

It is with great sadness that we have received the news that HRH Prince Philip has died. Prince Philip has, in HM The Queen's words, been her "strength and stay" and our hearts go out to HM the Queen and her family in their loss.

HRH Prince Philip enjoyed a successful career in the Royal Navy - a very promising career that was cut short by the untimely and early death of HM King George VI. From that point, Prince Philip left the work he loved and devoted himself to supporting the Queen and working out how best he could serve and contribute to society.

The most famous of his contributions was the creation of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. He has however, made huge contributions to British design, Outward Bound, Technology and the World Wildlife Fund, to name just a few initiatives.

We thank God for HRH Prince Philip's life and extend our thoughts and prayers to HM The Queen and all those who mourn his death, particularly his family and close friends.