

NATIONAL POLICE MEMORIAL DAY

Sunday 27 September 2020





This year, as a Nation, we have been challenged in ways we could never have anticipated. We have faced an unseen, but deadly threat amid disrupted and ever-changing circumstances. However, throughout all the uncertainty, we have learned as never before to value those things of which we can always be certain – such as the steadfast dedication to duty of our Police Forces throughout the United Kingdom.

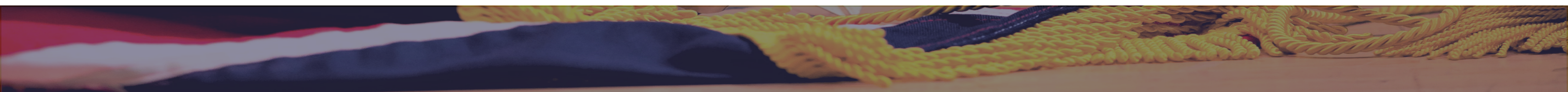
Our officers have met this invisible threat with visible courage and commitment, providing the calm reassurance that has been so essential to our communities day and night. That such extraordinary commitment should so often be taken for granted is a measure of how we have come to expect nothing less than the highest standards from our officers, and shows why our Police Forces have earned the admiration of the world.

While, sadly, we cannot gather in the usual manner to mark this special day of Remembrance, we can all take a moment to honour those who have paid the ultimate price and who have given their lives in the service of others. I particularly wish to remember those Officers who have so tragically lost their lives since we met in Glasgow last year. The dreadful incident in Croydon on Friday is the latest heartbreaking evidence of the risks faced by our Officers daily. I would like to send my deepest sympathy to the families of each of these officers who have given their lives. These are losses we can never replace, sacrifices we can never repay, but of which, as a society, we can only strive to be worthy.

We owe our police service and its remarkable officers the most profound debt of gratitude for their continued, selfless commitment and dedication to the protection of our communities.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I hope that this day provides at least some comfort to those who have lost their loved ones, and that it provides reassurance that their example will leave a legacy of inspiration. I can only say to all the families, friends and colleagues of fallen officers – and to every serving officer throughout the United Kingdom – that you and your loved ones will always have a very special place in the heart of our Nation.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be "Charles", followed by a long, horizontal, slightly wavy line.



Message from John Apter, Chair of Trustees, National Police Memorial Day



On behalf of the Trustees of National Police Memorial Day (NPMD), thank you for your continued support of this important day and welcome to our ‘virtual’ service of remembrance.

Policing comes with a huge amount of risk and this is at the forefront of our minds even more so today following the devastating news on Friday 25th September, when our colleague in the Metropolitan Police was tragically killed.

NPMD ensures that police officers who gave their all are never forgotten. We must always remember them - their commitment and ultimate sacrifice to public service.

Everyday police officers selflessly put themselves in

harm’s way for the sake of others – I thank them, and I am proud to represent them. Today is an emotional day – a stark reminder of just how precious life is.

Since 2004, NPMD has been a day to recall the sacrifices made by officers across the generations – approximately 5,000 names. It is also a time to remember those known to us personally and those who gave their lives in the previous twelve months. It is a public show of support, solidarity and commitment to fallen colleagues.

This is the first time in our 17-year history that we have hosted a virtual service. We usually have around 2,000 people attending in person - I can’t say what the numbers will be online but NPMD’s Trustees were adamant that, despite the current restrictions due to the pandemic, our annual commemoration would take place. On your behalf, I want to thank all those who have contributed to, and worked hard to produce, this year’s service.

The service is important for the relatives of the officers killed, their friends, their colleagues, the wider police family, and our nations – we must always ensure those officers are never forgotten.

This past year has seen huge demands placed upon the police service in all manner of ways and it has responded with great commitment and integrity. Day by day officers and staff demonstrate their willingness to fulfil their duties - sadly, sometimes with a costly loyalty. As we hold this Act of Remembrance we remember especially the seven officers who have died on duty this year; we also remember those, across the generations, who have died on duty throughout policing history. In these difficult times we also are mindful of those whose families have been touched by tragedy as a result of the COVID crisis, both in the police service and across our communities.

NPMD exists to pay tribute to the brave men and women who gave us their all; long may we remember them, and their sacrifice. I hope that today’s service provides comfort and reassurance that their legacy will live on. We are grateful for your ongoing involvement and support.

Order of Service

Opening music, footage and images

Introduction on behalf of the Trustees of National Police Memorial Day

Canon David Wilbraham MBE, Coordinator, National Police Memorial Day

Opening words

Guide our praying and loving,
Cherish our remembering,
God, our God who forgets no-one. Amen.

We pray for all those involved in policing, who will, today, risk their lives to keep us safe, and for all who support, nurture and encourage them.

