

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update from Cllr Gareth Roberts 7 May 2020

Cllr Gareth Roberts: Hello, tomorrow marks the 75th anniversary of VE Day and for many it will be a day of celebration, for many it will be a day of commemoration. In this borough we are no strangers to leading the way in celebrating national events. We have usually been the most number of street parties for royal weddings, royal births and jubilees of any London borough. However, this year because of the COVID-19 pandemic, things will have to be different. But this does not mean that the Council is not going to be joining you in celebrating and commemorating VE Day. You can find lots of information about things that you can safely do at home through the Council website, details will follow after this message. This is the day for all of us to come together, however, we must do it safely. We are aware that there are some messages on social media suggesting that we have socially distanced street parties and whilst I can understand people's desire to hold this sort of event, unfortunately at this point in the pandemic it is too much of a risk. The Council cannot support the idea of socially distanced street parties even for a major event such as VE Day. So, please commemorate, celebrate but do so safely. Full details can be found on the Council website about how you can do this. Thank you.

To find out how you can celebrate VE Day 75 at home, please visit:
www.richmond.gov.uk/ve_day_celebrating_75_years