



THE ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY

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ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY CONGRATULATES HER MAJESTY ON BECOMING THE LONGEST REIGNING BRITISH MONARCH.

The Royal Commonwealth Society congratulates HM Queen Elizabeth II today as she becomes the longest-reigning British monarch, overtaking her great-great-grandmother, Queen Victoria, who became Queen at the age of 18.

The Queen will have reigned for 63 years and seven months at 5:30pm this afternoon. During those 63 years she has also been the Head of the Commonwealth, witnessing significant change as she has travelled extensively, meeting leaders and locals and promoting the value and values that underpin the Commonwealth. The Queen has been a constant, in a rapidly changing world.

During a time of enormous change The Queen has played a significant unifying role as head of her 53 nation family, loyally keeping the promise that she made on her 21st birthday during which she pledged her life to the service of the Commonwealth. Her Majesty is also the Constitutional Monarch in 16 Commonwealth Realms, including the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and Jamaica, amongst others.

President of the Royal Commonwealth Society, Lord David Howell of Guildford said:

‘The Queen has shaped and restored the modern Commonwealth network. When others have turned away from the Commonwealth she has steadfastly recognised that it is the pattern of the future and increasingly vital to Britain's economic and security interests.’

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