



*National Police Memorial Day*

**GLASGOW ROYAL CONCERT HALL**

*Sunday 29th September 2024*





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**BUCKINGHAM PALACE**

The Reverend Canon David Wilbraham, M.B.E.,  
Chair,  
Police Remembrance Trust.

Please convey my warmest thanks to the Staff and Members of the Police Remembrance Trust for their kind message sent on the occasion of National Police Memorial Day, which is being held today at The Royal Concert Hall in Glasgow.

As your Patron, I greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing. It is heartening to learn of the dedication to honouring the sacrifices made by the brave men and women who have given their lives in service to their communities. I trust their families will derive some comfort in knowing that their memory will be forever honoured on this day of remembrance.

In return, I send my warmest good wishes to all those gathered for this commemoration. May it be a day of meaningful reflection and sincere remembrance for all present.

**CHARLES R.**

# Welcome

## Reverend Matthew Hopley, National Police Chaplain

**This is the first time that I will lead National Police Memorial Day as National Police Chaplain and I feel truly honoured to do so.**



I have served in police chaplaincy for more than 10 years and in lay ministry for all of my life. Starting out as a volunteer Chaplain with West Midlands Police, I went on to be Lead Chaplain to Warwickshire Police and earlier this year was commissioned as National Police Chaplain.

In 2011 as disorder occurred across the UK, I felt a strong calling to serve policing. I have a deep empathy for the private and public matters that our officers, staff and volunteers in policing face as they live out their vocation to serve and protect. They embrace the unknown of each

day in the pursuit of justice and peace. As a Chaplain, it is both humbling and an honour to support loved ones and the policing family when they experience the worst loss imaginable.

Today marks the 21st National Police Memorial Day, and once again, the service will be a fitting tribute to each of the brave men and women who have lost their lives on duty.

These services of remembrance are vitally important as we dedicate our time and attention in their honour. We will experience emotions of extreme pride, to deep sorrow, yet we join in unity as families, friends, officers, and colleagues in remembering those who gave their all in service to others.

May they rest in peace.

## Canon David Wilbraham MBE, Chair, Police Remembrance Trust

**I am hugely privileged to be the current Chair of the Police Remembrance Trust and to lead a group of committed Trustees who are resolute in their dedication to honouring the memory of our fallen colleagues. One of them recently said to me, "we don't do this as a job we do it because it is a part of our lives" – it is that attitude and intention that typifies the belief and passion we hold for what we are seeking to do.**



I am also incredibly proud, as Coordinator for National Police Memorial Day, of the absolutely first-rate group of dedicated, committed and hard-working volunteers who comprise the small team that ensures this important day is a key date in the UK policing calendar.

In May of this year, we were thrilled to be able to announce that His Majesty The King wished to continue his patronage of the Trust maintaining the links and support he had previously given as the Prince of Wales, such recognition alongside the holding of a Royal Charter recognises the expertise, commitment and unique knowledge the Police Remembrance Trust exercises day by day in recording, researching and maintaining the UK Police Roll of Honour. We hold the records and recognise the sacrifice of officers who have died on duty since records began – the earliest

death being that of Islington Watchman Nicholas Grey killed by a Yeoman of the Guard back in 1545.

Being true to our motto 'lest we forget' carries the commitment 'we will remember' and by telling their stories and speaking their names we keep their memory and therefore them alive.

It also is important for those serving across policing today that in recognising courage, commitment, integrity, service, bravery, self-giving, and sacrifice that should they pay the ultimate costly price of their Oath of Allegiance they will never be forgotten. We recognise and honour ordinary people doing extraordinary things whose actions are 'in the very best traditions of the police service.

We believe our work is for the past, the present and the future. For the past, we remember police officers who have died on duty and in a small way demonstrate to relatives, friends, and colleagues of fallen officers that their sacrifice is not forgotten. For the present, their stories, dedication to duty and courage displayed by the vast majority of police officers and staff is to serve our nations is a sometimes very costly vocation, and for the future we hope it may inspire others to serve their communities in a similar manner.

I hope today is meaningful for many people and that throughout the year we serve you well.



# National Police Memorial Day

## *Order of Service*

Sunday 29th September 2024  
Glasgow Royal Concert Hall, 2pm



# *Order of Service*

## **Processional March**

*[Please stand]*

**Police Scotland and Scottish Federation Pipe Band**

*[Please sit]*

## **Introduction & Welcome**

**First Minister of Scotland**

**John Swinney MSP**



## The Bidding and opening prayers

Dear friends, we gather to thank God for our civil liberties, for our traditions of law and order, for all who administer justice, and especially for those who serve in the Police Forces of the United Kingdom.

On this National Police Memorial Day, we give thanks for the bravery, courage, and sacrifice of over 5,000 officers who, since British Policing began, have died whilst on duty. We commend them to God and pray for their families, friends, and colleagues in the grief of our earthly loss.

We gather with heavy hearts offering comfort to one another who have lost a loved one in the line of duty. Their sacrifice was immense, and the pain of their absence is deeply felt. May each person find solace in the memories of their loved one and have pride for their bravery and dedication shown through their service.

May each person find strength in knowing that their dear ones' service made a significant difference in the lives of many people. May they feel the love and support of friends and family, and find the courage to face each new day.

We pray for all those involved in Policing, who, today, risk their lives to keep us safe, and for all who support, nurture, and encourage them. We commit ourselves afresh to pursuing all that makes for peace and to caring for those in deepest need.

## Reading from Muslim Tradition

Khaldoun Kabbani LLB. MPhil. MCSFS. AFTE  
Vice President, National Associations of Muslim Police  
Secretary General, Scottish Police Muslim Association

In the spirit of unity and remembrance, let us reflect on a verse from the Quran that speaks to the heart of our shared humanity:

"O mankind, indeed, We have created you from male and female and made you into nations and tribes so that you may know one another. Indeed, the most noble of you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous of you." (Sourat Al-Hujurat, 49:13)

This verse highlights the beauty of diversity, calling for mutual respect and understanding across different cultures and backgrounds. It reminds us that true nobility lies not in race, nationality, or status, but in righteousness and compassion. This is the essence of Islamic values, values that include and embrace all, fostering inclusively and harmony among all people.

As we gather today to honour the fallen, may their sacrifice inspire us to create a world where everyone, regardless of faith or origin, feels valued and respected.

May Elohim, Yahweh, Allah, God, in all his names, guides us toward peace harmony and justice. Amen.

**ALL:**

**God of life – of all life and of each life**

**We lay our lives before you.**

**We bring the faith that is in us, and the doubt.**

**We bring the joy that is in us, and the sorrow.**

**We bring the pride that is in us, and the shame.**

**We bring the knowledge that is in us, and the ignorance.**

**We bring the hope that is in us, and the despair.**

**We bring the courage that is in us, and the fear.**

**Guide us by your spirit,**

**Cherish our remembering**

**Strengthen us in our journey. Amen**

## **HYMN: Immortal, Invisible**

***[Please stand]***

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all praise we would render, O help us to see  
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

***[Please sit]***

**Bible Reading John 15:12-17**

**Rt. Hon Yvette Cooper MP, Home Secretary**

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant[e] does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

This is the word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Reading**

**Angela Constance MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs**

Grief Told Me Its Name

I sat with my grief and it told me its name  
It said, "I am love, just turned into pain"  
"Please don't fear me" It went on to say  
"We need to be friends because I am here to stay"  
I said, "If you are love then why betray me?  
Can't you see that I am in agony"  
Grief put its arm around me and whispered really low,  
"but child can't you see that their love did not go"  
Grief then said, "They are still with you, although their body you can't see  
their love never left you. Please believe me."

– Sharyn Marsh, Leave Her Wild



## **HYMN: Abide with me**

***[Please stand]***

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;  
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away.  
Change and decay in all around I see.  
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless,  
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes.  
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.  
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee;  
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

***[Please sit]***

**Reading from the Sikh Faith**  
**Jaswant (Jess) K Panesar,**  
**Chair Police Scotland Sikh Association (PSSA)**

Waheguruji ka Khalsa, Waheguruji Ki Fateh

This Year marks the 555th birthday of Siri Guru Nanak dev ji, the founder of Sikh faith. Guru Nanak dev Ji saw goodness in all of humanity regardless of colour, race, gender, social or financial status and ability. As one of the most travelled beings in history, through their teachings, they became a beacon of hope, changing the perception and subsequent lives of millions.

