force 9 and greater, all flags should be removed from flagpoles.

BEAUFORT FORCE					
Force	Description	Specification on land	knots*	km/h*	mph*
0	Calm	Smoke rises vertically	<1	<1	<1
1	Very Light	Direction of wind shown by smoke drift but not by wind vanes	1 - 3	1 - 5	1 - 3
2	Light breeze	Wind felt on face, leaves rustle, ordinary wind vane moved by wind.	4 - 6	6 - 11	4 - 7
3	Gentle breeze	Leaves and small twigs in constant motion, wind extends light flag.	7 - 10	12 - 19	8 - 12
4	Moderate breeze	Wind raises dust and loose paper, small branches move.	11 - 16	20 - 29	13 - 18
5	Fresh breeze	Small trees in leaf start to sway, crested wavelets form on inland waters.	17 - 21	30 - 39	19 - 24
6	Strong breeze	Large branches in motion, whistling in telegraph wires, umbrellas used with difficulty.	22 - 27	40 - 50	25 - 31
7	Near gale	Whole trees in motion, inconvenience felt when walking against wind.	28 - 33	51 - 61	32 - 38
8	Gale	Twigs break from trees, difficult to walk.	34 - 40	62 - 74	39 - 46
9	Strong gale	Slight structural damage occurs, chimney pots and slates removed	41 - 47	75 - 87	47 - 54
10	Storm	Trees uprooted, considerable structural damage occurs.	48 - 55	88 - 101	55 - 63
11	Violent storm	Widespread damage.	56 - 63	102 - 117	64 - 73
12	Hurricane	Widespread damage.	>64	>119	>74