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We will remember

How we marked Remembrance



Remembrance in pictures

Every year we lead the nation in commemorating and honouring those who have served and sacrificed, ensuring their unique contribution is never forgotten. Take a look at our great images from the Festival of



Thanks for your support

We know our members play a major part in our Poppy Appeal as supporters, collectors and Organisers. Thank you for your time, your enthusiasm and your energy in supporting what was an amazing appeal.

Remembrance, Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day.

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London Poppy Day smashes target!

We are thrilled to share that this year's London Poppy Day raised **£1,285,000**, smashing our £1million target. This remarkable achievement would not have been possible without our dedicated volunteers, and we are so grateful to everyone who participated to make the day such a success.

Thank you.

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Share your views on RBL's new strategy

One of RBL's priorities is to develop a new long-term strategy. As we work on this, we'd welcome your input. Please share your views by completing this [short survey](#) (open until 31st December 2024).

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Help us make change happen for our Armed Forces community

In May 2024, mayoral elections took place across East Midlands, West Midlands, North East, South Yorkshire, West Yorkshire, York and North Yorkshire, Tees Valley, Liverpool City, Greater Manchester and Greater London.

RBL's [Action Plan](#) is a set of practical recommendations across nine key policy areas that regional mayors can take to improve the lives of their local Armed Forces communities. [Ask your recently elected mayor](#) to prioritise the Armed Forces community by committing to our Action Plan. If mayoral elections did not take place in your region, [contact your MP](#) instead.

[Contact your mayor](#)



Netherlands Liberation Trail, 2nd - 6th May 2025

This unique three-day event is more than just a scenic ride; it's a tour through time in the cycling capital of the world. Immerse yourself in Allied Forces' history and Dutch culture, honouring heroes and celebrating the victory and liberation of the Netherlands. This is an historic guided tour, filled with commemoration and camaraderie. And it's E-bike friendly. Register for this incredible opportunity [on the RBL website](#).

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Thanks to players of People's Postcode Lottery

We're delighted to announce a new funding boost of £500,000, raised by players of People's Postcode Lottery. From providing practical, financial and emotional support to delivering Recovery programmes at our Battle Back centre, this funding helps us continue to be there for people like Naomi. [Learn more](#) about Naomi's story and how players' support helps RBL.

[Read Naomi's story](#)



Poppy Hike in the Surrey hills - 18th May 2025

You'll hike through this stunning area of natural beauty, passing through Centenary Woodlands that commemorate the sacrifices made in WWI. We'll make sure you have everything you need for a brilliant day of hiking and remembering those who have given so much for our freedom. Whether you register as a corporate team, community group or on your own, this is the perfect adventure for anyone looking to get outdoors and take on a challenge.

[Register your interest](#)



Knitted Poppy collectors in St. Marychurch

Spitfire Garden - a year-round act of Remembrance

The garden is dedicated to peace in the memory of Flight Lieutenant Frederick Denston, who flew Spitfires during the war.

Frederick first saw the Torbay Coastline from the air just before D-Day and vowed that if he survived the war he would retire there.

He realised his dream with his wife, Peggy. After his death, Peggy created the Spitfire Garden, with help from the local Air Training Corps, and veterans' groups. Sadly, the garden became neglected over time. It was rediscovered, and with the help of local organisations, including RBL Paignton Branch, was restored to its former glory. Paignton Branch hold an annual Act of Remembrance at the garden to remember Frederick and all humanitarian operations carried out by service personnel, past and present, and our emergency services.

These Poppy collectors are part of a selection of knitted items from St. Marychurch, Torquay. The two figures are based on current Legion members, Lionel Digby and Jo Sharlott. Jo was instrumental in the Spitfire Garden Project.

Going back in time



(Photograph by F. A.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun & in the morning
We will remember Them

Laurence Binyon

From the Royal British Legion Magazine November 1950

This spot at Polzeath, Cornwall, is where Laurence Binyon wrote these famous lines, shown here in the poet's handwriting.

If you have any questions about your membership or you want to update your contact details, email our Membership Services team MembershipServices@britishlegion.org.uk

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