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HM The Queen and The Duke Of Edinburgh to visit Worcestershire

As part of The Queen's regional tour for the Diamond Jubilee, she will be visiting Worcester on 11th July.

Worcester is known as the "Faithful City" because of its long standing loyalty to the Royal family, dating as far back as the Battle of Worcester in 1651, the final conflict of the English Civil War.

Highlights of the day will include The Queen officially opening The Hive, the county's new library and history centre - a joint venture between Worcestershire County Council and the University of Worcester.

The royal party will then move on to Worcester Guildhall, where they will enjoy a reception and lunch with community representatives from across Worcestershire.

This will be followed by a chance for the royal couple to meet residents on the High Street, where VisitWorcester will be organising two themed displays celebrating Worcester's heritage.

Finally, The Queen and the Duke will visit Worcester Cathedral to join the local community to listen to a celebration of the Diamond Jubilee in words and music.

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Notes to Editors

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Cathedral

The Bishop of Worcester, Dr John Inge said: "I am delighted that the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh are coming to the faithful city. Her Majesty is a wonderful witness to faithfulness: her faithful service over sixty years, undergirded by her strong Christian faith, is an inspiration - as will be her visit."

The Very Reverend Peter Atkinson, Dean of Worcester said: "I am delighted that the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will come to Worcester Cathedral as part of their Diamond Jubilee visit to the County, and we look forward to welcoming them on the day."

Worcestershire County Council

Adrian Hardman, Leader of Worcestershire County Council said: "During this very special Royal year, the visit to Worcestershire by the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh to open The Hive is an honour and privilege. It will focus a well deserved spotlight on the county and we are tremendously proud to be showcasing the county's newest public building to the Royal couple. "

Trish Haines, Worcestershire County Council's Chief Executive said: "The royal opening of the Hive is a major milestone in this joint project to create a shared public and university library and history centre. The building, which is the first of its kind on Europe, is an iconic centre for the county and we are delighted the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will be marking our special event during their Diamond Jubilee year".

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