



HERTS AT WAR PROJECT NEWSLETTER

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HLF PROJECT FUNDING ANNOUNCED

Heritage Lottery Fund Award of £98,400

The Herts at War team are delighted to announce that as of January 2014 the project has been funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and now forms one of the largest individual commemorative Great War Projects in the United Kingdom. The award of £98,400 until the end of 2015 now means that the project can develop a purpose built museum exhibition, dedicated schools outreach programme, series of talks and tours and conduct a programme of county-wide events days to mark the key dates of The Great War 100 years to the day

that they actually occurred. It goes without saying that this fantastic achievement for Great War remembrance would not have been possible without the incredible effort

HELEN GRANT MP, MINISTER
FOR WW1 RECENTLY SAID: "HERTS
AT WAR IS A BRILLIANT EXAMPLE
OF QUITE A MODEST GRANT,
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DETERMINATION OF VOLUNTEERS
CAN CREATE SOMETHING THAT
WILL BE VALUABLE FOR
GENERATIONS TO COME"

and dedication of our volunteers and project partners, and so from the whole team - Thank you very much!

As we have now entered the centenary year the pace of the project in January alone has vastly increased. The Roll of Honour section of www.hertsatwar.co.uk now holds

the names of over 3000 casualties from 52 locations within the county and also displays an amazing 954 Individual serviceman

profiles. Special mention should go to Mr Jonty Wild and the whole of the Roll of Honour team for their dedication and enthusiasm in taking on such a huge and important project.

Herfordshire Regiment Memorial

WE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THAT FOLLOWING TALKS WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN BELGIAN OVER THE LAST FEW MONTHS WE HAVE NOW SECURED A LOCATION FOR THE FIRST AND ONLY MEMORIAL TO THE HERTFORDSHIRE REGIMENT ON THE WESTERN FRONT. WE WILL NOW CONCENTRATE ON RAISING THE REQUIRED £5000 TO MAKE THE MEMORIAL A REALITY, IF YOU CAN HELP PLEASE

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'HERTS FOR VALOUR'

VICTORIA CROSS
TOUR 11-13 JULY



For us it has been a long held belief that the very best way to understand the experiences of those who served in the Great War is to walk over the exact ground that they fought over, re-tell first hand stories at the sites where they occurred and visit the graves of those who fell.

Nationally renowned, Hertfordshire based Battlefield Tour Company 'Battle Honours Ltd' share that philosophy, and as a result we are pleased to announce 'Herts for Valour', a two night tour which will cross Belgium and France in the footsteps of Hertfordshire's very own Victoria Cross winners. This tour was specifically designed for Herts at War and will no doubt be an incredible experience.

More info is available at
www.hertsatwar.co.uk/hertsforvalour

A CALL TO ARMS...

List of available volunteer roles now online

Over the last month the Herts at War team have worked hard to formalize the project structure and develop a framework that we feel will allow us to maximize the contributions of our volunteers. Mindful of the fact that our project volunteers are the driving force behind the project, we have set out a series of varied roles that you may like

to become involved in. Ranging from archival research, exhibition design to online web-editing and social networking, we believe that the project can offer something for everyone, regardless of experience or skillset. To find out more about the current volunteering opportunities and where you can help please log on to

www.hertsatwar.co.uk/getting-involved

As a community led project with remembrance as our goal, we welcome any and all contributions and are always looking for more help. If you would like to help bring the story of Hertfordshire's wartime experiences back to life 100 years on, please do get in touch.

Herts at War Volunteer Open Day

With the project now formally announced and the major task of researching the story of Hertfordshire during WW1 well under way, we have decided to run two separate open days where current and potential project staff and volunteers can come along, speak to the team and find out about the project plans for the future and have their say on what we should be focusing on. The first of these dates will be **Saturday 22nd February** in Letchworth Garden City and the second on **Saturday 1st March** in a central Hertfordshire location to be confirmed shortly by email and on our website.

Current Project Needs...

Contemporary Newspaper Research – With recently acquired digitized copies of several Hertfordshire newspapers covering every single week of the four year war, we are looking for individuals or groups to help trawl these fascinating documents, extract articles of interest and add to our database of information on the county's service personnel.

War Memorial Photography – Currently we have identified 608 war memorials and 791 Individual Great War burials within the county of Hertfordshire. One of our main aims in the run-up to August is to photograph and document as many of these as possible and display the images both online and in our upcoming museum exhibition. We are looking for individuals or groups who would be interested in achieving this goal, whether it be by visiting local churches or travelling to some of the lesser known, and sometimes altogether forgotten memorials that cover every corner of the county.

For further information please email volunteer@hertsatwar.co.uk



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