



5 September 2024

Remembrance Report

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 To note Remembrance Sunday Service will take place on Sunday 10 November 2024 and that there will be a full rehearsal for uniformed groups and key participants at the war memorial on Saturday 9 November 1.30pm. There is a separate rehearsal at St John the Baptist and St Helen church for standard bearers only.
- 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 is taking place later this month.
- 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. We hope to welcome Peter News
- 2.3 First Aid Cover has been organised with St Johns Ambulance and it has been requested that their attendance fee is waived as this is a not-for profit community event. No confirmation of this has yet been received so a request for the full cost has been included in the table overleaf. Swindon Audio Hire will be providing the PA and sound system on the day at the highly discounted rate of £50.
- 2.4 A successful road closure application has been confirmed by Swindon Borough Council 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 Wroughton Silver Band will again be leading the parade and providing musical accompaniment and will not charge a fee.
- 2.6 Ian and Jane Woodford of Royal British Legion, Wroughton will be coordinating the ordering and delivery of poppy wreaths to community groups. Last year over 45 were laid. We are expecting



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Swindon Renew, The Men's Shed who have been assisting BBC Repair Shop with our Barracuda bench to lay a wreath this year. Our D D Veteran guest, Peter Newson hopes to attend again if his health allows.

- 2.7 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.

2.8 Budget expenditure

First Aid	£150
Audio Hire	£50
WPC Wreath	£50
Silver band	£0
	£250

3.0 Recommendations

- 3.1 To approve the budget expenditure for up to £250. All costs to be met from the Remembrance budget (4760/500) which contains £500.