They wanted the message of truth to be realised in all, that we are all unique but also a part of the one human race. Within, we are all a part of the one true Waheguru (God), who resides within us and all around us. I share with you with their words on love and life:

"Burn worldly love,  
rub the ashes and make ink of it,  
make the heart the pen,  
the intellect the writer,  
write that which has no end or limit.

Waheguruji Ka Khalsa, Waheguruji Ki Fateh

**Address**  
**The Lord Lyon King of Arms**  
**Dr Joseph J. Morrow CVO CBE KC DL FRSE**

**Scottish Police Community Choir: The Blessing, composer David Downes**

## PRAYERS

*Martin Gottlieb, grandson of Special Constable Harry Davies, Lancashire Constabulary, died 24th December 1940. Fatally injured while dealing with an incendiary bomb during an enemy air raid.*

### **Heavenly Father,**

We thank you almighty God that you are a refuge and a place of rest to those who come to You weary and burdened. For those gathered here today whose journey of grief weighs heavy, may they find rest in these moments together. As we remember our loved ones, our friends, our colleagues, we ask that You bring comfort to us as we daily face the void of their absence. May You fill us with strength so we can face each day and know you are near. Give to us perseverance so we can walk with hope in our hearts that lights a way through times of darkness. Amen

*Michael Atkinson, Trustee, Royal Ulster Constabulary George Cross Foundation, representing the many officers who lost their lives serving in Northern Ireland as a direct or consequential result of terrorism.*

We gather in this time of reflection pausing in a still atmosphere of peace as we honour those who gave their all. May each of us find solace in these moments of rest with the knowledge that the faithful service of our dearly loved and cherished men and women in policing, gave their all for the sake of others. For those who serve, protect, and do good, may their acts of kindness and bravery be beacons of hope in every nation. Through their dedication, may they be a light outshining the darkness and hope which dispels fear. Amen

*Stewart Drake, son of Police Constable Joseph Stewart Drake, Stirling & Clackmannan Constabulary. Died 11th August 1967. Killed when a stolen lorry being pursued by other officers intentionally struck his car at Dennyloanhead as he tried to intercept it.*

### **Lord God,**

In our time of deep sorrow, we come to You with our burdened hearts acknowledging the profound pain of loss that weighs upon those who mourn.

God grant us the strength to face each day, particularly when the burden of loss feels too great to bear. Help us to find moments of peace amidst our grief, remembering the love and memories shared that will forever remain in our hearts. Lord, in our times of despair, may we find Your comfort, and may we share that comfort with each other as we sway in the tides of grief together. Amen.

*Martin Wiltshire, son of Detective Constable Malcolm James Victor Wiltshire, Hampshire Constabulary. Died 15th May 1985 when the aeroplane he was onboard crashed.*

### **Heavenly Father,**

We gather in solemn remembrance of the brave police officers who have given their lives in the line of duty over the years. We honour their courage, dedication, and the ultimate sacrifice they gave to protect and serve our communities. May the legacy of these fallen heroes inspire us all to live with integrity, compassion, and a commitment to justice. Let their memory be a guiding light for those who continue to serve and protect, reminding us of the profound impact one life can have.

We pray for the safety of all police officers who continue to serve. Grant them wisdom, courage, and protection as they carry out their duties. Amen.

## A moment of silence for personal prayer

### The Reverend Matt Hopley leads

Accept these spoken prayers and our deepest thoughts alongside the sighs and silence of our hearts.

*All join in the Lord's Prayer:*

**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.**

### Scottish Police Community Choir:

Autumn Leaves, composer Eva Cassidy

### Act of Remembrance

*A candle is symbolic in many ways:*

*It represents light in darkness.*

*It represents the warmth of love.*

*It represents strength in its fire.*

*It represents fragility as it is snuffed out.*

*It represents the union of nature's goodness.*

*It represents God's presence amongst us.*

The Reverend Matt Hopley, National Police Chaplain, says:

These candles, one from each of the four nations of the United Kingdom 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 and sacrifice given by those we have gathered to remember. We hold them in honour this day.

### **Representing Scotland**

*Margaret Collins, mother, and Helen Cruddis, sister of Police Constable Anthony (Tony) Collins, 43 years, Police Scotland, died 29th November 2013 when a police helicopter crashed into the roof of the Clutha bar in Glasgow say:*

At the rising of the sun and at its going down,  
At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter  
At the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring.  
We will remember them.

**All: We will remember them.**

A candle is lit to remember those who died from the Police Forces of Scotland.

### **Representing England**

*Luke Ratana, son of Police Sergeant Matiu Ratana, 54 years, Metropolitan Police, died 25th September 2020 after being fatally shot in Croydon Custody Centre says:*

At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer  
At the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn  
At the beginning of the year and when it ends  
We will remember them.

**All: We will remember them.**

A candle is lit to remember those who died from the Police Forces of England.

### **Representing Northern Ireland**

*Jill Davidson, wife of Detective Superintendent Philip Davidson, 45 years, Royal Ulster Constabulary GC, died 2nd June 1994 when the RAF Chinook helicopter crashed on the Mull of Kintyre says:*

When we are weary and in need of strength  
When we feel lonely, lost, and sick at heart  
We will remember them.

**All: We will remember them.**

A candle is lit to remember those who died from the Police Forces of Northern Ireland.

### **Representing Wales**

*Rob Jones and Chris Milne-Jones, siblings of Police Constable Ralph Jones, 34 years, North Wales Police, died 13th July 1999 as the result of a road traffic incident while on a training course say:*

When we have joy we crave to share  
When we have decisions that are difficult to make  
When we have achievements that are based on theirs  
We will remember them.

**All: We will remember them.**

A candle is lit to remember those who died from the Police Forces of Wales

**All: As long as we live, they too will live;  
for they are always a part of us as we remember them.**

**[Please stand]**

**David Threadgold, Chair, Scottish Police Federation, says:**

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 Graham Saville, Nottinghamshire Police
- Police Sergeant Paul Frear, West Midlands Police
- Police Constable Jack Cummings, West Yorkshire Police
- Acting Police Sergeant Reece Buckenham, Hertfordshire Constabulary

We also remember those in policing who have died as a result of air disasters, particularly in this anniversary year of two of those incidents.

*A wreath is laid by Alison Johnstone MSP, Presiding Officer of the Scottish Parliament*

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.

*Silence is kept, during which petals of remembrance, representing all who have lost their lives, descend from the gallery.*

*The Last Post is sounded.*

*After a moment of silence, Reveille is sounded.*

***[Please be seated]***

**Piper's lament: Sleep Dearie Sleep**

**HYMN: Everlasting Home [tune: Highland Cathedral]**

***[Please stand]***

God of creation, from eternity  
You are forever, You will always be,  
You have journeyed with us all our days,  
You are our Lord and You know all our ways.

Ere the mountains were formed by You  
Or world and earth were brought forth,  
You have been our dwelling place,  
Our everlasting home.

Time, to you is as a passing night,  
Thousands of years are but as yesterday;  
We, like fleeting shadows take our flight,  
And as the flowers we quickly fade away.

All our days are but toil and strife,  
Our years unfold, end with a sigh,  
All our sins which we try to hide  
Are not concealed from You.

Teach us Lord, to number all our days  
Give ourselves to wisdom, love and praise;  
Grant in your mercy that we may rejoice  
Serving You with hearts and hands and voice.

***[Please remain standing]***

**Concluding Words and Act of Commitment  
Chief Constable Jo Farrell, Police Scotland**

We stand together and renew our commitment to public 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**

We commit ourselves to service and the pursuit of peace

**All: Sustain us in truth**

## Blessing

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.

[Buddhist – prayer of peace]

Deep peace of the running wave to you,  
Deep peace of the flowing air to you,  
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,  
Deep peace of the shining stars to you,  
Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you.

