

# Member Briefing

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**Title:** Civic event taking place in Chester on June 14

**Summary:** This briefing note will share with Cllrs details of a visit by Her Majesty The Queen and Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Sussex to Chester on Thursday, 14 June.

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Her Majesty The Queen accompanied by Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Sussex will arrive in Cheshire at Runcorn Station where they will be welcomed by Mr David Briggs, MBE, Lord-Lieutenant of Cheshire.

The Royal party will depart by car for the Mersey Gateway Bridge. They will be met on arrival by Mrs Alexis Redmond, High Sheriff of Cheshire and will be introduced to architects, planners and community representatives.

The Queen and The Duchess will proceed onto the covered stage to watch a performance by local school children called 'Bridges of Halton'. Following this there will be a short speech by the Leader of the Council. After which The Queen will unveil a plaque to mark the visit.

The Queen and The Duchess of Sussex will then depart by car for Storyhouse in Chester. On arrival they will be taken on a tour of the building. They will visit the Children's Library, stopping at the new 'Book pod' to meet a Syrian settlement group engaged in craft work.

They will take in a display by 'Fallen Angels', a group of adults battling with addiction, before moving to the Theatre see a performance of 'A little Night Music'. After which they will move to the ground floor to see schoolchildren perform songs from Swallows & Amazons before unveiling a plaque to mark the formal opening of Storyhouse.

The Queen and The Duchess of Sussex will then proceed to Chester Town Hall where they will take lunch as guests of Cheshire West and Chester Council, which will mark the conclusion of their visit to Cheshire.

The event is expected to gather attention locally, regionally, nationally and internationally and will raise the profile of Chester on all levels. Many of our residents are expected to attend the event for what promises to be an unforgettable day in Chester's history.

A team of officers from services across the Council has been tasked with organising key elements of the event and ensuring the day runs smoothly. For further information on the event please contact Charlie Seward or Andrea Thwaite.

**Key points:**

- Some roads and pedestrian areas will have restrictions
- Businesses and shops open as usual

- Public transport remains mainly unaffected

**Road closures to vehicles between 9.30am and 5pm on 14 June**

- Upper Northgate Street between George Street and The Northgate
- Northgate Street between The Northgate and Eastgate Street
- Hunter Street (full length)
- Princess Street between Northgate Street and Hunters Walk
- Hunters Walk (full length)
- St Werburgh Street (full length)
- Eastgate Street (full length)
- Foregate Street between Eastgate Street and St John Street
- St John Street (full length)
- The former Lower Bus Exchange (west of Hunters Walk)

**Pedestrian restrictions between 9.30am and 5pm on 14 June**

- Northgate Street (west side) between Hunter Street and Princess Street
- The City Walls at the Northgate between Northgate steps and Water Tower Street

**Additional waiting/loading restrictions between 6am and 5pm on 14 June**

- Upper Northgate Street between George Street and The Northgate
- Northgate Street between The Northgate and Eastgate Street
- Hunter Street (full length)
- Princess Street between Northgate Street and Hunters Walk
- Hunters Walk (full length)
- St Werburgh Street (full length)

**Access to shops and premises**

- The Forum and Chester Market will remain open and accessible via the Northgate entrance and Princess St ramp
- The Visitor Information Centre on Northgate Street will be closed all day
- The Shareshop, Coach House and Shropshire Arms will be open and accessible via a crossing point

## **Parking**

- The Market Carpark remains open. Many of the car parks will be busy and there may be occasional delays on Princess Street
- Park and ride will operate as normal

## **Storyhouse and Library**

- The Storyhouse and Library will be closed to the public
- If you need to return an item you can renew online or contact them in advance

## **Public transport and buses**

- Buses into and out of the city centre remain unaffected
- The Market Shuttle Bus will be moved to the layby on St Martin's Way at the junction with Watergate Street (by the Guildhall)

Further details of the event, updates on services and key changes will be available on this page closer to the date: [https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/news-and-views/civic-event-on-14-june.aspx?utm\\_source=enewsletter&utm\\_medium=link&utm\\_campaign=memberbriefing](https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/news-and-views/civic-event-on-14-june.aspx?utm_source=enewsletter&utm_medium=link&utm_campaign=memberbriefing)

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