Mindful that peace, order and safety can be very fragile, we commit ourselves afresh to pursuing all that makes for peace and to caring for those in deepest need.

Reflection: “What National Police Memorial Day means to me...”

- Louie Johnston, son of Reserve Constable David Johnston, Royal Ulster Constabulary George Cross, died 1997, aged 30
- Jayne & Lowri Davies, widow and daughter of Police Constable Terry Davies, Gwent Police, died 1990, aged 34
- Rumbie Mabuto, widow of Detective Constable Joe Mabuto, Thames Valley Police, died 2016, aged 42
- Donna Alcock, widow of Police Constable John Alcock, Grampian Police, died 2017, aged 54

Accompanied by the British Police Symphony Orchestra playing ‘I vow to thee my country’

Reading: The Beatitudes

The Right Honourable Priti Patel MP, Home Secretary

Jesus said:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

This is the Word of the Lord:

All: **Thanks be to God**



Act of Remembrance

led by The Reverend Canon David Wilbraham MBE, National Police Chaplain

These candles, one from each of the four nations of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, serve to remind us of the undying flame of devotion and commitment, exemplified by those whom we remember today.

God of justice and truth, mercy and love,
we praise you for the example of service, bravery,
courage, dedication to duty and sacrifice
given by those we have gathered to remember.
We hold them in honour this day.

Representing England

Lissie Harper, widow of Police Constable Andrew Harper, aged 28 years, Thames Valley Police, died 15th August 2019

When we have joys we yearn to share; so long as we live,
they too shall live for they are now a part of us,
we will remember them.

ALL - We will remember them.

Representing Wales

Rebecca Davies, daughter of Police Constable Terry Davies, aged 34, Gwent Police, died 23rd August 1990

In the rising of the sun and in its going down;
in the blowing of the wind and in the chill of the winter,
we will remember them.

ALL - We will remember them.

Representing Northern Ireland

Louie Johnston, son of Reserve Constable David Johnston, aged 30, Royal Ulster Constabulary GC, died 16th June 1997

In the opening of the buds and in the warmth of the summer;
in the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of the autumn,
we will remember them.

ALL - We will remember them.

Representing Scotland

Chief Constable Iain Livingstone, QPM

In the beginning of the year and when it ends;
when we are weary and in need of strength,
we will remember them.

ALL - We will remember them.

John Apter National Chair, Police Federation of England & Wales:

Let us remember before God, the men and women of the police service who gave their lives in the exercise of their duty. Those who have lost their lives during the past year:

Police Sergeant Matt Ratana, Metropolitan Police
Police Constable Chris Miller, Metropolitan Police
Special Constable Resham Singh Nahal, West Midlands Police
Police Constable Matthew Lannie, South Yorkshire Police
Police Constable Nick Dumphreys, Cumbria Constabulary
Detective Constable Jonathan Mark Hicken, Dorset Police
Police Constable Roy Buggins, Police Scotland

We also remember those who have died as a result of the COVID Pandemic.

We give thanks to God for their courage and their dedication. We treasure their memory and in silence commend them to God's sure keeping.

Act of Remembrance

Prayers

Mindful of the timeless loss felt by the families and friends of those who have given their lives in service to the United Kingdom. We pray for all who strive to uphold peace. We remember all who have faced tragedy during this pandemic. We look to the future with renewed hope. Let us pray.

Prayer read by Leanne Lodwig, widow of Eifion Lodwig Dyfed Powys Police.

LORD, make us instruments of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is discord, union;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy. Amen.

Our thoughts, prayers and hopes we offer to God as together we pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.



Act of Dedication

Led by Chief Constable Martin Hewitt, QPM, Chair of the National Police Chiefs' Council

We stand in the presence of God
and dedicate ourselves afresh to his service:

We dedicate ourselves to justice and integrity:

All: Sustain us in truth.

We dedicate ourselves to compassion and respect for all people:

All: Sustain us in truth.

We dedicate ourselves to courage and perseverance:

All: Sustain us in truth.

**May I become at all times, both now and forever
a protector for those without protection,
a guide for those who have lost their way,
a ship for those with oceans to cross,
a bridge for those with rivers to cross,
a sanctuary for those in danger,
a lamp for those without light,
a place of refuge for those who lack shelter,
and a servant to all in need.**

Blessing

The Most Revd and Rt Hon Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury

May the boldness of God's spirit transform you;
May the gentleness of God's spirit lead you;
May the gifts of God's spirit equip you to serve and worship the living God:
And the blessing of God Almighty,
The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
Be amongst you and remain with you
and those whom you love now and always. Amen.

