



Remembrance Sunday Road Closures
Update by Community Projects and Events Officer
July 2026

Following our Remembrance Sunday event in 2025 we were notified by Swindon Police that they would no longer be available to manage road closures for our Remembrance Sunday parade and service at the war memorial as the Constabulary deem this not to be a good use of police resources.

From research relating to this W&WPC would be unable to undertake this work themselves due to the scale of the event, cost and amount of resources and training required. W&WPC provisioned £2,000 in the budget line 4760 500 this year to commission a private highways company to manage the road closures on our behalf.

Our Community Projects Officer has been liaising with HW Martin Ltd who were recommended by SBC Head of Highways Ryan Dowling. The good news is that the company have been persuaded to offer a full road closure management service under their community engagement and social responsibility budget as a gesture of goodwill at no cost to W&WPC. This equates to a cost saving of £2,342.12. Below is an email extract from recent correspondence from Mark Davies, Commercial Estimator, HW Martin, Traffic Management Experts.

Dear Amanda

*Following our recent discussions, please find attached HW Martin Traffic Management quotation for the Remembrance Day Parade on Sunday 8th November 2026. We would like to offer this service **free of charge**, as a gesture of goodwill.*

As a business, we work closely with the Royal British Legion Industries (amongst other great organisations). Being able to help great causes, such as your Remembrance Day Parade, is hugely important to the business and us, as individuals.

Please refer also to the indicative invoice at Appendix 1.

The Community Projects and Events Officer is liaising with the Wroughton Royal British Legion branch to organise a HW Martin poppy wreath to be laid at the war memorial on Remembrance Sunday.

Recommendations

W&WPC Clerk and Chairman send a letter to personally thank HW Martin for this generous offer.