



Sunday 26 September
#NPMD21



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National Police Memorial Day Co-ordinator

Important update on plans for this year

Last month marked the one year anniversary of the first national lockdown, a time of national reflection – who would have thought that we would still be living with significant restrictions? But we should all be proud of how we have coped, some of us having lost loved ones during a very frightening and isolating year.

We have fresh hope with the vaccine and its roll-out so far, and for that we are grateful. However, uncertainty remains with fears of further mutations of the virus, another surge in autumn/winter, continued social distancing, testing measures, and more.

For the moment, we are pinning our hopes on the Government's proposed roadmap out of lockdown. It is their hope that by 21 June all current restrictions will be lifted but uncertainties remain regarding group gatherings.

NPMD Trustees and the planning group are closely monitoring the situation and the decision has been made to host a hybrid event with a small gathering at Lincoln Cathedral as well as an online service.

Although we are disappointed we aren't able to host a physical event for all to attend, by streaming the service online, it enables us to join together as one police family, no matter where we are.

UK Police Memorial Dedication

Some of you will be aware of the Dedication of the new Police Memorial at the National Memorial Arboretum, planned for late July. Please note this is a separate event, and we ask that forces support both, where possible.

Saturday 25 September 2021

The British Police Symphony Orchestra (BPSO) concert originally planned for the Saturday evening is now **cancelled** but it is our hope that we can hold this special concert at a future event.



Buildings in Blue

On Saturday evening, Lincoln Cathedral and other local buildings will be lit blue and we are encouraging public and commercial buildings across the UK to join us. NPMD will ask forces to join in, capture and share media coverage of iconic and significant buildings – a great publicity opportunity for the police service.

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Service from Lincoln Cathedral, 2pm

It is anticipated that the congregation will need to be limited to 300 (including participants). Therefore, attendance will be by invitation only. The service will be filmed and available to view later that afternoon via our website.



Online Commemoration, 4pm

At 4pm on Sunday 26 September, a 20-minute NPMD Commemoration will be streamed online via our website. This will include pre-recorded footage, alongside 'highlights' from the 2pm service.

Monday 27 September 2021



Special Act of Remembrance, 11am

Due to the times in which we are living, and the sadness that we cannot all gather in Lincoln, we will be encouraging all police forces in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland to hold a unified Act of Remembrance at 11am, on Monday 27 September.

NPMD will provide footage from Lincoln for use locally and help to spread the word nationally, working with forces and local Federations to maximise media coverage and interview opportunities.

Virtual Tribute Wall 2021

This was incredibly successful last year and well supported by the police family. Therefore, we are delighted to say that this will again be available from mid-September.

Financial Support for the Charity

Many are not aware that NPMD is a charity that relies on donations and fundraising initiatives. The [JustGiving](#) page has been a significant step forward and we will be promoting this proactively in the lead up to the event.



Challenge Coin 2021

We are incredibly grateful that the coins raised more than £3,000 for NPMD last year and plans are well underway to produce a special coin for 2021.



Keeping You Informed

We will be sending you regular updates as plans for this years' service progress. In the meantime, please keep an eye on [our website](#) or follow us on Twitter [@npmdUK](#)

Chief Constable Martin Jelley QPM on the importance of our event



Thank you to everyone for your continued support



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