

HATHERSAGE PARISH COUNCIL POLICY

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HoH Flagpole Usage

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Introduction

Following the generous donation from the Levick family, Hathersage Parish Council installed a 'socket' to be used for flagpole to celebrate special days and occasions of national importance. Since its installation, the flagpole has strengthened community cohesion.

Planning Consent

The Peak District National Park Authority (PDNPA) had been consulted about the use of a flagpole and flag.

The Parish Council will comply with all relevant government and planning authority regulations and guidance concerning the flying of flags (see also appendix 1 for more information).

Flagpole Location

Since 2018 Hathersage has benefitted from the temporary flagpole and the Parish Council, with the support of the Hathersage British Legion, installed a permanent flagstaff in 2023.

Usage Policy

At their meeting 03/03/2020 (minute number 228/19.2) Hathersage Parish Council agreed to the following policy: this policy was reviewed in September/October 2023 (114/23 (a)).

1. The flagpole is put in place with the intention of flying a flag to mark national or international events.
2. The only flags that can be flown are the Union flag; the flag of St George; the flag of St. Patrick; the flag of St. Andrew, the flag of St. David and the Derbyshire flag.
3. Examples of events may be the passing of the monarch and/or consort; the passing of another member of the Royal Family; an international event such as the remembrance of a World War; a major national incident causing significant loss of life.
4. Each event for which a flag should be flown would be considered on a case-by-case basis by a Flag Committee, made up of five members of Hathersage Parish Council, including the chair or vice chair.
5. The Flag Committee will have the powers, agreed by the Parish Council, to judge each event and to decide if the event warranted the flying of a flag. If a resident is unhappy with a decision of the Flag Committee, they may appeal to the full Council for the decision to be re-considered.
6. A flag may be flown for a maximum of 2 weeks following the date of the event and from no longer than 1 week prior to the date of the event.

Appendix 1

Further information

The regulations governing the flying of flags in England are set out in the Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) Regulations 2007 (as amended in 2012 and in 2021).

These regulations, including relevant amendments to flying of flags, can be viewed on the government legislation website:

- [Town and Country Planning \(Control of Advertisements\) \(England\) Regulations 2007](#)
- [The Town and Country Planning \(Control of Advertisements\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2012](#)
- [The Town and Country Planning \(Control of Advertisements\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2021](#)

See [planning practice guidance for local planning authorities on the control of advertisements](#).

See further information on flags on the [Flag Institute's website](#).

See Union Flag flying guidance for UK government buildings at [Designated days for Union flag flying](#).

History of changes

Version	Date	Change detail
01	20/01/2020	Draft for discussion
02	20/03/2020	Addition of Derbyshire Flag as a flag that can be flown. Approved minute number 228/19.2 03/03/2020
03	17/10/2023	Amended policy to include 2021 changes in regulations. Removed references to temporary flagstaff following installation of permanent flagpole. Added statement on electors' right to appeal a decision to fly or not fly a particular flag.