



STOKE GIFFORD PARISH COUNCIL FLAG POLICY

1. INTRODUCTION

The following policy outlines the procedure for flags that will be flown from Little Stoke Community Hall, Little Stoke Lane, Little Stoke, BS34 6HR on behalf of Stoke Gifford Parish Council. The policy was discussed at the Stoke Gifford Parish, Finance and General Purpose meeting held on 8TH July 2025. The policy was formally approved at the Full Council meeting on 9 September 2025. Any updates to the current flag policy will be considered by council as deemed necessary.

There is useful guidance on flag flying on the UK Government's website (link below) <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/designated-days-for-union-flag-flying>

2. LOCATION OF FLAG

Stoke Gifford Parish Council has only one flagpole. In the event two flags have been approved to fly on the same day, the Union flag will take precedence (top position) any other flag will be flown below the union flag on the same rope.

3. APPROVED CALENDAR OF REGULAR FLAGS TO BE FLOWN BY STOKE GIFFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Month	Event	Flag
March 1	St Davids Day Wales	Union Flag
March (2nd Mon in March)	Commonwealth Day	Union Flag
March 17	St Patricks Day	Union Flag
April 9	Kings Wedding Anniversary	Union Flag
April 23	St Georges Day England	Union Flag
May 6	Coronation Day	Union Flag
June (2 weeks following)	Pride	Pride Flag

Bristol Pride dates)		
June 14 (date changes annually)	HRH Prince of Wales Birthday	Union Flag
June (last Sat of June)	Armed Forces Day	Armed Forces Flag
Aug 24 th	Ukraine Independence and National Flag Day	Ukraine
September 8	Kings Accession	Union Flag
Nov 9 (2nd Sun of Mon)	Remembrance Day	Union Flag
Nov 14	Kings actual Birthday	Union Flag
Nov 30	St Andrews Day Scotland	Union Flag

4. A REQUEST / APPLICATION FOR ADDITIONAL FLAGS TO BE FLOWN

A written application to fly any additional flags to celebrate a special event will need to be submitted to the Clerk. The application will then be scheduled, by the Clerk, at the next suitable council meeting for consideration. The applicant will be notified of the outcome of the SGPC decision. Approved applicants will be asked to purchase the agreed flag. Annual approved events will be added to the SGPC annual flag policy calendar.

All amendments to the policy i.e. exclusion or additions to the above schedule will need to be approved by the council and the policy updated and republished.

It is not proposed to mark any major sporting events unless there is overwhelming circumstances i.e. World final competition etc, see item 6 below.

5. FLYING UNION FLAG AT HALF MAST

- From the announcement of the death, up to the funeral of the sovereign, except on Proclamation Day when they are hoisted at full mast from 11am to sunset.
- The funerals of members of the Royal family, subject to Royal command in each case.
- The funerals of foreign rulers, subject to Royal command in each case.
- The funerals of prime ministers and ex-prime ministers of the United Kingdom
- On other occasions by Royal command.
- Local government bodies are permitted to fly the Union flag at half-mast to mark local as well as national commemorations or losses.

6. URGENT MATTERS AND EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Urgent matters and exceptional circumstances the flag policy is a matter for the Stoke Gifford Parish council to determine but there may be occasions when urgent

decisions are required. In these circumstances, these matters shall be determined by the Parish Clerk in consultation with the Chair / Vice Chair of the Council.

Reviewed by the parish Council May 2026