The National Anthem

**God save our gracious Queen,
long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen.
Send her victorious,
happy and glorious,
long to reign over us;
God save the Queen.**

National Police Memorial Day is a registered charity and gratefully receives donations, normally via donation envelopes at the service. This year we can accept donations online via JustGiving.

Please visit www.nationalpolicememorialday.org to donate if you are able.

Thank you for your ongoing support.



We will not forget

Tragically, each year the number of names added to the Police Roll of Honour continues to grow.

Behind every name added to this list are proud family, friends and colleagues mourning their loss with endless pride and countless memories. It is through these stories and gathering at the National Police Memorial Day service that we can pay our respects to those who have been killed or died on duty.

We commemorate all UK police officers who have given their lives in the line of duty. Their self-sacrifice, bravery, dedication to duty, love of family, community and country will never be forgotten.

May they rest in peace.



National Police Memorial Day 2021

Sunday 26 September
Lincoln Cathedral

Next year's event will take place at the venue that should have been where we gathered this year, at one of the oldest cathedrals in England, Lincoln Cathedral. We will look forward to welcoming those who have attended previous events as well as those who are attending for the first time. All are welcome to attend this event. This includes serving officers and staff, those who have retired, visitors from overseas, members of the general public and most importantly, the families and friends of those who have sadly lost their lives over the years.

Further details will be available in due course at

www.nationalpolicememorialday.org



Matiu 'Matt' Ratana

Police Sergeant
Metropolitan Police

Died Friday 25 September 2020, aged 54



Custody Sergeant Matt Ratana was tragically killed after being shot on duty.

Sergeant Ratana joined the Metropolitan Police in 1991 and was captain of his recruit training class.

Matt was posted to Charing Cross and worked as a constable on the streets of the West End and Westminster in various roles. Later, he worked with the Territorial Support Group and in Hillingdon.

In 2010 he worked as a sergeant in Hackney in the response team and in neighbourhoods. Five years later, in 2015, he moved to Croydon, where he worked in response, in neighbourhoods and then the Met's detention command. In all, nearly 30 years spent as a uniformed officer serving the public of London.

Matt was originally from Hawke's Bay, New Zealand, and was educated at Palmerston North Boy's School, where he developed a passion for rugby.

After Otago University, he came to London in 1989 and played for London Irish. He was a leader in his sport, well known as a player in several teams including the Met Police, and as a coach, most recently at East Grinstead.

Commissioner Dame Cressida Dick said: "As a colleague, he was big in stature and big-hearted, a friendly, capable police officer. A lovely man, highly respected by officers and staff, and by the public, including suspects he arrested or dealt with in custody.

"He was very well known locally and will be remembered so fondly in Croydon, as well as in the Met and the rugby world.

"He leaves a partner and an adult son from a previous relationship. Our thoughts are with them."

Home Secretary Priti Patel said: "This is a sad day for our country as once again we see the tragic killing of a police officer in the line of duty as they're trying to protect us and keep us safe."

As Matt's death is so recent, National Police Memorial Day will provide a fuller tribute in next year's commemorative brochure.



Chris Miller

Police Constable
Metropolitan Police

Died Tuesday 15 September 2020, aged 35



Police Constable Chris Miller was killed in a motorbike crash on his way to work.

PC Miller joined the Metropolitan Police in 2015 and had been working in the Parliamentary and Diplomatic Protection Command since November last year.

Commissioner Dame Cressida Dick said: "I am very saddened to hear of the death of Chris Miller. Chris was an excellent and highly-skilled police officer. He will be missed by many, especially those based at Ilford and Parliamentary and Diplomatic Protection. "My thoughts are particularly with Chris's family and friends. The Met will remember Chris and his contribution to policing London."

Parliamentary and Diplomatic Protection Commander Jane Johnson described him as a fitness fanatic

and a motorcycle enthusiast who made an instant impact on those around him, saying: "Chris was committed to serving the people of London and latterly Parliament and the diplomatic community. Chris had a strong sense of duty and was a loved and valued member of his team. He will be missed."

Described as the 'life and soul of the room' on social media, friends and colleagues expressed how much they would miss him, with one tweeting: "Chris. You will be sadly missed my friend. You kept me positive when I had my own personal problems. Always had banter in our locker room. You will be sorely missed. My deepest condolences to your family. You'll never be forgotten brother."

An investigation has been launched into the crash, and the force said the circumstances are yet to be established.

Ken Marsh, Chairman of the Metropolitan Police Federation, said: "This is tragic news. We are always devastated when we lose a member of the Metropolitan Police family.

"Our thoughts go out to all Chris's family, friends and close colleagues at this time."

As Chris's death is so recent, National Police Memorial Day will provide a fuller tribute in next year's commemorative brochure.



