

'Just in case': Princess Beatrice's security beefed up after Wimbledon appearance amid talks of larger official role

Princess Beatrice has had her royal protection officers reinstated for public events amid fresh speculation about a larger official role in the monarchy for King Charles's niece.

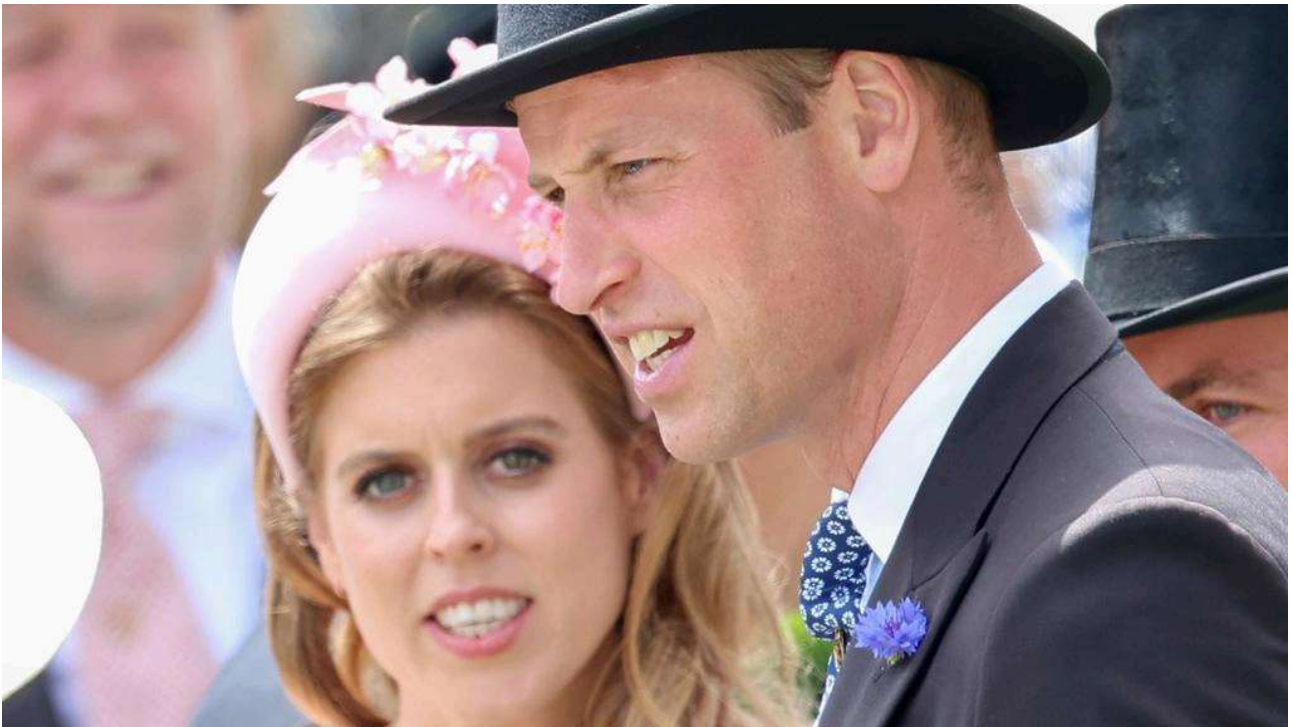


Princess Beatrice has had her protection officers reinstated for public events whenever she is representing the Royal Family, it can be revealed.

The eldest daughter of Prince Andrew and Sarah Ferguson is not technically a working royal like many of her Windsor relatives but has recently stepped up to carry out select royal engagements amid King Charles and Princess Catherine's cancer battles.

Beatrice was also given the full working royal treatment during an appearance at Wimbledon last week, where the Princess and her husband Edoardo Mapelli Mozzi were seated in the royal box alongside All England Lawn Tennis Club chair Debbie Jevans.

According to an unnamed source close to the palace, the Home Office's Royal and VIP Executive Committee (RAVEC) has opted to grant greater security protection for Beatrice in recognition of her larger public role.



Beatrice and her cousin Prince William at Ascot last month. Picture by Chris Jackson/Getty Images.

“Whenever Beatrice attends large-scale public events where it is known she will be attending, security will be provided by RAVEC,” the source told the Express newspaper on Monday.

“She will also be in touch with someone from the RAVEC department at all times (whether) she is at an event or not, just in case something were to happen while she was out and about.

“There’s an emergency number for members of the Royal Family to reach out on and there is also some kind of locator positioned on their person in case they get lost.”

The source noted Beatrice’s personal protection officer, known as a PPO, will not be reinstated on a full-time basis and will only be required for "public events".



Beatrice was spotted cheering on Italy's Jannik Sinner at Wimbledon last week. Picture by Karwai Tang/WireImage.

Both Beatrice, 35, and her younger sister Princess Eugenie, 34, previously had taxpayer funded police protection until 2011, when it was determined the sisters would not become working royals.

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However, their father Andrew was reportedly deeply unsettled by the decision and unsuccessfully lobbied his mother Queen Elizabeth II and brother Charles to reinstate their security.

The York sisters are the only blood-born Princesses of their generation and carry the titles Her Royal Highnesses.

The security update marks the latest sign of a possible larger public role for Beatrice, who technically serves as Counsellor of State but has her own career in partnerships for a tech firm.