

How do I find out more?

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YOUR COUNTY NEEDS YOU

SURREY *in the* GREAT WAR



One hundred years ago Surrey was playing its part in the first global war between modern, industrial nations. It was a war which called for previously unthinkable sacrifices by the county's people, young and old, rich and poor. How did Surrey answer the call?

- How did the Great War affect your family, town, village, school or workplace?
- How did communities meet the challenge of the ever-growing demands for men, money and arms?
- How did they keep food on the table and their loved ones serving overseas supplied?
- How did they respond to the arrival of soldiers from across the Empire, refugees from war-ravaged Belgium and enemy prisoners of war?
- How did they feel about the cause they were fighting for? Did some of them change their mind?
- How did they face the prospect of being bombed?
- How did they come to terms with their losses and with the war's terrible legacy?

Surrey Heritage, through its four year Heritage Lottery Funded project, 'Surrey in the Great War: a County Remembers,' calls you to enlist in finding answers to these and many other questions.



How Can You Serve?

We need volunteers throughout the county to:

- Uncover the story of Surrey in the Great War by delving into contemporary newspapers, letters and other archive sources through which the voices of those who participated in this world-changing event can be heard
- Trawl through cupboards and attics for diaries and letters and capture the memories of family members to reveal the personal stories of those caught up in the conflict.
- Seek out local memorials to those who fell and discover the individuals behind the engraved names.
- Contribute to the project's new website which will capture the personal and community stories and make them accessible around the world.
- Attend events and roadshows around the county to understand how the four years of the Great War shaped the Surrey of today.

Who can Enlist?

Unlike in 1914 there are no age and height restrictions! All we ask is that you have a desire to find out more about your county's history and the lives of your forebears who endured a war the impact of which is still evident.

Schools and colleges, community groups and local societies, experienced researchers and novices with a thirst to discover – all are welcome.

Join us and help create a worthy tribute to the courage, sacrifice and stoicism of Surrey's people a century ago.