

Remembrance Report

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 To note Remembrance Sunday Service will take place on Sunday 12 November 2023 and that there will be a full rehearsal for uniformed groups and key participants at the war memorial on Saturday 11 November 1.30pm. There is a separate rehearsal at St John the Baptist and St Helen church for standard bearers only at the earlier time of 1pm.
- 1.2 To approve expenditure for Remembrance Sunday.

2.0 Report Details

- 2.1 The Community Projects and Grants Officer has been liaising with local groups and participants to organise the Remembrance event and a meeting of key stakeholders took place on 3 October.
- 2.2 The occasion will operate as usual and runs smoothly due to the significant input and work put in by our local Royal British Legion branch and we are pleased to welcome the large number of local organisations participating each year. The event will start with a church service at St John the Baptist and St Helen Parish Church followed by a parade down the High Street. Wroughton Silver Band will be in attendance and also provide the bugle soloist for The Last Post and Reveille. We are pleased to again welcome Major Matt Steven-Fountain, REME who will bring reservists in uniform to assist and be involved with the day. Selected Wroughton Junior and Infant School pupils will be attending Wroughton churchyard to assist REME service personnel in cleaning the war graves in advance of Remembrance Sunday and these local school children will be laying poppies straight after the wreath laying event.
- 2.3 This year we have an additional feature with pupils from Wroughton Junior School reading a short poem as the procession comes down Church Hill.
- 2.4 First Aid Cover has been organised with St Johns Ambulance and Swindon Audio Hire will be providing the PA and sound system on the day. A successful road closure application has been confirmed and we are now awaiting formal statutory notices for display. Wiltshire Police will once again be ensuring the safety of our event by implementing the road closures.
- 2.5 Any Parish Councillors who are able to assist with the stewarding and smooth operation of the Remembrance event should contact the Community Projects and Grants Officer as soon as possible. Those who have currently confirmed they are available on the day are Cllrs Brian Keetch and Debbie Hooper.



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2.6 Budget expenditure

First Aid	£0
Audio Hire	£50
WPC Wreath	£50
Silver band	£0
	£100

3.0 Recommendations

- 3.1 To approve the budget expenditure for up to £100. All costs to be met from the Remembrance budget (4760/500)