All of us have been affected by the current COVID-19 crisis and we hope that you are managing to stay safe and well, are being supported at home or being a support for others. For those of you who have lost loved ones during this time, we remember you in our thoughts and prayers.

We are mindful of all those in the police family who have faced pressures over these weeks, whether in their own personal circumstances or professionally as they have been part of the effort to keep people well and our communities safe.

At this stage it is difficult to know what the situation will be later in the year and how that might affect planned events including National Police Memorial Day, in a world where ‘foreseeable’ is not a word with too much meaning!

Based on the current circumstances, the Trustees of National Police Memorial Day have decided to cancel our gathering in Lincoln this year. We know that this decision will be a disappointment we all feel, and we will miss being together.

However, we are absolutely committed that we will mark National Police Memorial Day over the last weekend of this September and do so in a way that will enable you and others to be part of it. It is likely that this will be an online memorial service. Discussions are taking place as to what that will look like and we will keep you informed of our plans as things progress.

The event is an important occasion in the police calendar and from these difficult circumstances we will seek to not only honour your loved ones, our friends and colleagues over that weekend but in so doing hopefully discover new and innovative ways to make National Police Memorial Day even more significant.

It is our plan to return to Lincoln in 2021, Northern Ireland in 2022, Wales in 2023, and Scotland in 2024.

MEMORIAL DAY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
- Sunday 26 September 2021, Lincoln, England (pictured)
- Sunday 25 September 2022, Northern Ireland
- Sunday 24 September 2023, Wales
- Sunday 29 September 2024, Scotland