

The Duke of Edinburgh to retire from public life

The Royal Household has put out a statement this morning about the Duke of Edinburgh.



His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh has decided that he will no longer carry out public engagements from the autumn of this year. In taking this decision, The Duke has the full support of The Queen.

Prince Philip will attend previously scheduled engagements between now and August, both individually and accompanying The Queen. Thereafter, The Duke will not be accepting new invitations for visits and engagements, although he may still choose to attend certain public events from time to time.

The Duke of Edinburgh is Patron, President or a member of over 780 organisations, with which he will continue to be associated, although he will no longer play an active role by attending engagements.

Her Majesty will continue to carry out a full programme of official engagements with the support of members of the Royal Family.

Following the announcement that HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Philip, is to stand down from Royal duties from the autumn

First Minister Nicola Sturgeon said:

“HRH The Duke of Edinburgh has dedicated his life to public service and the steadfast support he has given to the Queen throughout her reign is hugely admirable.

“His charity work, in particular his role as chairman of The Duke of Edinburgh awards, has benefitted millions of young people across Scotland. He also gave over 50 years of service to Edinburgh University during his time as Chancellor there.

“He has always served with enthusiasm and a healthy sense of humour. I have always thoroughly enjoyed any time that I have spent in his company.

“I know that even as he steps back from public life, the Duke will continue to be a huge support to the Queen. I wish him all the very best for a happy and peaceful retirement.”