[A Celtic Blessing]

And the blessing of God Almighty,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit  
Rest upon you, upon those you love  
and upon those who love you,  
This day and for evermore. Amen

### National Anthem

God save our gracious King!  
Long live our noble King!  
God save the King!  
Send him victorious,  
Happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us,  
God save the King.

### Recessional Music

Police Scotland and Scottish Police Federation Pipe Band

**Members of the congregation are requested to remain in their places until the processions depart.**

**Refreshments will be served in the foyers, courtesy of Serve and Protect.**

National Police Memorial Day relies entirely on your generous giving to support this day.

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Thank you for your continuing support.



# *We will remember*

We stand together to remember every officer on the Police Roll of Honour – a list that sadly grows year-on-year.

Behind every name is a story, a deep sense of loss for families, friends and colleagues left behind. It is through them that their loved one's legacy will live on.

Today we commemorate all UK police officers who paid the ultimate sacrifice and we thank them for their service.

***May they rest in peace.***



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# *Sergeant Graham Saville*

## *Nottinghamshire Police*

### *Died 29th August 2023, aged 46 years*



*Sergeant Graham Saville tragically lost his life after being hit by a train while trying to save a distressed man on railway tracks.*

Graham started his career with the Metropolitan Police in 2013, before transferring to Nottinghamshire Police in February 2017. Most of his time at the force was spent as a response officer at Radford Road Police Station, before being based at Newark Police Station just a short time before his death.

His wife Joanne described him as a "wonderful man. He was laid back, funny, silly, and adventurous – he lived life to the full. He loved his job and joined the police to do something worthwhile and to make a difference."

A family man, Graham enjoyed spending quality time with his two young children, wife, and two dogs. He enjoyed mountain biking, running, and coaching his son's football team.

Hundreds of friends and colleagues joined Graham's family at his funeral service which took place at Southwell Minster.

A Guard of Honour comprising more than 50 of Graham's policing colleagues formed as the hearse arrived at the cathedral church.

Graham's family paid tribute saying: "He had a gentle character and genuinely cared. He was dependable, respected, compassionate, supportive, with a quirky sense of humour. These qualities made him an excellent police officer, but also a great person to have in your life in whatever form that took.

"He would never have thought of himself as being brave or a hero, he was a policeman who just got on with what needed to be done and very much loved his job and the challenges he faced every day. He never questioned becoming a police officer and having the opportunity to make a real difference.

"Graham leaves behind a void that can never be filled, but we are immensely proud of everything he has done



both personally and professionally. He'll be in all our hearts forever and never forgotten."

Moving tributes were given during the service by members of Graham's family, as well as PC Matthew Pugsley, who worked alongside Graham at Radford Road Police Station.

Nottinghamshire Police Chief Constable Kate Meynell described him as "a hugely respected and popular colleague" and said his death in the line of duty had come as an enormous shock to the entire police family.

Inspector Simon Riley, chair of Nottinghamshire Police Federation, said: "He was everything you would want in a police officer. He was caring, compassionate, strong, determined and generally an all-round good professional police officer."

Graham is survived by his wife Joanne, and children, Stanley and Phoebe.

# *Sergeant Paul Frear*

*West Midlands Police*

*Died 22nd September 2023, aged 45 years*



*Sergeant Paul Frear lost his life in a tragic accident while walking to work. He died in hospital because of multiple injuries from a road traffic collision.*

Paul had served with West Midlands Police since 2002 and was based in Wolverhampton.

Originally from Uttoxeter, Paul went to school at Thomas Alleyne's. He studied Business at Staffordshire University. He was working at Tesco Uttoxeter when he attended a careers fair and was drawn to the police.

Paul joined West Midlands Police in 2002 and went on to become a sergeant in 2007.

He enjoyed all sports, particularly running and cycling and was an amazing Dad.

Described as a 'dedicated' police officer, Paul's bravery was recognised by the Chief Constable in 2017 when he was presented with an award for providing emergency first aid at the scene of a double stabbing outside a Wolverhampton nightclub. Both victims survived due to Paul's selfless intervention.

West Midlands Police and the community paid tribute to Paul, describing him as a heroic officer. Flags were flown at half-mast above police stations to commemorate his life and service.

Constable Craig Guildford said: "We are offering all the support we can to his wife and their two children and his wider family too at this awful time. We know how deeply this will affect those who knew him and worked with him and indeed the whole policing family."

West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner Simon Foster said: "Sergeant Paul Frear committed his working life to serving the people of the West Midlands. He was a dedicated and popular member of the force throughout his 21 years of service. My thoughts, and those of everyone within my office, are with his family, particularly his wife and children."

Following his death, the chair of West Midlands Police Federation, Rich Cooke, paid tribute to Paul calling him a 'lovely and supportive officer who had a great sense of humour'.

He said: "I am devastated to hear this news, as I know so many colleagues who knew Paul and have worked with him over the years will be. I worked with Paul at Wolverhampton and knew him well – it is surreal thinking of him in the past tense.

"He was a lovely person, mild-mannered, measured [and] always supportive with a great sense of humour. I will miss our meetings and chats putting the world to rights.

"Paul had everything going for him – first and foremost a beautiful, loving family and our thoughts are focused on them at this desperately sad time. Rest in peace Paul, we will never forget you."

Paul is survived by his wife Kate, son Harry and daughter Rosie.

# Constable Jack Cummings

West Yorkshire Police

Died 19th May 2024, aged 27 years



*Police Constable Jack Cummings lost his life after suffering a sudden and catastrophic medical incident whilst driving to work.*

Jack started his police career in July 2019 after completing a degree in nutrition and sport at University of Central Lancashire (UCLAN). Always loving being part of a team Jack decided a police career would offer him opportunities and involvement in various teams.

Originally from Bangor, Northern Ireland Jack attended Sullivan Upper Grammar School obtaining 10 GCSEs and three A levels. He was active in many sports – rugby, earning a medal when they won the Medallion Shield Schools Tournament, rowing, fencing, kick boxing to name a few.

Jack moved to England to go to university and immersed himself in his studies and his main passion – American Football, being named 'Rookie of the Year' in his first year and being named in the UCLAN Rams all Decade team as Defensive Tackle (DT).

When Jack joined West Yorkshire Police he was posted to Bradford which he loved as he was always busy and the work was extremely varied. He was involved in many different teams gaining vast experiences. He gained his sergeants exam in 2023 which his family are extremely proud of. He then decided to specialise and apply for firearms. He worked extremely hard and passed the intensive course and in December 2023 he joined the firearms unit at Carr Gate. Jack absolutely loved the firearms unit and was a much loved and respected member of his team from the beginning.



To honour Jack, his firearms trainers have introduced the Jack Cummings Award. This will be presented to a student that has all the qualities that Jack had within him – something for future students to aspire to.

Jack was a larger-than-life character who is desperately missed by so many people, especially his parents Nick and Brenda, and his loving partner Brooke.

# *Acting Sergeant Reece Buckenham*

## *Hertfordshire Constabulary*

### *Died Saturday 29th June 2024, aged 36 years*



*Acting Sergeant Buckenham tragically lost his life in a motorcycle collision. He had just finished a night shift when the accident happened.*

Reece joined the Metropolitan Police Service as a PCSO and later transferred to Hertfordshire Constabulary, fulfilling his dream of becoming a police officer. He was proud to be part of Hertfordshire Constabulary and was soon to be going through the promotion process to become a substantive sergeant.

His family said: "We are absolutely devastated to confirm the sudden and tragic loss of our beloved Reece.

"He was a loving son, brother, uncle, friend, and colleague to many and, most importantly, a wonderful father to his son Luke, aged 10 and daughter Alice, aged four.

"Reece loved having a laugh and was fun to be around, he would light up any room with his smile and infectious personality. He was fiercely protective of those he cared for and would stand up for those that needed support, be that friend, colleagues or just anyone that needed Reece.

"As a family we couldn't have been prouder of him, he was an Acting Sergeant soon to be going through the promotion process to be substantive. Reece had just finished a night shift when the terrible events happened.

"Nothing can take away the pain we are feeling at his loss, but we are thankful for the support we have received.

"His son describes him as a 'great Dad' and his hero.

"The world will be a darker place without his smile (and many silly faces he was known to pull). We will never fill the void that is now in our family.