Resham Singh Nahal

Special Constable
West Midlands Police

Died Friday 26 June 2020, aged 52



Special Constable Resham Singh Nahal, from West Midlands Police, was responding to a road traffic incident when he suffered life-changing injuries in a collision on Wolverhampton Road, Oldbury, on 9 November last year.

From Birmingham, 52-year-old Resham suffered multiple fractures to his leg and was hospitalised at the time, in a serious but stable condition.

Seven months later whilst recovering at home, he sadly passed away.

Resham had 15 years' experience in the job and worked as part of the Force Support Unit in areas across Birmingham and all over the region.

Dozens of emergency services colleagues paid tribute at Resham's funeral.

Chief Constable Dave Thompson said: "Resham was an honourable officer and a man of great faith who had served with the force for 15 years.

"There was a full guard of honour for Resham including West Midlands Ambulance Service as we said goodbye to a great man.

"He will be deeply missed by family, friends and colleagues and my thoughts are with his family at this very difficult time."

The West Midlands Police Sikh Association said: "Resham has been described as a quiet, unassuming and humble person, these gentle characteristics so befitting his name Resham – softness [like silk]. A tremendous virtue which sustains friendships and trusting attitudes. Which we all are in need of right now. He served and lived remaining true to his name and even after his demise he's allowed us to reflect on the value of being kind... just shows we've all lost another good one."

West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner David Jamieson added: "Resham was an amazing Special Constable who volunteered for the force for many years, protecting the public and helping those in need. His death is a tragic loss for his friends, family and colleagues in the police force."

Resham is survived by his parents and his son, Cham.





Matthew Lannie

Police Constable
South Yorkshire Police

Died Tuesday 21 April 2020, aged 40



A specialist motorcycle officer in the Roads Policing Unit, Police Constable Matt Lannie was responding to assist colleagues who were pursuing a vehicle that was failing to stop. Whilst travelling in an emergency response capacity he was involved in a collision with a car in the Ecclesfield area of Sheffield. PC Lannie tragically lost his life shortly after, on the afternoon of Tuesday 21 April.

Born in Sheffield, PC Lannie had served in the army before becoming a police officer. His career in the army saw him serving in three branches; Duke of Wellington's Regiment (Infantry), Staff and Personnel Support, and finally the Royal Military Police.

Inspector Craig Clifton posted a memory of his friend, who he referred to as Matt 'big guns' Lannie, on Instagram. He said: "This is my friend and colleague Matt 'big guns' Lannie tragically killed in the line of duty a few hours ago.

"Will miss you mate hope you make them up there laugh like you did us. Sorry for using your leather pants you know you loved it really. Be at peace."

Paul McCurry, who is head of South Yorkshire Police's operational support unit, said PC Lannie was a "dedicated officer and fantastic character".

He wrote: "It has been a difficult couple of days following the tragic death of a much-loved member of the South Yorkshire Police family yesterday.

"PC Matt Lannie was a dedicated officer and fantastic character. It was a privilege to have him as part of our team. We will all miss him."

Communications officer Kirsty Latham said: "I've met some amazing people since I joined South Yorkshire Police and Lannie is up there with the best.

"I'm glad I had the chance to know him. When I said bye yesterday, as he headed out of the gates, I didn't know it was a forever goodbye. Truly heartbroken."

Chief Constable Stephen Watson QPM said: "It is with great sadness that we today pay tribute to serving officer, PC Matt Lannie, who died in the line of duty. Matt was a specialist motorcycle officer in our Roads Policing Unit and prior to this was a response officer at Sheffield. He was a very popular member of the team and he will be greatly missed."

Dr Alan Billings, Police and Crime Commissioner for South Yorkshire said: "PC Lannie was clearly a valued friend and colleague who will be greatly missed. He was part of a close-knit team, some of whom I have met on occasions, and I know how keenly they will feel this loss."

Home Secretary, Priti Patel also paid tribute: "The saddest news. Deeply tragic and my thoughts are with the family of this distinguished officer."

South Yorkshire Police Federation Chair Steve Kent said: "This is heart-breaking news. Matt was a very popular, funny officer and a friend to many in South Yorkshire Police. He loved his job in the roads policing group. He will be very sadly missed."

Friend and colleague Craig Sharratt said: "Matt was one of the warmest, nicest, funniest, cheeky chaps you could ever wish to meet. No matter what room he entered he would bring laughter, sunshine and smiles, and he would do anything for absolutely anyone. He was one that you could rely on in any situation."

Matt will be missed by family and friends, particularly mum Cheryl, sister Marie, dad James and partner Helen.





Nick Dumphreys

Police Constable
Cumbria Constabulary

Died Sunday 26 January 2020, aged 47



Whilst travelling alone in an unmarked police car responding to an emergency call, Police Constable Nick Dumphreys tragically died in a single-vehicle collision on the M6 near Carlisle.

