

Liberation Day May 9th 2020

With Guernsey's Liberation Day quickly approaching, Public Health would like to ensure that everyone celebrates this special event in the safest way. Whilst we understand how important this day is for all of us, given the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, inevitably, there will be significant differences between celebrations that took place in previous years.

We would suggest that every household in Guernsey takes part in creative and fun ways of celebrating Liberation Day. This can include decorating your house, hosting your own Liberation party in your garden or balcony (providing it is safe to do so is and within your extended household bubble), or choose to stay indoors and try something different this year, maybe a tea party or a special dinner with your loved ones? Lots of ideas are available at www.liberationday.gg.

Current lockdown rules apply to all activities, meaning that celebrations will need to take place within your household and limited to your extended household bubble.

Are street parties allowed?

No. Social distancing will be difficult to maintain in such circumstances. Although households can have their private parties in their gardens providing that social distancing of at least 2 meters is observed at all times to your neighbours and each household bubble remains in the garden related to their own property.

Can households celebrate in their gardens?

Please try to keep your Liberation Tea parties to inside your house or your back gardens, if possible. If you want to celebrate in your front garden then make sure you keep at least 2 metres away from the pavement or road. Alcohol and partying enthusiasm can easily lead to breaches in social distancing, and expose you and others to unnecessary risk so please be extra vigilant

We would really like to have all of our family together. Is it safe to do so?

Celebrations cannot be stretched beyond your extended household bubble. This can compromise all the effort our community has done over the last weeks. By complying with current social distancing rules, you are not only protecting yourself, your loved ones, but also those who are more vulnerable of developing serious complications of COVID-19. Video calls are a great way of bringing more family and friends together.

Let's stay together

Islanders are encouraged to share their Liberation Day experiences at home by posting their photos on social media using the hashtag #Liberate75Together.

All events on 9th May will be shown on the Liberation Day, States of Guernsey and Visit Guernsey Facebook pages and the Liberation Day and Visit Guernsey websites. Anyone unable to watch the programme digitally can tune in to listen to the broadcast of the morning events on BBC Radio Guernsey. For more information and the schedule of events, please visit the Liberation Day website at <https://www.liberationday.gg/>

