



On Monday 9th March Torpoint raised a flag at Sparrow Park to mark Commonwealth Day 2026. Councillors from Torpoint Town Council participated in this prestigious event accompanied by children from [Carbeile Junior School](#) and [Torpoint Nursery and Infant School](#) as well as students' from [Torpoint Community College](#) and [Oakwood Specialist College](#). The Town Crier, Mike Pearn MBE Freeman of Torpoint, the Royal British Legion Torpoint Branch, the Royal Navy Association for Torpoint and Rame Peninsula, also representatives from the [Torpoint Archives](#) attended. Sailors from HMS Raleigh proudly attended, joining the local community in honouring shared heritage and unity across the Commonwealth. As representatives of the Royal Navy's diverse workforce, personnel had the opportunity to talk with members of the community following the service, continuing the strong bond between HMS Raleigh and the community of Torpoint. Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth is an occasion to acknowledge publicly and collectively the continuing aspiration of the Commonwealth to build on common traditions and uphold the shared values of democracy, inclusive development and respect for diversity. Commonwealth Day 2026 centres around the theme 'Unlocking opportunities together for a prosperous Commonwealth,' highlights how the 56 member countries of the Commonwealth can rally together to face today's challenges and unlock opportunities that can deliver shared and lasting prosperity for all who live in the Commonwealth — from the smallest, most remote communities to the biggest cities.

His Majesty King Charles III in his Commonwealth Day video message said: "We join together on this Commonwealth Day at a time of great challenge and great possibility. Across our world, communities and nations face the increasing pressures of conflict, climate change and rapid transformation. Yet it is often in such testing moments that the enduring spirit of the Commonwealth is most clearly revealed.

"Working together, we can ensure that the Commonwealth continues to stand as a force for good – grounded in community, committed to the kind of restorative sustainability that has a return on investment, enriched by culture, steadfast in its care for our planet, and united in friendship and in the service of its people." Reading the Affirmation, "We affirm that every person possesses unique worth and dignity. We affirm our desire for peace among all peoples and nations, and our belief in justice for everyone, everywhere. Through our Commonwealth connection, we see each other, hear each other, learn from one another, and work side by side in mutual respect and goodwill to build a more resilient, inclusive and prosperous common future." Town Mayor Councillor Julie Martin raised the flag, with support from Arthur, Maggie, Nancy, Ellis and Ashley from the towns' schools and said: "It was an honour to stand together to renew our pledge and uphold and serve the values and fellowship of our unique global family and inviting all those present to join in with The Response." Commonwealth Day is an annual celebration observed by people all over the Commonwealth in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean and Americas, the Pacific and Europe.

The Commonwealth is a worldwide family of nations:

📍 Founded in London in 1949

🌍 Made up of 56 countries across five continents

👥 Home to 2.7 billion people



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