



PRESS RELEASE

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Poppy Appeal 2018

Each year the people of Barnard Castle and the surrounding villages freely give their support to The Royal British Legion during the annual Poppy Appeal. The Appeal is a reminder of the effort and sacrifice of all our service personnel, past and present, who have served our country and continue to do so.

The 2018 Poppy Appeal launches on Saturday 27 October and runs through to Remembrance Sunday, on 11 November 2018, which, this year, is also the centenary of the declaration of the First World War Armistice.

Barnard Castle Town Council has been organising the local poppy appeal on behalf of The Royal British Legion since 2006. During this time, the appeal has gone from strength to strength and in 2017 it raised in excess of £17,000.

The continued success of the appeal is reliant upon the support and generosity of the local people. The town council would like to hear from any individual, over the age of 18, who has an hour to spare and would like to volunteer as a Poppy Appeal Collector during this two-week period. In addition, we would also like to hear from any business or organisation who would be interested in taking a static collection box.

Prior to the launch of the 2018 Poppy Appeal, on Friday 26 October, a giant Poppy Wave, consisting of hundreds of knitted poppies, will be installed on Woodleigh. At 3.00 pm, all those who helped knit poppies are invited to an afternoon tea in the Dawson Room, Woodleigh, as a thank you, hosted by the Town Mayor. This culminates at 4.00 pm with the lighting of the 'Tree of Peace' outside the front of Woodleigh.

Anyone interested in volunteering, or who would like further details about the Poppy Appeal or arrangements for Remembrance Sunday, may contact: Yvette Farren at the town council offices, phone 01833 690970 email clerk@barnardcastletowncouncil.gov.uk