



# **NEWS RELEASE**

## **FROM**

# **SANDY TOWN COUNCIL**

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### **Sandy Town Council**

As part of Sandy Town Council's commemoration of 100 years since the end of WW1, in the run up to Remembrance Day giant poppies are to be put on lampposts along the route of Sandy's Remembrance Parade, starting at the War Memorial.

Mayor Councillor Michael Scott and Councillor Susan Sutton, President of the Sandy Branch of the Royal British Legion, were joined by Tracey Crossland of Mama's Coffee Shop, who has sponsored one of the lamppost poppies, to launch the initiative. Tracey commented that she is *"proud to sponsor a lamppost poppy to remember those who gave their lives to keep this country free. I would encourage my fellow traders to show their support and also sponsor a lamppost poppy."*

The lamppost poppies will help 'bring life' to the route of the annual Remembrance Day procession and provide an opportunity for the town to remember and thank all those involved in the war effort.

Members of the public, local organisations and businesses are invited to sponsor poppies to help the town commemorate 100 years since the end of WW1. Sponsors will be invited to leave a message of remembrance which will be recorded on the Town Council's website.

The Council have already received a great response from the community, with many people coming forward with sponsorship and personal messages. If you would like to sponsor a poppy, please visit the Town Council's website ([www.sandytowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.sandytowncouncil.gov.uk)) or its offices at 10 Cambridge Road, Sandy to find out more.

As part of its commemoration activities the Town Council will also be taking part in a Nation's Tribute on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018, which will see a beacon lit in a national act of remembrance.

In addition, the Council has hosted a series of historical talks on WW1 at the Council offices at Cambridge Road. The final two talks in the programme are to be held in October and November at 7:30 pm in the Council Chamber;

3<sup>rd</sup> October – Talk on Lieutenant Walter Graves of Sandye Place.

6<sup>th</sup> November – "We will remember them"- The Sandy War Memorial

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