

# Elizabeth Windsor

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## Queen of the United Kingdom | Head of the Commonwealth

### Dedicated Figurehead, Iconic Leader, Life Devoted to Service, Charity Champion

A dedicated, loyal, pioneering and upstanding member of the community with a modern approach, transforming the Royal family from a outdated institution into one that embraces citizens of the UK and the Commonwealth with a more open and transparent manner. Devoted life and career to serving the public by displaying a true sense of duty. Remains a consistent and stable presence at the head of Britain's monarchy.

### Areas of Expertise

- Diplomacy
- People Management
- People Engagement
- Problem Resolution
- Time Management
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Effective Communication
- Resilience
- Steadfastness

### Select Accomplishments

- The longest reigning British monarch, culminating in the Platinum Jubilee in 2022 celebrating 70 years of service
- Helped to raise over £1.4 billion for patronages
- Initiated a new era of friendship with the Republic of Ireland in 2011, with the first visit there by a British monarch in 100 years
- Celebrated 50 years on the throne in 2002, the first British monarch to achieve this since Queen Victoria
- Travelled over 40,000 miles to Commonwealth countries as well as to 70 towns in 50 counties across the UK
- Granted a posthumous royal pardon to mathematician and Enigma code breaker Alan Turing in 2013, for his conviction of gross indecency in 1952, while recognising the overwhelming part he played in helping to win World War II
- Lauded as the first British monarch to visit mainland China, following the agreement to return Hong Kong to Chinese sovereignty
- Instigated the first 'walkabout' in 1970, which is now synonymous with Royal visits, as she walked amongst cheering crowds rather than waving from a distance
- Undertook the first official visit to West Germany by a British royal since 1913, marking 20 years since the end of the Second World War and symbolising the reconciliation between the two countries while recognising Germany as a powerful influence in Europe

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## Career Experience

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### Elderly Stateswoman, Windsor

2015 – Present

Taking ownership for carrying out a comprehensive programme of engagements, welcoming and hosting visiting Heads of State, leading the nation during celebratory events and reacting swiftly to social change.

- Proactively took part in the State Opening of Parliament in 2021, during the COVID pandemic
- Hosted a glittering reception for G7 leaders in Cornwall for the 47th G7 summit, a political forum of seven advanced nations
- Turned years of royal tradition on its head by approving a change in law that saw first-born females in line to the throne eligible to become Queen ahead of any male heirs
- Delegated various royal obligations to Prince Charles, including the official Remembrance Day service

### Head of the Commonwealth, London

2000 – Present

- Achieved approval ratings of 90 percent during the Diamond Jubilee year in 2012
- Undertook the first state visit to the Republic of Ireland by a British monarch in 2011
- Surpassed expectations by becoming the longest-living British monarch on 21 Dec 2007 at the age of 81 and 244 days, outliving Queen Victoria, the previous record holder

### Her Majesty the Queen, London

1980 – Present

Overcame a low public opinion during a tumultuous time, by broadcasting live to the nation following the death of Princess Diana in 1997. Expressed sympathy and acknowledged the wave of grief felt throughout the country for the sudden demise of the 'People's Princess'. Opened up Buckingham Palace to the public in a bid to bring the people closer to royal life, as well as claw back much needed funds following a devastating fire at Windsor Castle.

- Contributed towards the country's economic growth by paying income tax for the first time
- Exceeded expectations with residents of Australia voting to retain an indirectly elected head of state in 1999, with high popularity credited with the survival of the monarchy
- Concluded one of the most important foreign trips as the first reigning British monarch to set foot on Russian soil in 1994
- Highly praised for remaining controlled when six shots were fired at close range during the Trooping of the Colour in 1981 as well as when an intruder was discovered in the Buckingham Palace bedroom in 1982

### Newly Crowned Queen of England & the UK, London

1952 – 1979

Acceded to the throne as an established head of multiple independent states. Oversaw the acceleration of the decolonising of Africa and the Caribbean, with over 20 countries gaining independence from Britain during the 1960s and 1970s. Heralded a new Elizabethan age.

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## Career Experience cont.

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- Travelled extensively during a world tour in 1953, becoming the first reigning monarch to visit Australia and New Zealand
- Addressed the United Nations General Assembly on behalf of the Commonwealth during a state visit to America in 1957
- Opened the 23rd Canadian Parliament, as the first monarch of Canada to do so
- Remained calm and composed when a riot broke out during a visit to Montreal in 1964

**Her Royal Highness The Princess Elizabeth | Heir Presumptive**, London

**1945 – 1951**

Appointed as one of five Counsellors of State in case of The King's incapacity or absence abroad. Rose to honorary second subaltern in the Auxiliary Territorial Service, training as a driver and mechanic.

- Swiftly promoted to honorary junior commander (female equivalent of a Captain)

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## Education

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### Private Tuition in Constitutional History

Henry Marten, Vice-Provost of Eton College

### French

Various Governesses

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## Affiliations

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President / Royal Patron of over 600 charities, public service organisations, military associations and professional bodies, ranging from international charities to smaller specialist institutions.

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## Titles

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Head of the Commonwealth (14 countries)

Head of the Armed Forces

Supreme Governor of the Church of England

Numerous honorary military positions

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## Interests

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Travel

Horsriding

Walking the Corgis

Hosting Royal Garden Parties at Buckingham Palace