Nick, 47, spent most of his career behind a wheel as a member of the Constabulary's Mobile Support. Hugely popular amongst colleagues, he joined the Cumbrian force in 2003 and was a supremely dedicated officer who took a real personal pride in serving the public.

Working with the Roads Policing Unit for most of his policing career, Cumbria Constabulary's Chief Constable Michelle Skeer described PC Dumphreys as "an extremely popular and respected officer, not least because of his professionalism, integrity and dedication to policing in Cumbria.

"Colleagues who worked closely with him would describe him as a consummate professional who you could always rely on. He was a big character with an even bigger heart who always put other people first."

Cumbria's Police and Crime Commissioner Peter McCall said: "I'm sure the people of Cumbria will join me in expressing our profound sadness at the appalling and tragic loss of Police Constable Nick Dumphreys.

"I know that Nick was a most professional and dedicated officer who was totally committed to protect and serve the public."

Scores of uniformed officers stood at the roadside alongside other emergency service workers, their heads bowed in silent tribute at Nick's funeral. Draped over the coffin was the national flag of his native South Africa.

Chief Inspector Richard Quinn worked with Nick in Brampton during the early part of his career. "Once met, never forgotten," was how the officer summed Nick up. "He was a big man, a big personality, and he had a bigger heart. If I could describe him in three words, it would be funny, caring and professional.

"He was thorough in his work; he was serious when he needed to be, and he was a true cop's cop."



The service heard also from PC Dumphreys' brother Matt, who spoke of his brother's eventful early life, which included a passion for martial arts, and a spell as a police officer and a detective in a serious crime unit in the South African police force.

The service closed with an emotional statement from Nick's adoring wife Kat, who said: "Life was one big adventure with you... Thank you for choosing me - you made me the happiest girl alive."

Kat has written the following tribute for her late husband:

Nick was a true lover of the great outdoors. He would often be found with his head in a book, and they were usually about the SAS, various great expeditions or martial arts and survival skills. When he wasn't reading about somebody else's adventures, Nick was enjoying his own. He relished teaching Isla and Max all about the wilderness and loved to explore the Lake District as a family at every opportunity. He loved to travel and couldn't wait to share his beloved Africa with the kids.

Nick had a passion for food (especially biltong) and would pretty much try anything, which was a true reflection of his personality. He savoured a good braai (BBQ) but only if meat was on the menu. Give him a beer, biltong and a Springboks win and Nick was a happy man.

Nick loved being a police officer. It was yet another part of his life which he embraced with enthusiasm. More than capable, when Nick turned up at a job there was often a notable sigh of relief from his colleagues. A calming presence whatever the situation, rounded off with banter and buffoonery which he took to another level.

What you saw was what you got with Nick. The smiling South African with a huge heart and big bear hugs. Unforgettable.

Words don't seem to do Nick justice, and I can't even begin to describe what he means to me and the kids. He was a true gentleman in every sense, always smiling and quick to laugh. The most amazing husband and proud daddy to Isla and Max. Bold, brave, honest, loyal and unbelievably funny - without even trying!

Nick you are my love, my life, my everything and I miss you.



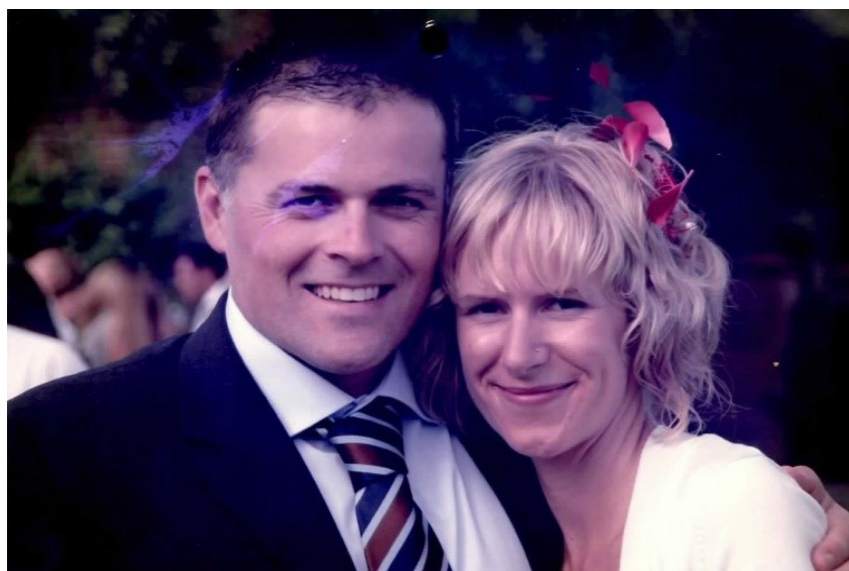


Jonathan Mark Hicken

Detective Constable

Dorset Police

Died Sunday 6 October 2019, aged 47



Detective Constable Jon Hicken was found unconscious near Boscombe Pier on the morning of Sunday 6 October whilst on his walk to work and sadly died from heart failure.

