

News release

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Call is out for Magna Carta charter bearers

Up to 33 people from Runnymede, the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead, and Spelthorne will be able to play a special role in June's Magna Carta celebrations as charter bearers.

Charter bearers will help carry a replica of the Magna Carta down the River Thames on the Royal Shallop Jubilant on the various legs of Magna Carta 800 – The River Relay, which is taking place over the weekend of Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 June.

Runnymede Borough Councils Chairman of the Magna Carta 2015 sub-Committee, Paul Tuley said: "Becoming a Charter Bearer provides a unique opportunity to play a special role in the Magna Carta River Relay and at the same time enjoy a close view of this amazing event."

To play a special role in June's Magna Carta commemorations, nominees must be aged at least 16 on 12 June 2015, live work or study in Runnymede, the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead or Spelthorne and be nominated by a community organisation they are involved, such as local faith groups, charities, schools and societies.

The nominator should explain why the nominee deserves to be selected as a Charter Bearer. They will need to explain why they should be a charter bearer in 50 words.

The application form can be found at www.rbwm.gov.uk/web/museum_magna_carta.htm and completed online or posted. The closing date is Thursday 2 April and the names will be announced before Easter.

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Notes to Editors

Background information

In June 1215 English barons assembled at Runnymede to challenge the authority of King John and on the 15 the Magna Carta was authenticated by the Great Seal.

The river relay, which runs from Hurley to Runnymede, is being organised by the Royal Borough in partnership with Thames Alive, which helped to organise the Queen's Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant in 2012. Runnymede Borough Council and Spelthorne Borough Council are the council's key funding partners. Costs beyond those contributions are being underwritten by the Royal Borough.



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