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Remembrance Sunday – Programme of Commemorative Events in the County

Most significantly, this year Remembrance Day, 11 November 2018, falls on a Sunday and this year, uniquely, it is both Armistice Day and the 100th Anniversary of the end of hostilities in the First World War.

For this reason discussions have been held with the First World War Co-ordinating Committee, Hereford Cathedral and the County's Royal British Legion; the attached appendix sets out the commemorations being proposed within the County.

This is a very significant date for us all and we would encourage everyone to attend and take part wherever possible.

Yours sincerely

The Dowager Countess of Darnley Councillor Brian Wilcox HM Lord-Lieutenant of Herefordshire Chairman of the Council

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Appendix

November 2018 Remembrance Programme

The commemorations within our county to mark both normal remembrance events and the centenary of the end of the First World War should take the following format:

- a. Normal Remembrance events take place around the county on Remembrance Sunday. It is important that we remember all those who have sacrificed their lives for peace and for our country throughout the many conflicts since August 1914.
- b. As church bells were rung at 1200 on 11th November 1918, we encourage the ringing of bells at 1200 on Sunday 11th November 2018 to mark the celebration of peace after 4 years of terrible conflict.
- c. The Garden of Remembrance will be opened at Hereford Cathedral at 3.45pm on Monday 5th November.

County Centenary Events

To mark the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day, there will be a number of special events within the county. These will include:

- a. Daily from 5th to 10th November at 4.30pm the names of the county's First World War dead will be read in Hereford Cathedral followed by Evensong at 5.30pm. Readers will represent all generations including members of youth organisations. There will be a short break between the readings and the beginning of Evensong.
 - i. It is expected that around 500 names will be read each day.
 - ii. Names will be read alphabetically and will include the first names and surname to recognise their equality in death.
 - iii. During the Evensong services a standard from one of the county's service organisations will be paraded.
 - iv. It is hoped that a number of dignitaries and organisations from across the county will be present on each day together with family representatives from those who died, were injured or who served during the First World War.
- b. A County Service of Remembrance for the end of the First World War will be held in the Cathedral at 3.30pm on Sunday 11th November during which:
 - i. The names of 200 county war dead will be read out. The Lord Lieutenant, Chairman of Herefordshire Council and a Lord Lieutenant Cadet will read the last 33 names.
 - ii. The County Royal British Legion Union Flag and County Standard will be paraded.
 - iii. During the 2 minutes silence, over 3,200 poppies marking each of the county's war dead will be dropped from the cathedral tower.

We hope that a very large number of people from across the county will be present both locally and at Hereford Cathedral to mark this very special day in the history of our country and take the opportunity to reflect on the service and sacrifice of all those who were affected by the First World War.