



Agenda Item 9
Council
11 October 2023
Tracey Brown
Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

D-DAY 80TH ANNIVERSARY – 6 JUNE 2024

1 As you are aware, we are organising D-Day 80 - 6th June 2024, throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories in commemoration/celebration of the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day landings, in Normandy, France, on 6th June 1944. This will enable our Town, Parish and Community Councils to use their involvement as their 'tribute' to those many, many thousands that gave so much on the Beaches in Normandy, to help ensure our freedom we share today, especially as many members of your community will have had relatives that were either involved in the D-Day landings and/or WWII as a whole.

2 We feel sure you will agree with us when we say that individuals and communities of all sizes were deeply affected in many and various ways during WWII. With this in mind, we would like to encourage your Town, Parish or Community Council to take part in D-Day 80 on 6th June next year by lighting a Beacon. We are aiming to achieve the lighting of at least **14 Beacons** per County, within England and Wales, as part of this 80th Anniversary event. We would be extremely grateful if you would be kind enough to discuss your possible involvement with your Council members at your earliest convenience, please, with the view to ensuring we achieve the lighting of this number of Beacons in your County at 9.15pm on 6th June 2024.

3 Those taking part will receive a Certificate of Grateful Recognition, enabling them to frame and display it as a lasting reminder of this moment in history commemorated/celebrated.

4 The Guide To Taking Part, message from the Prime Minister and other aspects of the event, including the Lamp Light of Peace are available to download from the D-Day 80 website - www.d-day80beacons.co.uk

5 From inside the Guide, you will see there are various types of Beacons that can be used on 6th June, which could be lit on town and village greens, local farms and country estates, or other locations of your choice that night. **(However, those that have existing Beacons, (including the gas fuelled ones used last year), are being encouraged to re-light these to save on funding).**

6 Those taking part are being asked to provide the following:
Name of Country, Name of County, Name of Town or Parish Council, Name of Contact, Email, Beacon Location, **Public or Private Beacon**.

Please forward this information to brunopeek@mac.com as soon as possible.

We do hope that your Town, Parish or Community Council will take part, and look forward to hearing from you in due course.

RECOMMENDED: That

Council be asked to establish a small working group to organise an event to mark the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings.