



20<sup>th</sup> March 2020

## CANCELLATION OF MAY COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS

Following on from the letter sent in February, we write to announce the cancellation of the county event Battle O'er & VE 75 Years' Service, due to take place on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May at Hereford Cathedral to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day.

This has been a very difficult decision to take, due to the importance of this commemoration. However, we believe that it is important and appropriate to support our community following government guidance in relation to the coronavirus outbreak.

If it is safe and within the guidance at that time, we hope to continue with the planned events in August when we shall also be remembering VJ Day.

We will of course hope to keep you informed of our plans.

Thank you for your support during this difficult time. We hope that Herefordshire does not suffer too badly in this crisis. We have a fine tradition of caring for our neighbours and feel sure that this will continue.

Yours sincerely

**The Dowager Countess of Darnley CVO**  
**HM Lord-Lieutenant of Herefordshire**

**Councillor Sebastian Bowen**  
**Chairman of Herefordshire Council**