"Reece, our son, brother and superhero daddy, we love you."

Chief Constable Charlie Hall said: "The thoughts of all in the constabulary are with Reece's family and friends following their tragic loss. He was a much-respected colleague to so many and his death has been felt hugely throughout the force. He was a committed and experienced police officer, who served the public well and who I was proud to say was one of us. Rest in peace Reece."

# *This year's candle lighters*

**National Police Memorial Day is widely recognised as a time to join in solidarity to honour those loved and lost in service – those who gave their all for us to live in safer societies.**

Although we gather year on year on the last Sunday in September, it is much more than just one day. The formal gathering and ceremonial service means so much – friendships have been forged over the years that will forever endure – friendships made in the saddest of circumstances.

Ahead of today's service we were fortunate to spend time reflecting with those lighting this year's candles in remembrance of officers who have died or been killed on duty in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

## **Lighting the candle for England**

Luke Ratana, in memory of his father Sergeant Matt Ratana, Metropolitan Police.



Matt was shot by a prisoner in Croydon Custody Centre. On the morning of 25th September 2020, a man was arrested for drugs offences and possession of ammunition and taken to Croydon Custody Centre. Approaching the suspect to carry-out a temperature check for COVID-19 and search him, Matt was shot in the chest. He was taken to hospital, where he died from gunshot wounds.

Matt's 'big generous lion's heart', 'kindness and spirit' and 'amazing energy and determination' will forever be remembered.

## **Lighting the candle for Northern Ireland**

Jill Davidson, in memory of her husband Detective Superintendent Philip Davidson, Royal Ulster Constabulary.



Philip was one of ten senior detectives who died when the RAF Chinook helicopter taking them to Scotland crashed on the Mull of Kintyre on 2nd June 1994.



Jill said: "I decided this year when I was asked to light a candle at the service that I would do it because its 30 years since my husband and all his colleagues and friends died but there are lots of others here in Northern Ireland who have suffered bereavement and loss and lived with the aftermath of awful injuries and things like that and I think it's a nice way to remember people."

### Lighting the candle for Scotland



Margaret Collins and Helen Cruddis, in memory of their son and brother, Constable Anthony (Tony) Collins, Police Scotland.

Tony was killed alongside his colleagues, PC Kirsty Nelis and Captain David Traill, on 29th November 2013, when the Police Scotland helicopter, call sign SP99,

crashed into the roof of the Clutha Bar in Glasgow city centre.



Speaking after a service of remembrance at the Scottish Police Memorial, Margaret reflected on Tony's dream of being a police officer and being ecstatic when he joined the service. The tragedy of that night was a 'great shock'. Tony's sister Helen Cruddis said they were determined to attend the service at the Scottish Police Memorial at Tulliallan, saying: "It was a lovely, lovely service".

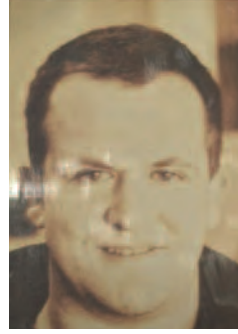


David Threadgold, Chair, Scottish Police Federation said: "When you speak to families of those who have been directly involved it brings that tragedy into a whole new light in your own mind.

"To have the honour and privilege to speak to and get to know Tony's Mum and his Sister and understand exactly what they felt as they went through that process of grieving and dealing with what had taken place is extremely humbling."



### Lighting the candle for Wales



Rob Jones and his sister Chris Milne-Jones, in memory of their brother, Constable Ralph Jones, North Wales Police.

Ralph was fatally injured in a road collision on 13th July 1999, whilst on a motorcycle training course.

Reflecting on the loss of his brother, Rob said: "The impact of Ralph's passing, his death, was great at the time and it just continues. We're 25 years in and I still miss him.



"National Police Memorial Day is a powerful thing – it helps us remember – it helps me remember Ralph and also to remember all those serving officers. Without people who are prepared to support, on a daily basis, not knowing what's going to happen, we'd be in a very different place, I think.

"Remembering those who have died on duty is something we should continue to do – that has real value and purpose."

National Police Memorial Day gives us the opportunity to come together in unity to remember the sacrifices made through generations of policing. This is when we look beyond the uniform to commemorate individuals, memories and legacies that will live on forever in the hearts of their loved ones.

Today is a reminder to the current generation of the duty and dedication of police officers throughout the country.

# *Air disasters and lives lost*

**Today we pay tribute to police and civilian lives lost in air disasters that we will forever remember; many have happened on Scottish soil.**

## **RAF Chinook helicopter crash, Mull of Kintyre**

This year marked the 30th anniversary of the RAF Chinook helicopter crash on the Mull of Kintyre.

On 2nd June 1994, 29 people tragically lost their lives in the Chinook disaster.

The helicopter carrying leading security personnel crashed on the Mull of Kintyre peninsula on the west coast of Scotland.

The aircraft was on its way from RAF Aldergrove near Belfast to a security conference in Inverness when it crashed into a hillside in thick fog.

The incident was the worst RAF peacetime disaster and the reasons for the crash still remain unclear.

Rev Roddy McNidder, who was the parish minister at the time of the crash, delivered the sermon during the service of remembrance for the 30th anniversary at Southend Parish Church and described the 25 passengers and four crew who died as "extraordinary people who were selflessly devoted to duty in the service of their country".

During the service, he said: "Our service this early afternoon continues our promise that we care.

"This church is here for you and your families and loved ones, to remember, to honour their memory and their service.

"To bring the gift of encouragement, sensitively and graciously, and to hold fast the standards and principles they represented."

The crash came just two months before the 1994 IRA ceasefire in Northern Ireland.

Passengers on RAF Chinook ZD576 included leading security personnel from the Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC), MI5 and the Army.

A special act of remembrance was held on the

anniversary of the disaster at a memorial cairn at the crash site.

Mr McNidder said: "Each name inscribed on this cairn and which shines out every time the sun reflects upon it, calls us to remember the unique person whose name is written there, and to acknowledge our memories, experiences and encounters with them, along with the hopes of what might have been over these 30 years, and years still to come."

Ten senior Royal Ulster Constabulary officers died, including six senior Special Branch officers, along with nine Army officers and six members of the civil service unit that investigated the funding of paramilitaries. Effectively, the intelligence services' top personnel in Northern Ireland were almost all killed in the crash.

The four dead crew members were all special forces aircrew.



Memorial Cairn at the crash site



Mull of Kintyre

At the time, RUC Chief Constable Sir Hugh Annesley spoke about his officers' bravery and the lives they saved.

"Ten bright lights have been extinguished in the RUC, suddenly and prematurely," said Sir Hugh.

"What cannot be dimmed, not ever, is the memory we have of 10 men, good and true, who gave so much, so devotedly and so well."

We remember all who lost their lives on the Mull on Kintyre on 2nd June 1994.

**Northern Ireland Office personnel:**

John Deverell CB; Stephen Rickard; Michael Maltby; John Haynes; Martin Dalton, and Anne James.

**Military personnel:**

Col Chris Biles, late Devonshire and Dorset Regiment; Lt-Col Richard Lawrence Gregory- Smith (Intelligence

Corps); Lt- Col John Tobias (Intelligence Corps); Lt-Col George Victor Williams (Intelligence Corps); and Major Richard Allen (Royal Gloucester, Berkshire & Wiltshire Regiment).

Major Christopher John Dockerty (Prince of Wales Own Regiment of Yorkshire); Major Antony Robert Hornby (Queen's Lancashire Regiment); Major Roy Pugh (Intelligence Corps); and Major Gary Paul Sparks (Royal Artillery).

**RAF crewmen:**

Flt Lt Richard David Cook, pilot; Flt Lt Jonathan Paul Tapper, pilot; Master Air Loadmaster (MALM) Graham William Forbes; and Sgt Kevin Andrew Hardie, Air Loadmaster.

**RUC officers:**

Detective Chief Inspector Dennis Stanley Bunting; Detective Chief Superintendent Desmond Conroy BEM QGM; Detective Inspector Stephen Andrew Davidson; Detective Superintendent Philip George Davidson; Assistant Chief Constable John Fitzsimons MBE; Detective Superintendent Robert Patrick Foster; Detective Superintendent William Gwilliam; Detective Inspector Kevin Michael Magee; Detective Chief Superintendent Maurice McLaughlin Neilly; and Detective Superintendent John Turbitt (Ian) Phoenix.

