



COVID-19 Day of Reflection 8th March 2026

A National Thank-You

"On the National Day of Reflection, One Voice Wales extends its sincere thanks to community and town councils, clerks, councillors and volunteers across Wales.

Your steady presence, local leadership and care for your communities; often behind the scenes and under difficult circumstances; made a real difference. This day offers a moment to recognise that shared effort and to say thank you."

Lyn Cadwallader
CEO One Voice Wales

Optional "Minute of Thanks"

Councils may wish to include a short, optional moment of thanks at a meeting held around the National Day of Reflection.

"As part of the National Day of Reflection, we pause for a moment to acknowledge and thank community and town councils, clerks, councillors and local volunteers throughout Wales for their contribution during the pandemic, and for the support they offered to their communities during an exceptionally challenging time."

For examples of Council Initiatives and Resources visit [One Voice Wales](#)

Find more information here:

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This resource is offered as optional support for councils who wish to take part. There is no expectation to mark the day.

About the National Day of Reflection

The National Day of Reflection is a moment to **pause, remember, and acknowledge** the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on communities across Wales and the UK.

It is also an opportunity to recognise the quiet, consistent work that helped communities through that time — **particularly the efforts of community and town councils**, clerks, councillors, and local volunteers who supported residents in countless practical and compassionate ways.

Optional ways to mark the day

Participation is entirely optional and there is no expectation to organise events or additional activities. Councils may choose one simple action, or none at all.

Where councils wish to mark the day, possible actions may include:

- A brief acknowledgement at a council meeting, including in the chair's opening remarks
- Observing a quiet moment of reflection at the March meeting
- Sharing a short message of thanks to clerks, councillors or volunteers
- Displaying a simple notice or message
- Including a brief mention in a newsletter or circular, where one is already planned
- Signposting residents to national or local remembrance activities

Small, proportionate gestures are entirely appropriate.



Today is the National Day of Reflection. We take a quiet moment to remember those who lost their lives during the COVID-19 pandemic and to acknowledge the kindness, resilience and care shown across our community.

On the National Day of Reflection, we remember those who lost their lives during the COVID-19 pandemic and thank our local community; including councillors, clerks and volunteers; for their collective care and support during that time.

#DayOfReflection