Dorset Police's Chief Constable James Vaughan said: "We are all deeply saddened by the death of our serving police officer Jon Hicken.

"Following 10 years of service from 1997 until 2007 with West Midlands Police, Jon transferred to Dorset Police.

"He held a variety of posts within Dorset Police working both in uniform policing roles and more recently as a detective within CID and public protection.

"Jon was widely regarded as an excellent police officer. He dedicated his professional life to protecting the most vulnerable in the community and has been instrumental in removing dangerous offenders from the streets of Dorset.

"As a person, Jon was a popular and approachable man who had the ability to find humour in the most difficult of circumstances. He was a dedicated family man who often shared his pride in his family with colleagues.

"Jon was well respected among his peers and his loss will be deeply felt by the policing family both on a professional and personal level."

Paying tribute, Anna Harvey, Chair of Dorset Police Federation, recalled the time they worked together in Bournemouth. She said DC Hicken was a "popular and fantastic" officer.

"Jon was a real team player. He was a great character who always had time for a chat and a laugh – I will never forget his wicked sense of humour and how incredibly popular he was with everybody.

"We are a relatively small force and Jon worked across many departments so many of us knew him. He was much-loved and will be much-missed."

Jon's family set up a Gift of Hope fundraising page for the British Heart Foundation with the hope that the money raised can help prevent another family having to experience the grief that Jon's family and friends have had to endure.

Jon is survived by his wife Philippa and two children.



Roy Buggins

Police Constable
Police Scotland, Tayside Division
Died Tuesday 3 September 2019, aged 51



Police Constable Roy Buggins was on duty in the Montrose area of Angus, Scotland when he sadly died on Tuesday 3 September 2019. Roy took ill while directing traffic during a road accident in the Montrose area, and sadly passed away later that day.

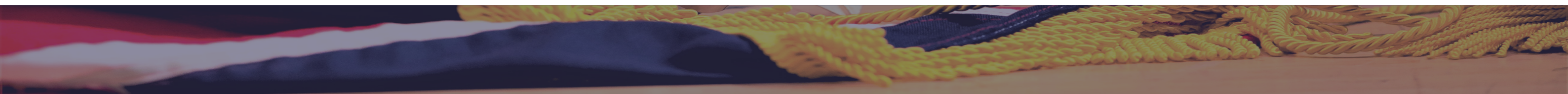
After joining Tayside Police in 1990, Roy spent time in Forfar, Friockheim, Carnoustie and 10 years in Arbroath, before spending the last two years with the Montrose and Brechin Community Policing Team, where he was described as a “highly valued and well-respected” colleague.

Roy was a well-known face in the Angus area, regularly attending events in and around Montrose and Brechin. The epitome of a community police officer, Roy was regularly visiting schools

and retirement homes, and helping the public at his police surgeries and ‘coffee with a cop’ meetings. Roy was also a highly experienced public order officer and brought a wise head to operations and events.

Roy’s funeral, which was held at Parkgrove Crematorium in Friockheim, was attended by scores of his colleagues including Chief Constable Iain Livingstone. The funeral procession was led by a piper and officers formed a guard of honour as the coffin was led from the hearse to the service.

Roy is survived by his wife Faye, mother Ruth, son Ewan and daughter Sophie.



About National Police Memorial Day



Around 5,000 police officers have died whilst on duty in the past 180 years, yet this sacrifice and exceptional dedication to duty remained largely unrecognised until as late as 2004. National Police Memorial Day serves to give formal recognition to police officers who have given their all to protect others and make their communities a safer place to live and work.

Plans for an annual Memorial Day were first initiated in May 2001 by, now retired, Inspector Joe Holness, QPM, OBE, a then serving officer with Kent Police, following the brutal death of colleague Constable Jon Odell, in Margate, December 2000.

The inaugural service was held at St Paul's Cathedral on Sunday 3 October 2004. Since then, services have been held all over the United Kingdom to reflect the national contribution and sacrifices made by the police.

National Police Memorial Day is held each year on the nearest Sunday to Saint Michael's Day, the Patron Saint of Police.



Official emblem

The charity's official emblem was designed in conjunction with the Department for Constitutional Affairs and Garter, Principle King of Arms. Strict protocols had to be followed to gain Her Majesty The Queen's full approval.