We are grateful that Jill Davidson, wife of Detective Superintendent George Davidson is lighting the candle today to commemorate all police lives lost in Northern Ireland.



Glasgow



## Clutha air disaster

On 29th November 2013, police helicopter, EC135 T2, crashed into the Clutha Vaults pub in Glasgow, killing 10 people.

On the night of the crash, the pub was crowded with over 100 people enjoying a live music performance. The helicopter, returning to its base on the River Clyde, crashed through the roof at around 10.25 pm. Witnesses reported a loud noise and chaos as people rushed to escape the burning building.

Those who died were Capt Traill; PC Tony Collins; PC Kirsty Nelis; and customers Gary Arthur; Joe Cusker; Colin Gibson; Robert Jenkins; John McGarrigle; Samuel McGhee; and Mark O'Prey. Another 31 people were injured.

## Edgeley Optica G-KATY, Hampshire

On the morning of 15th May 1985, Optica, operated by the Hampshire Constabulary Air Support Unit was flown by Police Constable Gerald Spencer who had a Private Pilot Licence and a CAA exemption from their base at Lee-on-Solent Airfield to Ringwood. Detective Constable Malcolm Wiltshire was authorised to take aerial photographs of traffic congestion in the town, on its market day, from an altitude of between 1,000 and 1,500 feet. For that purpose, it was orbiting the town.

It had made three or four such orbits, on the last of which it dropped from its previous operating height to only 100-150 feet. At this height it crossed the A31 road and made a banked turn to starboard. Almost immediately the nose of the Optica dropped and it spun,



hitting trees and coming to rest 11 metres on. Both officers were killed on impact.

## RAF Wessex, Central Scotland

As the police coordinator of the Killin Mountain Rescue Team, Sergeant Harry Lawrie BEM was airlifted by an RAF Wessex helicopter, callsign Rescue 134, to join the team on Ben More to assist with a search and rescue in 1987. As the helicopter came in to hover the main rotor hit a rock, causing the helicopter to crash and slide down the hillside, fatally injuring Sergeant Lawrie. He and the team were carrying out the search for a missing climber, who was later found dead on the hill.

## Strathclyde

In 1990, Sergeant Malcolm Herd was killed while acting as the observer in a helicopter that crashed during a snowstorm.

## Warwickshire

Police Constable Stuart Ross was fatally injured in 1998 when the police helicopter, in which he was an observer, hit power lines and crashed into woods on the border between Leicestershire and Northamptonshire.

We'd like to acknowledge that police officers are often the first on scenes like these, having to face horrific disasters, even if a police fatality is not involved. Having to process and cope with this is unimaginable and we give thanks for their service.

# Police Scotland



**Police Scotland was established on 1st April 2013 and is responsible for policing across the whole of Scotland, some 28,168 square miles, covering a third of the United Kingdom's landmass with a unique range of urban, rural, island and remote communities.**

It is the second largest force in the UK after the Metropolitan Police with a workforce of 23,000 officers and staff working together for the people of Scotland.

Police Scotland's purpose is to improve the safety and wellbeing of people, places and communities in Scotland, focusing on Keeping People Safe in line with their values of Integrity, Fairness and Respect.

The Service is led by Chief Constable Jo Farrell, supported by a command team of three Deputy Chief Constables, a Deputy Chief Officer, Assistant Chief Constables and Directors.

There are 13 local policing divisions, each headed by a Chief Superintendent who ensures that local policing in each area is responsive, accountable and tailored to meet local needs. Each division encompasses response officers, community officers, local crime investigation, public protection and local intelligence.

The local policing divisions are supported by a number of national specialist divisions. The Specialist Crime Division (SCD) provides investigative and intelligence functions such as Major Crime investigation, Public Protection, Organised Crime, Counter Terrorism, Intelligence and Safer Communities.

The Operational Support Division (OSD) provides specialist support functions such as Road Policing, Firearms, Public Order, Air Support, Marine Policing, Dogs and Mounted Branch, as well as Emergency and Events



Planning. These national divisions ensure every community in Scotland has access to specialist policing services.

Calls from the public are handled by the Contact, Command and Control Division with Area Control Rooms at four locations across the country which deploy resources.

Their people are supported by corporate functions including People and Development, Finance and Corporate Communications.

The headquarters of Police Scotland is based at the Scottish Police College, Tulliallan, in Fife.

Police Scotland has established a reputation for successfully and safely policing major international events, including the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games.

Glasgow hosted the 26th session of the Conference of the Parties in November 2023. This was one of the biggest events ever hosted in Britain, with up to 200 heads of state attending as well as thousands of attendees.

Police Scotland is undergoing a period of transformation and a strategy of Serving a Changing Scotland describes the future challenges policing in Scotland faces – their vision of 'sustained excellence in service and protection' and how they intend to change to meet these.

Investment in digital, data and ICT capability is a key component of their approach to change and enablement. A blueprint for investment in technology of around £300m over 10 years has been produced. It outlines how Police Scotland we will transform into an organisation capable of delivering 21st century policing and address the system weakness faced by officers and staff which Police Scotland inherited from legacy structures.

Local policing delivery is at the heart Police Scotland and, as part of the change process, they are committed to providing the best of local policing supported by the strength of the national service.

The Scottish Police Authority (SPA) was established at the same time as Police Scotland and is responsible for maintaining policing, promoting policing principles and the continuous improvement of policing in Scotland.

The SPA consists of a Board of independent members, chaired by Martyn Evans, who holds the Chief Constable to account for operational delivery.



**Chief Constable Jo Farrell said:**

**"Police Scotland is honoured to support the National Police Memorial Day as host Service.**

**"The memorial day is a poignant and important occasion for our policing family, from which we can draw strength and comfort as we honour those who are no longer here.**

**"I thank and pay tribute to the Police Remembrance Trust for their essential work to maintain bonds of friendship and reaffirm reflections which are crucial for policing and our collective memory."**

# *Glasgow Royal Concert Hall*

**Located in the heart of the city, Glasgow Royal Concert Hall is one of Scotland's most prestigious venues and world renowned classical, jazz, pop, rock and folk artists take to its stages for nearly 250 performances each year.**

Glasgow Royal Concert Hall has played host to the likes of BB King, Johnny Cash, Van Morrison, David Byrne, Ray LaMontagne, The Eels and Debbie Harry. It is also the main attraction for many cultural events, including annual folk and roots festival Celtic Connections and the World Irish Dancing Championships. And if that's not enough, the Hall is the home of the Royal Scottish National Orchestra.

Built in 1990 for Glasgow's reign as European City of

Culture, Glasgow Royal Concert Hall is situated at the top of Buchanan Street – Glasgow's main shopping thoroughfare.

The Main Auditorium is the largest performance space in the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall and can seat 2,475 people. Other spaces in the hall include the 400 capacity Strathclyde Suite, the 300 capacity Exhibition Hall, the 120 capacity Buchanan Suite and multiple other breakout spaces.

It's not all about music though – make the most of your experience of Glasgow's Royal Concert Hall – take a wander through the exhibition space and gift shop and take advantage of Wi-Fi access throughout the building.



# About National Police Memorial Day

More than 5,000 police officers have died 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 (NPMD) 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 Kent Inspector Joe Holness OBE QPM, following the brutal death of his colleague Constable Jon Odell, in Margate, December 2000.

The inaugural service was held at St Paul's Cathedral on Sunday 3rd October 2004. Since then, services have been held each year on the nearest Sunday to Saint Michael's Day, [29th September] the Patron Saint of Police Officers.

## Official emblem

The charity's official emblem as 'The Police Remembrance Trust' was designed in conjunction with The Lord Lyon who is responsible for the granting of new arms to persons or organisations, and for confirming proven pedigrees and claims to existing arms.

Strict protocols had to be followed to gain full approval. The King's royal cypher sits in the middle of the national symbols for each country in the United Kingdom: the rose for England, the leek for Wales, the thistle for Scotland and the shamrock for Northern Ireland. Books depicting the Police Roll of Honour sit alongside each of the four national symbols.



