# Anniversary of the Westminster Bridge and Parliament Square Attack

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March is the anniversary of the attack in 2017 when four people on Westminster Bridge and a police officer at the Houses of Parliament lost their lives. We hope the following arrangements will help people to remember those who were killed and show solidarity with their families and friends and the many other people whose lives have been affected by this tragic incident.

These arrangements are intended to complement, without intruding on, the individual private commemorative activities of the bereaved families.

#### **Floral Tributes**

There will be a space for people to leave floral tributes on the Green in Parliament Square opposite the Houses of Parliament and the end of Westminster Bridge. This space will be available from 21<sup>st</sup> March until 26<sup>th</sup> March evening when the flowers will be removed and composted. Messages left with the flowers will be retained as a permanent record of public support.

For safety and security reasons it will not be possible for members of the public to place tributes on the bridge or on the railings of the Houses of Parliament.

#### **London United**

Led by the Mayor of London there is a collective will from agencies affected for the terrorist attacks in London last year to be remembered with a coordinated focus. The aim is to bring the city together in an act of solidarity through #LondonUnited.

On the 22 March, #LondonUnited will be projected on to the Houses of Parliament, with further projections at the impacted sites of London Bridge/Borough Market, Finsbury Park Mosque and Parsons Green on the anniversaries of those attacks.

Demonstrating London's resilience, the public will be able to leave digital messages of support, hope and strength through an interactive installation at City Hall from 22 March until 19 June (inclusive).

## Support available to people affected by terrorist attacks.

If you are experiencing any form of lasting disturbance to your life as a result of the Westminster Bridge or any other terrorist incident the following information may be helpful to you.

The Victims of Terrorism Website contains the various sources of support covering a wide range of issues:-

https://victimsofterrorism.campaign.gov.uk/

If you are concerned about lasting disturbance to your emotional or physical wellbeing there is a new **NHS Outreach, Screen and Support Service**. This is a free and confidential service that offers assessment and support by a team of specialist trauma psychologists. Further information about the service is available at <u>www.slam.nhs.uk</u> (click "*Our Services", "Support for people affected by London terror attacks*") or via this link <u>here</u>. You can contact the service using freephone number **0800 090 23 71**.

A leaflet on "**Coping with the anniversary of a terrorist incident**" is available on the above NHS Outreach, Screen and Support Service website or via this link <u>here</u>.

## If you want to talk to somebody for advice and assistance you can ring one of these two helplines:-

## Victim Support:

Phone:	0808 168 9111	24 hours a day, 7 days a week
		Website: www.victimsupport.org.uk

### The Foundation for Peace Survivors Assistance Network (SAN)

Phone: 01925 581240 Website: www.foundation4peace.org Email: SAN@foundation4peace.org

SAN administers networking sites set up by the Metropolitan Police to enable victims of terrorist incidents to communicate with other.