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Cost of Wootton Bassett's Ceremonial Appreciation Event will not detract from the day

As the date of Wootton Bassett's official receipt of the title *Royal* draws closer, the final touches are being put to plans to mark this very special honour.

On Sunday 16th October Wootton Bassett Town Council will host a commemorative event at which HRH The Princess Royal will officially present the Letters Patent, a document from the Crown that grants this exclusive right, to be known as *Royal Wootton Bassett*.

"We are looking forward to an important day in the town's history," says Councillor Paul Heaphy, Mayor of Wootton Bassett, "and have arranged with our colleagues at Swindon Borough Council to have parking facilities at Lydiard Park with a shuttle bus service, as well as arranging for large screens to be placed in the High Street to maximise the number of people who can witness this historic event."

Some of the costs involved in staging the event may be recouped through the sale of Programmes for the day and a specially printed brochure of an Exhibition of Appreciation Gifts that will be held in Wootton Bassett's library from the afternoon of Thursday 13th October to Wednesday 19th October.

MP James Gray has suggested that contributions towards the costs would help the town. "Whilst the Council would welcome any contributions towards the cost we do not wish this to detract from the day itself," says Councillor Steve Bucknell, a former Mayor of Wootton Bassett, "Furthermore the Council is committed that should it receive donations in excess of that required, any surplus would be immediately returned or if this is not possible, then it would be donated to military charities."

It is anticipated that as well as residents of the town large numbers of people from outside Wootton Bassett will be on the High Street to be a part of this special and memorable event.

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