## The Lord Lyon

The Lyon Register (officially the Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland), on which the Lord Lyon records all Scotland's coats of arms, dates from 1672. The Lord Lyon formerly also registered and recorded clan tartans, only upon request from the clan chief, but this function has been taken over by the Scottish Register of Tartans.

The Lord Lyon is the heraldic authority for Scotland – responsible for Scottish state ceremonies he parallels the Earl Marshal in England. England has three "Kings of Arms", or high heraldic officers (Lord Lyon is Scotland's only one): Garter Principal, Clarenceux (responsible for southern England), and Norroy and Ulster (responsible for northern England and Northern Ireland). Unlike the English Kings of Arms, who cannot grant arms without a warrant from the (English) Earl Marshal, Lyon does not need permission, but grants by his own power.

## Crown Finial

The spectacular Crown Finial which adorns the NPMD Standard was first presented 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.

## Standard Bearer, retired Sergeant Ian Cameron, South Wales Police

Ian became NPMD's standard bearer in 2010 when the service was held in Belfast, his home city.

In Cardiff the previous year, Ian was asked to attend St David's Hall to assist when the standard bearer didn't turn up – a union standard was quickly obtained for the service and the day was saved.

Left some money by his late grandmother, Ian decided to buy a standard and donate it to NPMD meaning they would always have one. He was subsequently asked to carry it in Belfast the following year and the rest is history.

Ian joined South Wales Police in 1988 and after 30 years' service, retired in 2018. He was the force standard bearer for many years and is now a ceremonial police volunteer for remembrance parades, force funerals, retired officers' funerals, and other ceremonial duties.



# *Last years' service – Cardiff 2023*



## **Our 20th NPMD service took place at the New Theatre Cardiff on Sunday 24th September.**

The service saw families of officers who have lost their lives on duty light a candle representing all those who have died from police forces in England, Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland.

Dorothy Ellis, mother of 29-year-old Gwent PC Adrian Bryn Ellis, lit the candle representing police forces in Wales. Her son, PC Ellis died September 1989 following a road traffic collision.

David Taylor, son of 27-year-old PC George William Chree Taylor, lit the candle for Scotland. George died after being attacked with an axe on duty in November 1976.

Sid Mackay, father of PC Nina Alexandra Mackay, lit the candle for England. PC Mackay was 25 years old when she was fatally stabbed by a wanted man in October 1997.

Mervyn and Dorothy Reynolds, parents of PC Phillipa

Reynolds, lit the candle for Northern Ireland. The 27-year-old died when the police vehicle she was a passenger in was struck by a stolen vehicle in February 2013.

Former Policing Minister Chris Philp, former Welsh First Minister Mark Drakeford, and former Home Secretary Suella Braverman joined the congregation.



# The Police Remembrance Trust

The Police Roll of Honour Trust and National Police Memorial Day merged in April 2023 to form the Police Remembrance Trust.

## Royal Patronage

The Police Remembrance Trust, incorporating National Police Memorial Day (NPMD), is honoured to have received the patronage of The King, who as The Prince of Wales was a committed and involved patron to National Police Memorial Day since 2006.

Chair of Trustees, David Wilbraham MBE said: "We feel very honoured that His Majesty The King has retained the patronage of The Police Remembrance Trust.

"Police officers and staff across the UK take their commitment as 'servants of the Crown' very seriously as day by day they serve all communities and maintain 'The King's Peace'.

"We have been delighted to welcome His Royal Highness to National Police Memorial Day on many occasions as we not only recognise those who have died on duty across policing history and ensure they are never forgotten but also pledge to those serving today that should the worst happen to them they also will be forever remembered.



"We offer our grateful thanks and congratulations to Their Majesties on the anniversary of the coronation and look forward to continuing our valued relationship."

The Police Remembrance Trust operates throughout the UK under a Royal Charter granted by Queen Elizabeth II in 2018. A registered charity, it exists to ensure all police officers who lost their lives on and in the line of duty are never forgotten.

## Welsh Police Memorial

Recognising that Wales was the only home nation to not have a dedicated Police Memorial the Police Remembrance Trust (then Police Roll of Honour Trust) in 2013 began to actively pursue the creation of a fitting tribute to those police officers who have lost their lives on and in the line of duty in Wales.

In September 2023, the Trust commissioned a local Welsh architect, Benjamin Hale, to further develop the design and work closely with Cardiff City Council Planning Department on securing a suitable site and submitting a planning application.

Our hope to see the memorial become a reality is now in sight, but this is reliant on raising the necessary funds. If you are able to support in any way, please visit [www.policememorial.org.uk](http://www.policememorial.org.uk) where you can read more on the journey to establish a Welsh Police Memorial.





## Police Roll of Honour

Incorporated by Royal Charter, the Police Remembrance Trust maintains a record of police officers who lost their lives 'on and in the line of duty', since the earliest of times throughout the UK and Ireland.

There are more than 5,000 names listed in the police roll of honour, more than 1,000 on the Island of Ireland (RIC officers) prior to partition in 1922. There are more than 400 RUC officers listed.

Providing the only authoritative archive of the subject, records are maintained by the Police Remembrance Trust to commemorate sacrifice in public service.

Visit [www.policememorial.org.uk](http://www.policememorial.org.uk) to view our records and commemorations to those lost in service.



## Escorts for the Book of Remembrance

Carrying the Roll of Honour this year in the procession is Inspector David Acheson MBE, former Central Scotland Police, now Police Scotland and Secretary of the Police Remembrance Trust.

The book is escorted by officers representing the forces whose officers were lost in air disasters:

- Steve Martin, Warwickshire Police Federation
- Constable Samantha McMorran, Police Scotland
- Trevor Purcell, former Royal Ulster Constabulary GC, now Police Federation for Northern Ireland
- Superintendent John Stewart, former Strathclyde Police, now Police Scotland
- Constable Lucy Stoneley, Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary



## Fundraising for the Police Remembrance Trust

The Trust is a charity that relies solely on donations and fundraising activities. We are indebted to many who have gone above and beyond to support the charity.

[www.policememorial.org.uk](http://www.policememorial.org.uk)

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# Elizabeth Emblem



On 9th March 2024, the Government announced the introduction of a commemorative emblem as a mark of recognition for those who lost their lives in the course of undertaking eligible public service. This includes police officers who are on the roll of honour.

The design incorporates a rosemary wreath, a traditional symbol of remembrance, surrounding the Tudor Crown. It will be inscribed 'For A Life Given In Service' and will have the name of the person to be commemorated inscribed on the reverse of the emblem.

The Emblem will include a pin to allow the award to be worn by the next of kin of the deceased. The grant of The Elizabeth Emblem will be accompanied by a miniature, and may be worn by the recipient at that person's discretion.

If you are the closest surviving next of kin and would like to apply for the emblem, please do so via the Cabinet Office website.

Once your case has been assessed and approved, you have a choice of how the emblem is presented, including via a presentation during a National Police Memorial Day weekend, should you so wish.

More will be shared on this in the coming months via Police Remembrance Trust newsletters and on our website: [www.policememorial.org.uk](http://www.policememorial.org.uk).



# UK Police Memorial

**UK Police Memorial at the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire was unveiled and dedicated in July 2021. The Arboretum is the all year-centre of remembrance for our services. It is home to 300 memorials and is visited by almost 400,000 people annually.**

The 12-metre brass memorial, designed by Walter Jack embraces the Celtic spiritual concept of a thin place. It stands as a shining tribute to all those who have dedicated their lives to policing. | A tribute that honours the courage and sacrifice of those officers and staff who have kept us safe, protected us from harm and defended our freedoms.

Set in beautifully landscaped grounds this iconic tribute to policing has been designed for ceremony and personal acts of reflection.

The memorial was dedicated on 28th July 2021 in the presence of HRH The Prince of Wales at special ceremony attended by 400 guests, including the Prime Minister, the Home Secretary, political representation from the devolved nations, bereaved families, chief officers, Federations and staff associations, together with policing charities.

The ceremony began with a fly past by the National Police Air Service (NPAS), and there were performances by mezzo-soprano Katherine Jenkins and the British Police Symphony Orchestra. During the service there were readings from bereaved relatives, wreaths laid that represented all parts of the policing family, plus a one-minute silence to remember the fallen.

