

DOVER

DISTRICT COUNCIL



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Date: 1 February 2022

Her Majesty The Queen
Buckingham Palace
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Chairman of the Council
Councillor Mike Conolly

Dear Madam

On the occasion of the 70th anniversary of your ascension to the throne, may I extend, on behalf of the Dover district, our heartfelt gratitude for your tireless service to the nation.

In June, communities across the Dover district will mark your Platinum Jubilee paying tribute to your unstinting service to the nation and celebrating our proud associations with Your Majesty.

As the Gateway to England, we have welcomed Your Majesty to Dover on several occasions during your long reign.

Your Majesty's visits are fondly remembered locally, none more so than your first visit as Monarch in 1958. Your Majesty sailed into Dover Harbour onboard the Royal Yacht Britannia as you returned from a State Visit to The Netherlands.

The Royal Yacht was to be a familiar sight in Dover during the late Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother's long tenure as Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, and where her official residence in that capacity was at Walmer Castle.

These maritime links came to the fore again in 2005 when Your Majesty visited Dover to open new ferry berths at the Port of Dover, and to visit the Bronze Age Boat Gallery at Dover Museum.

We are proud of the district's strong links with the armed services and Your Majesty also visited Dover in 1975 and again in 1992 to inspect the Royal Green Jackets at Connaught Barracks as Colonel-in-Chief. The late Duke of Edinburgh also visited the Royal Marines in Deal as their Captain-General.

Your Majesty visited the district most recently in 2015 to open The Wing building at the National Memorial to The Few at Capel-le-Ferne.

As we reflect and celebrate Your Majesty's long reign and associations with the district, we look forward to the prospect of welcoming you and other members of the Royal Family to the district in the future.

I have the honour to be, Madam, Your Majesty's humble and obedient servant.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mike Conolly', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Councillor Mike Conolly
Chairman of the Council