The Portcullis, which symbolises protection, is depicted next to the national symbols for each country in the United Kingdom: the rose for England, the leek for Wales, the thistle for Scotland and the flax for Northern Ireland.

The original and official painting of the badge is housed in a secure archive at the King's College of Arms London by Garter, a member of the Royal Household. Royal approval of the design was sanctioned in recognition of the magnitude of the day.



Crown finial



The spectacular Crown Finial which adorns the National Police Memorial Day Standard was first presented at the service in 2011.

It is made from sterling silver and comes from the heart of Tipperary, where the first Royal Ulster Constabulary officer to be killed on duty is buried. The Crown is adorned with precious stones from England,

Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and Eire. The Crown's creator is retired Garda officer, Joe Fanning, whose work is greatly appreciated by National Police Memorial Day.

Support from across the service and from police-related charitable causes for National Police Memorial Day has been widespread. The charity is recognised by Government and Royalty as an official national day and is honoured to have the patronage of His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales.

Last year's service in Glasgow



HRH The Prince of Wales, Patron of the charity, was among those in attendance at last year's service at the Royal Concert Hall in Glasgow. Known in Scotland as the Duke of Rothesay, HRH was joined by Home Secretary, the Rt. Hon. Priti Patel, Scotland's First Minister, the Rt. Hon. Nicola Sturgeon, more than 40 Chief Constables and around 1,500 former colleagues and family members of serving police officers who lost their lives in the line of duty.

During the service, prayers were led by Marilyn Bromilow, the sister-in-law of PC John Edward Bromilow, who was fatally injured in 1979 in a patrol car crash whilst escorting a prisoner; Chief Inspector Gill Marshall of Police Scotland, widow of PC Alan McMurray, who died in 2006 when he was struck by a van whilst attending the scene of an accident; and Stephen White, Chair of the Royal Ulster Constabulary George Cross Foundation.

Candles were lit by relatives who mourn their loved ones, and in remembrance of officers throughout the country who have lost their lives:

- Representing Scotland, Margaret Sinclair, supported by her daughter, Patricia Sinclair, wife and daughter of PC Leslie Sinclair, who died in 1972 from injuries sustained in a road traffic collision whilst on duty.

- Representing England, Rumbie Mabuto, widow of PC Joe Mabuto, who died after

suffering a heart attack whilst on duty, was supported by their children, Kenny and Sophia.

- Representing Wales, William Parker, son of PC Andy Parker, who was killed in a motorbike crash when travelling home after a night shift.

- Representing Northern Ireland, Margo Hetherington, daughter of Reserve Constable Jacob Rankin, Royal Ulster Constabulary George Cross, who was fatally shot in 1978 by terrorists whilst on duty.

Chief Inspector Andrea MacDonald, former Chair of the Scottish Police Federation read the names of officers who have lost their lives during the past year, PC Joseph Robert Cooke, Metropolitan Police; PC Daniel Clayton-Drabble, Thames Valley Police; PC Kevin Flint, Thames Valley Police; PS Colin Michael Fox, Metropolitan Police; PC Andrew Harper, Thames Valley Police; and PC Roy Buggins, Police Scotland. The service also paid tribute to US Special Agent Nole Remagen, who died whilst on duty in Scotland.

There was silence as petals of remembrance, representing all who have lost their lives, descended from the gallery as the orchestra played 'Abide with me' and the Last Post was sounded.



Challenge coin

National Police Memorial Day, the Police Memorial Trust and the Police Roll of Honour Trust have jointly produced a specially minted 'Challenge Coin' for 2020. All three charities are committed to honouring the memory of fallen officers in their own significant way and this coin allows us to do this alongside each other.

If you would like to purchase one or more commemorative coins, then please visit our website where other merchandise is also available. The coins are £10 each (incl. p&p).



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Book of Remembrance

provided by the Police Roll of Honour Trust, recently awarded Royal Charter

The Book of Remembrance was first presented and dedicated at the National Police Memorial Day service in Wales on Sunday 24 September 2017.

The Book is a symbol and reminder of the commitment from all who have served, and all who serve today, in the police service of our country and of their willingness to fulfil all the duties of the 'Office of Constable' every day, whatever that may cost.

The Book has been provided by the Police Roll of Honour Trust, a charity that keeps records of fallen police officers.

The Police Roll of Honour Trust is the first police charity to be recognised with a Royal Charter, unveiled at a reception event in London in June 2018. A Royal Charter is given on behalf of a monarch to reflect an organisation's significance.

The Trust was founded in 2000 after 20 years of research into the Roll of Honour, paying tribute to some 5,000 British police officers who have been killed or died on since the first recorded death on duty of a Constable in 1680.