The UK Police Memorial is the first of its kind to bring together both a physical and digital aspect. The Trust has launched Phase II of this project, in partnership with the Police Roll of Honour Trust, that will see the creation of a digital memorial that will name more than 5,000 officers. The digital memorial will bring to life the act of commemoration by using imagery, audio, and video to pay tribute, honour, remember and educate. Enhanced tributes will tell the personal and poignant stories of those behind the badge who have lost their lives. The digital memorial will be accessible to a global audience.

The Police Arboretum Memorial Trust was established in 2014 to raise funds to build the memorial at the Arboretum. The fathers of PCs Fiona Bone and Nicola Hughes – who were killed in Manchester in 2012 – carried out the ground-breaking to lay the foundations of the memorial in 2020 and the memorial and its landscaped grounds were constructed over the following 12 months.

You can find out further information about the UK Police Memorial by visiting [www.ukpolicememorial.com](http://www.ukpolicememorial.com)





# The Police Memorial Trust

The Police Memorial Trust was formed on 3rd May 1984 by film producer Michael Winner.

Deeply moved by the murder of police officer Yvonne Fletcher in St. James's Square, Michael Winner wrote a letter to The Times that was published on 21st April 1984, suggesting that a memorial to the officer 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 a great many letters of support and some donations from the public for his proposal.

It was at this point Mr Winner 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.

It's aims are to erect memorials to police officers killed in the course of their hazardous duty, usually at the spot where they met their death.

The Trust unveiled its first memorial to Yvonne in St. James's Square on 1st February 1985. In a rare display of political solidarity, political leaders from all parties attended the unveiling, which was performed by the then Prime Minister, Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher.

The Trust have gone on to place 55 such memorials across the country.

Mr. Winner also recognised that there was no national memorial to fallen police officers. The Trust campaigned for, built, and now maintain The United Kingdom's National Police Memorial which was opened by Her Majesty The Queen in February 2005.

Designed by the world-famous architect Lord Norman Foster it stands in the heart of the capital on The Mall at its junction with Horse Guards in London.

Open 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year the UK Police Roll of Honour is displayed for loved ones, colleagues, and the public to view.

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Tel: 020 3457 2112



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## **National Police Memorial Day 2025**



**Sunday 28th September 2025**

**Coventry Cathedral**

**[www.policememorial.org.uk](http://www.policememorial.org.uk)**

# Thank you to the following forces

A special thank you to all of the forces below who have donated to NPMD this year in order to help sustain this significant day for the police family.



# National Police Memorial Day honours the valour and sacrifice of thousands of police officers from the following UK police forces.

## ENGLAND

### **AVON AND SOMERSET:**

Parish of St George; Parish of Bathampton; Bristol Constabulary; Bristol Police Fire Brigade; Bath City Police; Somerset Constabulary; Somerset and Bath Constabulary; Avon and Somerset Constabulary.

### **BEDFORDSHIRE:**

Bedfordshire Constabulary; Bedfordshire Police.

### **CAMBRIDGESHIRE:**

Borough of Huntingdon; Cambridge Borough Police; Mid-Anglia Constabulary; Cambridgeshire Constabulary.

### **CHESHIRE:**

Chester; Chester City Police; Congleton Borough Police; Cheshire Constabulary.

**CITY OF LONDON:** City of London Police.

### **CLEVELAND:**

Middlesbrough County Borough Police; North Riding of Yorkshire Constabulary; Teesside Constabulary; Cleveland Constabulary; Cleveland Police.

### **CUMBRIA:**

Borough of Kendal; Kendal Borough Police; Carlisle City Police; Cumberland and Westmorland Constabulary; Cumberland, Westmorland & Carlisle Constabulary; Cumbria Constabulary.

### **DERBYSHIRE:**

Parish of Melbourne; Derby Borough Police; Derby County and Borough Constabulary; Derbyshire Constabulary.

### **DEVON AND CORNWALL:**

Borough of Lostwithiel; Plymouth Borough Police; Plymouth City Police; Plymouth Police Fire Brigade; Devonport Borough Police; Devon Constabulary; Exeter City Police; Devon and Exeter Constabulary; Cornwall Constabulary; Devon and Cornwall Constabulary.

### **DORSET:**

Bournemouth Borough Police; Dorset Constabulary; Dorset Police.

### **DURHAM:**

Durham County Constabulary; Durham Constabulary.

### **ESSEX:**

Parish of Berden; Saffron Walden Borough Police; Colchester Borough River Police; Essex Constabulary; Southend-on-Sea Constabulary; Essex and Southend-on-Sea Joint Constabulary; Essex Police.

### **GLOUCESTERSHIRE:**

Parish of Ruardean; Gloucestershire Constabulary.

### **GREATER MANCHESTER:**

Borough of Manchester; Township of Cheetham; Ashton-under-Lyne Borough Police; Wigan Borough Police; Stalybridge Borough Police; Bolton Borough Police; Oldham Police Fire Brigade; Oldham Borough Police; Rochdale Borough Police; Stockport Police Fire Brigade; Stockport Borough Police; Salford Borough Police; Salford Police Fire Brigade; Salford City Police; Manchester City Police Fire Brigade; Manchester City Police; Manchester and Salford Police; Greater Manchester Police.

### **HAMPSHIRE:**

Portsmouth City Police; Portsmouth Police Fire Brigade; Southampton Borough Police; Isle of Wight Constabulary; Winchester City Police; Hampshire County Constabulary; Hampshire and Isle of Wight Police; Hampshire Constabulary.

### **HERTFORDSHIRE:**

St Albans City Police; Hertfordshire Constabulary.

### **HUMBERSIDE:**

East Riding of Yorkshire Constabulary; West Riding of Yorkshire Constabulary; Grimsby Borough Police; Hull Borough Police; Hull City Police; Humberside Police.

### **KENT:**

Parish of Boughton-under-Blean; Dover Borough Police; Dover Police Fire Brigade; Folkestone Borough Police; Margate Borough Police; Maidstone Borough Police; Ramsgate Borough Police; Rochester City Police; Tunbridge Wells Borough Police; Kent County Constabulary; Kent Police.

**LANCASHIRE:**

Accrington Borough Police; Blackburn Police Fire Brigade; Blackburn Borough Police; Blackpool Borough Police; Burnley Police Fire Brigade; Preston Borough Police; Lancaster City Police; Lancashire Constabulary.

**LEICESTERSHIRE:**

Leicester Borough Police; Leicester City Police; Leicestershire and Rutland Constabulary; Leicestershire Constabulary.

**LINCOLNSHIRE:**

Parish of Holbeach; Parish of Heming; Boston Borough Police; Lincoln Police Fire Brigade; Lincoln City Police; Lincolnshire Constabulary; Lincolnshire Police.

**MERSEYSIDE:**

River Mersey Police; Birkenhead Borough Police; St Helens Borough Police; Southport Borough Police; Wallasey Borough Police; Liverpool Police Fire Brigade; Liverpool Fire Salvage Corps; Liverpool City Police; Bootle Borough Police; Liverpool and Bootle Constabulary; Merseyside Police.

**METROPOLITAN:**

London Parishes; London Night-Watch; London Public/Police Offices; Metropolitan Police.

**NORFOLK:**

Great Yarmouth Borough Police; Norwich City Police; Norwich City Police Fire Brigade; Norfolk Constabulary.

**NORTH YORKSHIRE:**

York City Police; North Riding of Yorkshire Constabulary; North Yorkshire Police.

**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE:**

Parish of Pattishall; Northampton Borough Police; Northamptonshire Constabulary; Northampton and County Constabulary; Northamptonshire Police.

**NORTHUMBRIA:**

Newcastle-upon-Tyne; Blyth Police; Gateshead Borough Police; River Wear Police; River Tyne Police; South Shields Borough Police; Sunderland Borough Police; Tyne Docks and Piers Police; Tynemouth Borough Police; Newcastle-upon-Tyne City Police; Newcastle-upon-Tyne Police Fire Brigade; Northumberland County Constabulary; Northumbria Police.

