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Shropshire Lieutenancy Garden Party

As Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Shropshire and with the help of my 30 Deputy Lieutenants spread throughout the county, I have heard of many acts of community spirit and kindness which have taken place and continue during the current pandemic. I would like to thank every community in the ceremonial county for their efforts.

I know that it is impossible for me to meet every one of those who have risen to the challenge of these difficult times and thank them in person and so I have chosen to host a Shropshire Garden Party at Orleton Hall, Wellington on Tuesday 8th June 2021 (subject to Government restrictions being lifted by then). With the help of sponsors, funding has been secured to pay for this Garden Party for 500 people which will be based on those held at Buckingham Palace each year. This will be the first time such an event has taken place in Shropshire.

I want to try and ensure that someone is present from every community in Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin, since this emergency has touched the lives of us all. I feel sure that Parish and Town Councils are in the best place to select volunteers who have gone above and beyond. Would you please therefore add this item to your agenda and use local knowledge of your communities to select individuals to attend. Further details of the Garden Party and selection are given on the attached sheet. The deadline for the Lieutenancy to be notified of your attendees is 31st March 2021, to give even the smallest parish councils who meet less often a chance to consider and implement a selection that will be supported by their local communities.

I give my sincere thanks to volunteers for all they have done and are continuing to do and sincerely hope that by next June, this will be behind us.

Kind regards

Anna Turner
Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Shropshire