[Police Roll of Honour Trust website](#)

Police Memorial Trust

The Police Memorial Trust was formed on 3 May 1984 by film producer Michael Winner. Deeply moved by the death of police officer Yvonne Fletcher in St. James's Square, Michael Winner wrote a letter to The Times that was published on 21 April 1984, suggesting that a memorial be erected.

"It would serve to indicate that not everyone in this country takes seeming pleasure in attacking the police in the execution of their difficult duties, but that most of us regard their conduct and bravery, under a whole series of endless and varied provocations, as demonstrably noble and worthy of our thanks", he wrote.

When the letter was printed, Mr Winner received donations from the public together with many letters approving of his sentiments. A few days later on 27 April 1984, at the invitation of Sir David English, the then Editor of the Daily Mail, Michael Winner wrote a long article in that paper on the day of Yvonne's funeral.

Some further donations were sent to Mr Winner and he realised he had reached the point where he had to do something more than just writing about what he thought should be done and so the Police Memorial Trust was formed.

Its aims were to erect memorials to police officers killed in the course of their hazardous duty, usually on the spot where they met their death. This new idea attracted considerable attention with donations pouring in from ordinary people, from members of the Cabinet, MPs, members of the House of Lords, film stars, institutions and many large businesses.

The Trust had its first memorial to Yvonne Fletcher unveiled in St. James's Square on 1 February 1985. In a rare display of political solidarity, political leaders attended the unveiling, which was performed by the then Prime Minister, Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher. Westminster Council adapted St. James's Square to take the Memorial, placing a rounded area of pavement in front of it extending into the roadway making an architectural feature, the centre of which was the granite and Portland stone Memorial. The public showed their appreciation of this recognition of police bravery by attending the ceremony in their hundreds and by placing flowers at the Memorial every day since it was unveiled.



[The Police Memorial Trust website](#)

UK Police Memorial

Nine weeks after the death of PC Keith Palmer, who was murdered in a terrorist attack in London on 22 March 2017, a major campaign was launched to help raise funds to build a new UK Police Memorial at the National Memorial Arboretum (NMA) in Staffordshire.

The UK Police Memorial will see:

- A physical memorial established, set in a beautiful landscaped garden, inscribed with the names of over 1,400 police officers and staff who have died from injuries they sustained whilst carrying out their lawful duties
- The first memorial in the world to merge a physical and digital presence which tells the story of policing and those behind the badge who have paid with their lives
- A programme developed for schools and colleges to inform pupils and students about the history of our police service and the part it plays today
- A memorial that aims to foster a greater understanding and reconnection with the public and to bring back a sense of pride and value once more in UK policing
- A memorial where the names of officers and staff who may be killed on duty in future years can be added and honourably remembered.

The UK Police Memorial will be the first of its kind in the world to bring together the physical and digital, using imagery, audio and video to pay tribute, honour, remember and educate. It will bring to life the stories of those who have been killed on duty.

Once the Memorial is built and dedicated, a Living Memorial Fund will be set up as a permanent investment. The Living Memorial Fund will maintain the Memorial for the nation.

It will also provide funds to support the loved ones of those who have died, as these tragic events occur. The Trust will work in partnership with Police Chaplains, for example, to ensure that families get the help they need, when they need it the most.



[UK Police Memorial website](#)



In honour of those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice

Throughout the United Kingdom, there are many charities that honour those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty, established by police officers who have been affected by the death of an officer.

National Police Memorial Day was established to:

- Remember police officers who have been killed or died on duty
- Demonstrate to relatives, friends and colleagues of fallen officers that their sacrifice is not forgotten
- Recognise annually the dedication to duty and courage displayed by officers.

National Police Memorial Day is a registered charity, founded by former Kent Police Inspector Joe Holness QPM OBE, following the killing of one of his colleagues in 2000. It became his ambition that there should be a national memorial service to remember all fallen officers.

He specifically wanted to honour colleagues who have been killed or died on duty to demonstrate to relatives, colleagues and friends of fallen officers that their sacrifice is not forgotten and to recognise annually the dedication to duty and courage displayed by police officers. Joe Holness embarked on a tireless campaign and his quiet determination finally paid dividends in 2004, with the inaugural service taking place in London at St Paul's Cathedral.

In 2017 Joe and Sharon Holness stepped down from National Police Memorial Day prior to Joe's retirement from Kent Police and the Reverend Canon David Wilbraham MBE, National Police

Chaplain, took over as the Co-ordinator for National Police Memorial Day.

The day has grown to be very significant and is regarded by Government and Royalty as the primary police charity event to honour and remember our fallen colleagues with His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales becoming the Patron in 2006.

For many of the families of the fallen officers, the day has become an annual pilgrimage to recognise the best of all human qualities – selfless and devoted courage.

National Police Memorial Day takes place annually and rotates around the four countries of the United Kingdom.

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