



## Another Great Year

The 2023 Poppy Appeal year came to a close on 30 September and marks another great year of fund raising in Swadlincote and the surrounding area.

We raised an amazing £52,518.74 which was an increase of over £1,400 and the third highest amount we've ever raised. Across Derbyshire the Poppy Appeal raised an incredible £857,330.04.

The 2024 Appeal began on 01 October and our first event, the annual Ride For Remembrance has raised £1,125.72 which has got us off to a great start. Our thanks go to everyone who took part or helped and donated.

Our 2024 Poppy Launch will take place on Saturday, 26 October in Swadlincote Town Hall. Please come along and support us if you are in town. Veterans are especially welcome so if you know any, please invite them to come with you.



**Bikes gathering ahead of the 2024 Ride for Remembrance**

### D-Day 80

The Branch marked the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Operation Overlord and the D-Day landings back in June with a Fish & Chip Supper on Thursday, 6 June followed by a wreath laying at the Memorial Gates in Eureka Park.

Then on Saturday, 8 June we held a Community Commemoration Day in the Town Hall and on the Delph. Our thanks go to everyone who came along and helped out and to everyone who supported us.



## Poppy Appeal Awards Night

In March we held our annual Poppy Awards Evening at The Belmont Services Club which was very well attended by a large number of members and volunteers.

The Eddie Wadsworth Cup for Outstanding Effort in the 2022 Poppy Appeal was posthumously awarded to the late Mrs Doreen Taundry which was collected by members of her family (pictured right). We also awarded the new Doreen Taundry Memorial Trophy for our Knit & Natter challenge. This was won by Rosemary Slater and Janet Slack of Oakland Village.

This year our Centenary Awards for Top Business and Top School were retained by the previous holders – Milly's Scruffs and Netherseal Primary School respectively. The Top Pub 2023 award went to a new winner with The Admiral Rodney Inn, Hartshorne picking up first prize.

Certificates were also awarded to organisations for their continued support and to collectors who had reached their five-, 10-, 15-, 20-, 25- and 30-year anniversaries.

Congratulations to everyone who picked up an award – as always, they are extremely well deserved.



## Help Us **Help Them** – Join the Legion



Membership of the Legion is open to anyone - you don't need to have a connection to the Armed Forces to be a member, just a desire to help – your support really matters.

The Membership fee is currently £20 a year for adults and allows you to be a member of up to four Branches. Youth Membership, for those aged 12 to 17, remains completely FREE.

If you would like to find out more about joining Swadlincote & District Royal British Legion you can e-mail the Branch Secretary on [swadlincote.secretary@rbl.community](mailto:swadlincote.secretary@rbl.community) or telephone **0773 234 6631**.

You can also join online at <http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/membership/> or by telephoning the contact centre on **0808 802 8080** between 8am and 8pm.

### Branch Meetings

We meet at

### Swadlincote Constitutional Club

7 Midland Road, Swadlincote  
DE11 0AG

at 7.30pm on the first  
Thursday of each month

### New Branch Committee – 2024 - 2025

**Chairman**  
Mr Martin Williams

**Secretary**  
Mr Glyn Jackson

**Treasurer**  
Mrs Dawn Bircher

### Committee Members:

Mrs Audrey Foster

Mrs Sharon Grigg

Mr Dale Miller

Mr Phil Skawski

### Branch Appointments:

**Parade Marshall**  
Mr Dale Miller

### Standard Bearers

Mr Robert Blizzard

Mr Glyn Jackson



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