**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE:**

City of Nottingham; Nottingham City Police; Newark Borough Police; Nottinghamshire County Constabulary; Nottinghamshire Combined Constabulary; Nottinghamshire Constabulary; Nottinghamshire Police.

**SOUTH YORKSHIRE:**

Doncaster Borough Police; Rotherham Borough Police; Sheffield Borough Police; Sheffield City Police; Sheffield Police Fire Brigade; West Riding of Yorkshire Constabulary; South Yorkshire Police.

**STAFFORDSHIRE:**

Parish of Audley; Hanley Police Fire Brigade; Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Police; Stoke-on-Trent Borough Police; Staffordshire Constabulary; Staffordshire County Police; Staffordshire County and Stoke-on-Trent Constabulary; Staffordshire Police.

**SUFFOLK:**

Parish of Buxhall; Ipswich Borough Police; East Suffolk Constabulary; West Suffolk Constabulary; Suffolk Constabulary.

**SURREY:**

Godalming Borough; Reigate Borough; Guildford Borough Police; Surrey Constabulary; Surrey Police.

**SUSSEX:**

Parish of BRIGHTHELMSTONE; Brighton Borough Police; Eastbourne Borough Police; Hastings Borough Police; Sussex Combined Police; East Sussex Constabulary; West Sussex Constabulary; Sussex Constabulary; Sussex Police.

**THAMES VALLEY:**

Berkshire Constabulary; Buckinghamshire Constabulary; Oxford City Police; Oxfordshire Constabulary; Reading Borough Police; Thames Valley Police.

**WARWICKSHIRE:**

Parish of Spennall; Warwickshire Constabulary; Warwickshire and Coventry Constabulary; Warwickshire Police.

**WEST MERCIA:**

Parish of Foy, Herefordshire; Hereford City Police; Herefordshire Constabulary; Kidderminster Borough Police; Shrewsbury Borough Police; Shrewsbury Police Fire Brigade; Shropshire Constabulary; Worcester City Police; Worcestershire Constabulary; West Mercia Constabulary.



## **WEST MIDLANDS:**

Wolverhampton Night Watch; Birmingham City Police; Coventry City Police; Dudley Borough Police; Wolverhampton Borough Police; West Midlands Constabulary; West Midlands Police.

## **WEST YORKSHIRE:**

Bradford City Police; Halifax Borough Police; Huddersfield Police; Leeds City Police; Leeds Police Fire Brigade; West Riding of Yorkshire Constabulary; West Yorkshire Constabulary; West Yorkshire Metropolitan Police; West Yorkshire Police.

## **WILTSHIRE:**

Wiltshire Constabulary.

# **WALES**

## **DYFED-POWYS:**

Montgomeryshire Constabulary; Breconshire Constabulary; Cardiganshire Constabulary; Carmarthenshire and Cardiganshire Constabulary; Pembrokeshire Constabulary; Dyfed-Powys Constabulary; Dyfed-Powys Police.

## **GWENT:**

Monmouthshire Constabulary; Newport Harbour Police; Newport Borough Police; Gwent Constabulary.

## **NORTH WALES:**

Anglesey Constabulary; Caernarfonshire Constabulary; Denbighshire Constabulary; Flintshire Constabulary; Gwynedd Constabulary; North Wales Police.

## **SOUTH WALES:**

Cardiff City Police; Swansea Borough Police; Swansea Police Fire Brigade; Glamorganshire Constabulary; South Wales Constabulary; South Wales Police.

# **SCOTLAND**

## **POLICE SCOTLAND**

### **CENTRAL SCOTLAND:**

Alloa Burgh Police; Stirlingshire Constabulary; Stirling and Clackmannan Constabulary; Central Scotland Police.

### **DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY:**

Dumfries and Galloway Constabulary.

### **FIFE:**

Burtonisland Burgh; Kirkcaldy Burgh Police; Dunfermline City Police; Fife Constabulary.

### **GRAMPIAN:**

Aberdeen City Police; Aberdeenshire Constabulary; Elginshire Constabulary; Scottish North-Eastern Counties Constabulary; Grampian Police.

### **LOTHIAN AND BORDERS:**

Edinburgshire Constabulary; Roxburghshire Constabulary; Leith Burgh Police; East Lothian Constabulary; Hawick Burgh Police; Edinburgh City Police; Lothian and Peebles Constabulary; Berwick, Roxburgh and Selkirk Constabulary; Lothian and Borders Police.

### **NORTHERN:**

Inverness-shire Constabulary; Inverness Burgh Police.

### **STRATHCLYDE:**

Airdrie Burgh Police; Argyll County Police; Ayrshire Constabulary; Bute County Constabulary; Coatbridge Burgh Police; Dunbartonshire Constabulary; Girvan Burgh; City of Glasgow Police; Govan Burgh Police; Greenock Burgh Police; Hamilton Burgh Police; Kilmarnock Burgh Police; Lanarkshire Constabulary; Motherwell and Wishaw Burgh Police; Paisley Burgh Police; Port Glasgow Burgh Police; Renfrewshire Constabulary; Renfrew and Bute Constabulary; Strathclyde Police.

### **TAYSIDE:**

Broughty Ferry Burgh Police; Dundee City Police; Perthshire Constabulary; Perth City Police; Perthshire and Kinross-shire Constabulary; Perth and Kinross Constabulary; Tayside Police.

# NORTHERN IRELAND

## POLICE SERVICE OF NORTHERN IRELAND

### CITY FORCES:

Belfast Borough Police; Londonderry Municipal Police; Belfast Harbour Police.

### IRISH CONSTABULARIES:

Ulster Constabulary; Irish Revenue Police; Irish Constabulary; Royal Irish Constabulary.

### ULSTER SPECIAL CONSTABULARY:

Special Constabulary; USC Home Guard Section; Ulster Special Constabulary.

### ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY GEORGE CROSS: Police Authority; Civilian Staff.

## POLICE SERVICE OF NORTHERN IRELAND SOUTHERN IRELAND (prior to Independence in 1922)

### DUBLIN:

Dublin Police; Dublin Metropolitan Police.

### IRISH CONSTABULARIES

(Deaths in the six counties of Ulster are detailed under Northern Ireland.) Baronial Police; Peace Preservation Force; Irish Revenue Police; Connaught Constabulary; Leinster Constabulary; Munster Constabulary; Ulster Constabulary; Irish Constabulary; Royal Irish Constabulary.

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# NATIONAL FORCES

## BRITISH TRANSPORT:

Bute Docks Police; Great Eastern Railway Police; Great Northern Railway Police; Great Western Railway Police; Lancashire & Yorkshire Railway Police; London & North Eastern Railway Police; London & North Western Railway Police; London & South Western Railway Police; London Midland & Scottish Railway Police; Midland Railway Police; North Eastern Railway Police; Regent's Canal Dock Police; Grand Union Canal Police; South Wales Railway Police; South Western Railway Police; Southern Railway Police; British Transport Commission Police; British Transport Police.

## MINISTRY OF DEFENCE:

Admiralty Civil Police; Air Ministry Constabulary; Royal Marine Police; War Department Constabulary; Ministry of Defence Police.

## CIVIL NUCLEAR CONSTABULARY PORTS & TUNNEL

PORT OF BRISTOL POLICE: PORT OF TILBURY LONDON:

East & West India Docks Police; London and India Docks Police; London & St Katherine Docks Police; Millwall Docks Police; Surrey Commercial Dock Police; Port of London Authority Police.

## MERSEY TUNNELS POLICE PORT OF LIVERPOOL POLICE BRITISH ISLANDS GUERNSEY: Guernsey Police.

## ISLE OF MAN:

Castletown Police; Isle of Man Constabulary.

## STATES OF JERSEY:

Island of Jersey; Jersey Police.

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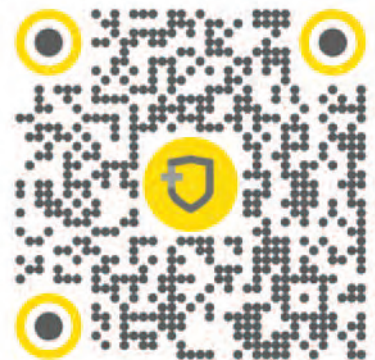
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