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### **YOUR POPPY APPEAL NEEDS YOU**

We're calling on the local community to support us like never before, because **every** poppy counts.

You can still buy a poppy in the local shops or by making an online donation, to doing your own fundraising with family and friends.

Every poppy makes a difference to the lives of our Armed Forces community.

You can even request 20 poppies free of charge by completing a form on the national website. You can then give them to your friends and family and ask them for a donation to support our Armed Forces community.

Along with the poppies, you will also receive information on how you and those you share your poppies with can give as well as how to distribute the poppy safely and ensure everyone can wear the poppy with pride.

### **How it all began**

The Royal British Legion has been supporting Service men and women, ex-serving personnel and their families since 1921. And we're not going anywhere.

The British Legion was formed on 15 May 1921, bringing together four national organisations of ex-Servicemen that had established themselves after the First World War:

The National Association of Discharged Sailors and Soldiers  
The British National Federation of Discharged and Demobilized Sailors and Soldiers  
The Comrades of The Great War  
The Officers' Association

The amalgamation of these diverse bodies can be attributed largely to two men: Field Marshal Earl Haig and Tom Lister of The Federation of Discharged and Demobilized Sailors and Soldiers. Lord Haig served as the President of The Royal British Legion until his death.

### **Did you know?**

That first 'Poppy Appeal' raised over £106,000 to help veterans with housing and jobs; a considerable sum at the time. Today's Poppy Appeal? 40,000 volunteers distribute 40 million poppies.

### **Poppy Appeal volunteers**

it's the time of year when we shall be collecting for the annual poppy appeal. Can you spare perhaps an hour helping with the house to house collections around Haughley? This can also be a brilliant way of enhancing your CV and getting out and about meeting new people. For more information contact us via the email above.

### **Remembrance Sunday**

Remembrance Sunday is **13<sup>th</sup> November** this year where we will muster at the **Haughley post office no later than 10:25 ready to parade (or smart walk!) for 10:40, service begins at 10:50**. All are welcome to parade whether service, ex-service or otherwise.

### **Armistice Day Service 11th November 2022**

This year we are to hold the 11am Armistice Day Remembrance service on the Village Green where Keiron Palmer will once again have the village soldiers standing guard.

**10.50** Welcome by Alison Roberts

Exhortation

**10.59** Village siren to announce 2 minutes silence

**11.02** Poems read by Haughley Crawfords School

Prayers

The school children will once again be positioned with the soldiers and will attach a Poppy on each soldier silhouette.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible to remember our fallen.

Tea and coffee will be available.

### **Veteran in need?**

Do you know of a veteran in the Haughley area who needs our help? We provide lifelong support for the Armed Forces community - serving men and women, veterans, and their families. If so please get in touch via our website or via the email above.

### **Branch meetings 2022**

10 November

12 December

All meetings are held in the football club.

I hope you all have a great month and remember to look out for each other.

All the best

Ashley Sargent

To view our full calendar of events go to our website:

[www.britishlegion.org/branches/Haughley](http://www.britishlegion.org/branches/Haughley) Or search **Haughley Royal British Legion**

[www.thehaughleywarmemorial.wordpress.com](http://www.thehaughleywarmemorial.wordpress.com)