

## DRAFT CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY SPEECH FOR DEPUTY LIEUTENANTS

*Please feel free to adapt as you wish*

I am privileged to be here deputizing for the Lord Lieutenant who is the personal representative in the Royal County of Berkshire of His Majesty The King, King Charles The Third, to whom you will shortly be making your oath or affirmation of allegiance. In my capacity as Deputy Lieutenant of the Royal County, I would welcome you to Berkshire in general and **[name of town or UA]** in particular for this Citizenship Ceremony. This is the final significant step by which you will become British citizens and thereby proud and important members of our nation and our **[name of town or UA]** community.”

Berkshire is a special place. Not only is it one of the oldest of the English counties, tracing its history back over a thousand years, but it is also unique in being the only Royal County in the land. It has been the home of the Monarchs since the eleventh century and is a county of great variety, welcoming visitors both temporary and permanent. The Royal County has drawn people from all over the world to share in and contribute to its richness and diversity. Berkshire is crossed by the railway, river and M4 from end to end, and employment is high with principal growth industries including IT in the Thames Valley.

### **Additional notes you may wish to consider**

- It's important that you introduce yourself and your function at the ceremony
- Include facts about Berkshire. As the UA Mayor/Chairman is likely to also be present, it's probably best left to them to speak about the UA area the ceremony is taking place
- Congratulations – for some new citizens it's been a long journey
- Encourage the new citizens to get involved with their local community
- Thank the Registrar and staff

The Lieutenancy office does have a few speeches from DLs on file if you would like further examples and ideas for your own speech