



## Easingwold Town Council

### Flag Flying Policy

Updated - December 2024



#### 1. Objective

Easingwold Town Council operates a single flagpole in the main green of the town square. ETC will keep this flagpole in good order and use it to fly a flag daily to enliven the town centre. To this end, it will appoint a flag-flyer who will be entrusted with changing and flying flags as resolved by the ETC Social & Events Committee and ratified by the full Council. These arrangements will be reviewed periodically and adjusted as agreed by the Council.

#### 2. Standard Flag Flying Arrangements

Whilst ETC is a public body, the flagpole is not associated with a public building and hence ETC is not required to fly the Union flag daily; it therefore chooses the following standard flag flying arrangements:

##### a. Union Flag – Designated Days

The Union Flag will be flown on all the publicly designated days according to the UK Government guidance as advised periodically by the Dept. for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport.

For 2024 these are: St. David's Day (in Wales), Commonwealth Day, St. Patrick's Day (in Northern Ireland), His Majesty the King's Wedding Anniversary, St. George's Day (in England), Coronation Day, Official Birthday of His Majesty the King, Birthday of HRH The Prince of Wales, Birthday of Her Majesty the Queen, His Majesty the King's Accession, Remembrance Day, Birthday of His Majesty the King, St Andrew's Day (Scotland).

##### b. St George's Flag - St George's Day – 23<sup>rd</sup> April

In variance to the designated days above, on St. George's Day the flag of St. George will be flown.

##### c. Union Flag - Special & Significant Days

Should a day of special significance occur during the year (e.g. death of significant person, birth etc) ETC will fly the Union Flag as indicated by guidance from the UK Government.

##### d. Yorkshire Flag - All Other Days

ETC will fly the Yorkshire Flag on all other days during the year, unless the Social & Events Committee, ratified by the full Council, resolves to vary this arrangement and fly an alternative flag from time to time.

### **Appendix 1: Currently Agreed Flag Flying Variations**

On some days when the Yorkshire Flag would ordinarily be flown, the Social & Events Committee has asked for variations of the arrangements to be put in place. At their meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024 (and ratified by the Council Meeting of the 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024) the continuation of the following flags flying variations have been confirmed:

- On non-designated or special days throughout February the rainbow flag will be flown
- On non-designated or special days throughout August the Yorkshire Flag will be flown
- On all other non-designated or special days throughout the year the Ukrainian Flag will be flown in support of the Ukrainian People's struggle against their country's invasion by Russia, until such time as this situation is resolved by international agreement.