

# Totton Area Poppy Appeal News

## 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019

Dear Poppy Appeal Supporters

Happy New Year. We would like to thank everyone who has supported the Poppy Appeal during 2018 either by volunteering, fundraising or donating money or items to sell. We have been touched by your generosity and enthusiasm and have currently raised just over **£27,000** since the beginning of October with more to come in.

We will continue fundraising during 2019 – please see our website [www.poppytotton.co.uk](http://www.poppytotton.co.uk) or Facebook page Totton Area RBL Poppy Appeal for more details.

### Wreaths



If you require a Poppy wreath for any event during the year please contact Susan Compton on **023 8087 3143**. The wreaths on the Memorial will be removed in early January and will be stored for a few weeks. If you would like yours to be returned to you please contact us by 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019. The recommendation from the Royal British Legion is to place the wreaths into the local plastic recycling scheme, all of the components are recyclable, however the wreaths will need to be taken apart to do this.

### Supply of Merchandise

We still have a few centenary poppy pins and 2018 poppy pins available if you require one. As 2019 marks the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day we are waiting for information about any new merchandise to commemorate this and will let you have details as soon as it is available.

### Ceramic Poppies

There are still some of the ceramic poppies available that were handcrafted by the ladies of Totton Poppies who ran the workshops. They are available for a donation of £15 which includes the metal rod, all of which will go to the Poppy Appeal. They are frost proof and can be displayed outside. Please contact us if you would like one.

### Poppy Appeal Volunteers

We are always grateful for help with any of the Poppy Appeal events, you do not need to be a Royal British Legion Branch Member to take part, please contact Susan Compton on **023 8087 3143**, or email [poppy@compark.co.uk](mailto:poppy@compark.co.uk). We will put regular updates on our website [www.poppytotton.co.uk](http://www.poppytotton.co.uk) and Facebook page Totton Area RBL Poppy Appeal.

### Future Events

Poppy Appeal volunteers are available in the Totton and Eling Community Centre from 2pm to 3.30pm on Tuesday afternoons if you would like to come along for a cup of tea and a chat.

**On Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January 10am to midday there will be a Community and Poppy Appeal Drop-in at Totton and Eling Community Centre** – there are free refreshments and everyone is welcome. Further Poppy Appeal drop-ins will take place on the last Thursday of each month during 2019.

Thank you for your support.

Ian Middleton and Susan Compton  
Joint Poppy Appeal Organisers



[www.asdic.org.uk/](http://www.asdic.org.uk/)  
member-directory

## Poppy Appeal Drop-in

At the Totton and Eling Community Centre

10am to Midday

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

**Everyone is welcome and free refreshments will be available**

Come along find out about future Poppy Appeal fundraising events and how the RBL provides lifelong support for the Armed Forces Community – serving men and women, veterans and their families.

**For more information contact  
Susan Compton on 023 8087 3143  
or email  
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Website [www.poppytotton.co.uk](http://www.poppytotton.co.uk)

Facebook **Totton Area RBL Poppy Appeal**

### **Royal British Legion**

Call our helpline  
0808 802 8080  
8am to 8pm, all week  
[www.britishlegion.org.uk](http://www.britishlegion.org.uk)

### **Veterans Gateway**

The first point of contact for  
Veterans seeking support  
For 24-hour support go to  
[www.veteransgateway.org.uk](http://www.veteransgateway.org.uk)  
Or call 0808 802 1212

