

# A wall of poppies, events and exhibitions mark Worcestershire's Remembrance

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A young visitor adds to the poppy wall of remembrance at Worcester City Art Gallery and Museum

Funded through Heritage Lottery Fund, Worcestershire World War One Hundred is one of the largest programmes of events across England commemorating the First World War. Involving cultural and heritage organisations county-wide, Worcestershire World War One Hundred is commemorating the role Worcestershire played in the First World War, telling the stories of how the Great War touched and changed the lives of Worcestershire people until 2018.

The following Remembrance events and activities are taking place across the county:

## Experience WWI through the eyes of local people at The Hive

A selection of photographs and documents from the archives as well as objects donated by Worcestershire residents, telling the story of WWI at Home is exhibited in display cases on the third floor at The Hive. The exhibition includes photographs, letters, posters and other documents about munitions, nursing, Land Army and families' stories.

## **Add your Poppy and meet Joey the War Horse at Worcester City Art Gallery and Museum**

Visitors to Worcester City Art Gallery and Museum are invited to add their poppy to the Poppy Wall in the activity space with their personal message of remembrance as part of the museum's ongoing commemoration of the First World War. Visitors to the activity space will also see Joey, the museum's WWI War Horse created by the gallery technicians as this year's act of Remembrance. Joey is currently splendid in a patch work rug created by visitors to the gallery over the summer months.

## **Follow the adventures of Cher Ami, the carrier pigeon who saved a battalion at Avoncroft Museum**

'Back in Blighty': the First World War remembered at Avoncroft Museum examines the impact the First World War had on those on the Home Front. During War time you couldn't fly a kite or own a pigeon without a special licence. Visitors can however follow the adventures of one special carrier pigeon, Cher Ami who saved a battalion and was decorated for bravery in a special trail around the museum.

## **Visit the interactive wall of Remembrance at the Regimental Soldier Gallery**

Alongside its regularly changing exhibition commemorating key battles for the Worcestershire Regiment throughout the First World War, visitors to the Regimental Soldier Gallery at Worcester City Art Gallery and Museum can visit the interactive wall of Remembrance commemorating the soldiers who lost their lives through the First World War.

## **Join the services of Remembrance at Worcester Cathedral**

On Sunday 8 November all are invited to the Service of Remembrance at 10am which will be followed by the Act of Remembrance outside at the War Memorial at 11am At 6.30pm on 8 November the cathedral will host the Requiem for Remembrance Day. On Armistice Day, 11 November, the cathedral will lead the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial at 10.50am.

Dr Adrian Gregson, Worcestershire Archive and Archaeology Service said: "The activities and events taking place as part of Remembrance in Worcestershire demonstrate the breadth of ways people can get involved in the Worcestershire World War One Hundred Project. From activities and trails for children to exhibitions and services of Remembrance for the whole family. We hope all generations come together to recognise and commemorate those who lost their lives during World War One."

To find out more about the Worcestershire World War One Hundred Programme, as well as full listings of events taking place visit: [Worcestershire World War One Hundred website](#) or follow them

on Twitter: [@WW1Worcs](#).

## Further information

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