



## **REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

### **THE GREAT WAR COMMUNITY COMMEMORATION FUND 2014 – 2018**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide an update to Policy Committee on the groups and organisations funded so far from the Great War Community Commemoration Fund.

#### **Information and Advice**

2. At its meeting in May 2014, Policy Committee approved the establishment of The Great War Commemoration Fund of up to £10,000 per year to run from 2014 – 2018. The aim of this fund is to provide a fitting commemoration which supports communities across Nottinghamshire to commemorate the centenary of the Great War.
3. Many men and women from Nottinghamshire died during World War One from 1914 – 1918. The war marked some of the most significant changes to the fabric of society and recognising the importance of this moment in time is a way of paying respect to the centenary of the Great War.
4. The leader of Nottinghamshire County Council, Cllr Alan Rhodes launched the Great War Community Commemoration fund 2014 -2018 on the 5th June at Mansfield Museum. The fund offers financial grants of up to £300 to help local communities to reflect on what the war meant for their local area and how the lives of people were changed forever.
5. The fund is in line with the County Council's strategic priorities and grant aid terms and conditions and provides a contribution towards events and activities planned by local people.
6. The fund has to date been able to provide grants to 16 separate activities in local communities across Nottinghamshire. Successful applicants are set out in the appendix to this report
7. Further applications for funding will be invited from 11<sup>th</sup> November 2014 to 9<sup>th</sup> Jan 2015 for planned activities to take place between 1 February and 31 July 2015.

## **Other Options Considered**

8. No other options have been considered as this unique opportunity has been previously approved by Committee.

## **Reasons for Recommendation**

9. To update this Committee on activities being supported by the fund.

## **Financial Implications**

10. The grant aid budget is funding this initiative.

## **RECOMMENDATION/S**

That the applications funded and the timetable for inviting further applications for 2015 be noted

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## **Constitutional Comments**

11. Constitutional comments are not required as the report is for noting only

## **Financial Comments (SEM25/9/14)**

12. The financial implications are set out in the report.

## **Background Papers and Published Documents**

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

Successful applications 2014

## **Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

All divisions

## APPENDIX

### PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES SUPPORTED

Name of Group	Amount Awarded	Activity / Project
Bleasby Local History Society and St Mary's Church	£200	To support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• An exhibition of local people's photographs and artefacts.</li><li>• Talks about the soldiers who died and their families, including their link to Bleasby and Halloughton.</li><li>• A church service to remember the fallen and redecorate the war memorial.</li></ul>
Coddington Parish Council	£300	The Parish Council is producing a commemorative book on Coddington in the Great War with details of the men and women who served in the war. A copy of the book will go to every house in the parish with hard-bound copies for Coddington School, All Saints' Church, Coddington History Society, local libraries and the Parish Council. A special presentation case will be installed in the Church to display the book for visitors.
Friends of Teversal	£150	Dedication of a restored War Memorial donated by Lady Carnarvon after the Great War in remembrance of those who were killed from the Teversal Area. The occasion will mark and commemorate the 100th anniversary of the first World War with a ceremony attended by civic and religious personnel from the area, with refreshments, a display of mementoes from the war and village activities to attract attendance at the ceremony. The church and the Manor Gardens in Teversal will be open to the public to visit.
Greasley Parish Council	£100	Two coffee mornings featuring an exhibition of the Great War memorabilia, information and photos plus music / songs of the era. Also, a coach trip to the National Arboretum.
Hucknall Children's Centre Dads Group	£210	The Children's Centre Dad's Group are doing focused activities on the Great War from March to December 2014. An outing to the exhibitions at the castle and museum will enhance the dads' and children's understanding of the Great War.

Langold Village Hall Management Committee	£150	A Great War intergenerational event where the local community will be offered a chance to remember and reflect on what the great war meant to people. The event will have music of the era and volunteers will be dressed in Great War apparel. The event will be a chance to bring together all age groups within the community. The local 'sea cadets' and 'TA's have been invited to help out at the event. Refreshments will be served and all who attend will be given a commemorative gift to mark the event.
Lantern Lane Primary & Nursery School	£300	A whole school Great War history week, led by the history coordinator and class teachers, with support from Yvonne White from the Charnwood Local Museum Service, and East Leake's Local History Society. The week will include: Literacy activities, art, music, films, re-enactments and dressing up; a Key Stage 2 concert evening at which pupils will perform to family, friends and community members; a red, white and blue day to support the annual event run by the Army Benevolent Fund [ABF], the Soldiers' Charity, the RAF Benevolent Fund and the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity.
Lovers' Lane Primary School	£300	A visit to the Imperial War Museum in London and to the Cenotaph to give years 5 and 6 children a first-hand experience of the significance of the Great World War on the country.
Mansfield Woodhouse Community Development Group	£300	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Great War Commemoration church service in St Edmunds Church.</li> <li>• An exhibition detailing WW1 in Mansfield Woodhouse.</li> <li>• A poetry competition with the winning entry to be read at the Remembrance Day service.</li> </ul>
Selston Parish Council	£200	This is a contribution to 'Selston Remembers' – an evening of poetry and music commemorating the Great War
South Scarle Community Centre	£300	<i>Title: Words and music to remember the fallen of the 1914- 1918 War on the Roll-of- Honour in South Scarle</i> A community project bringing South Scarlians and neighbouring communities together to commemorate the Great War and those who served overseas and at home. An evening of poetry, prose, readings and music.
St Mary's Church, Greasley	£100	Exhibition, including church service, commemorating the beginning of the Great War.

Stapleford Community Group	£300	<p>To commemorate 100 years of the outbreak of the Great War, Stapleford Community Group and the local community organised an event on the weekend of 2nd-4th August 2014 to give the local community of all ages the opportunity to come together to experience the sights and sounds of the time. The events were designed to be interactive with a mix of humour and pathos..</p> <p>Walter Parker Square hosted activities on Saturday 2nd between 1.00pm and 9.00pm including live theatre with professional theatre group performing a play based on the “Canary Girls” employed at Chetwynd Barracks, interactive workshop and Music Hall style show involving both amateur and professional performers.</p> <p>At the end of the evening 188 balloons were released in remembrance of the people who lost their lives during the war.</p> <p>St Helen’s Church Hall and grounds was open to all on Monday 4th from 10.00am-2.00pm with activities for children to experience the sights and sounds of the times. There was a “mock up” trench, slideshows depicting civilian &amp; wartime life, opportunity to dress up in costumes of the time, play childhood games, opportunity to create artwork as lasting memorial for town.</p> <p>On both days the public had the opportunity to sign a visitor book of remembrance which will be presented to the local council for the town’s archives. The book will also contain the names of those who died during the war.</p>
The Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry Association A Branch	£200	Running a programme of events from March to November 2014, including music from the era, poems, educational visits and the Great War memorabilia valuations.
The Vale Singers	£240	A multi-media presentation telling the story of the Great War through songs & poetry of the period, letters from the front, a running narrative and photographs of the conflict. This will feature local men who died in the war and the battles they were involved in. The Vale Singers are all local people from the villages of Langar, Barnstone, Granby & Sutton.
Watnall Road Baptist Church - Refresh Ladies Ministry	£200	A commemorative afternoon tea dance for local people over 65. There will be a remembrance, stories being told and pictures displayed from the Great War. Songs and poems will be performed during the break and hosts will be dressed in early 20th Century garb.