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Dear Friend

## **Coronation of His Majesty The King & Her Majesty The Queen Consort**

I am writing to you as His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant, his personal representative for the County of Warwickshire, about the forthcoming Coronation.

The Coronation of a new Sovereign marks an historic moment in the life of the Nation and is centred around a solemn religious ceremony which has, for the past 900 years, taken place at Westminster Abbey.

The Coronation will take place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May and is the start of a weekend of celebration and special events.

The King has worked closely with many organisations and publicly supported many causes including the environment, the arts, healthcare and education throughout his many years of public service.

He has also been the driving force in establishing many charities, including **The Prince's Trust & The Prince's Foundation**.

The events of the Coronation weekend are focussed around service to others and the strength of our communities, with a focus on volunteering.

Full details about the weekend of special events following the Coronation can be found at <https://coronation.gov.uk> or Warwickshire County Council's website <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk> and The Big Help Out on 8<sup>th</sup> May at <https://thebighelpout.org.uk>.

I know that many of our Councils have organised events to celebrate the Coronation and to mark a unique moment in our history.

I hope your Council will play a full part in supporting street parties, the Coronation Big lunch, and the Big Help Out Day on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> May.

I would like to put together a record of Civic support for the Coronation, at all levels of governance in Warwickshire, and ensure we capture the efforts of all Councils and the role they played in the Coronation for future generations to read.

It would be very helpful if you could let me know of any specific plans your authority has to celebrate the Coronation and the start of a new reign.

I also want to thank you and all your Councillors for the work you do on behalf of our communities.

Warwickshire has played a major role in the history of our Monarchy from the time of Richard Neville, the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl of Warwick and I know we will celebrate the Coronation of our King and Queen Consort on May 6<sup>th</sup> in many diverse and fitting ways, and I want to thank you for your part in this historic occasion.

God Save The King,

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Cox', with a horizontal line drawn through the middle of the signature.

Tim Cox

HM Lord Lieutenant

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