Wiltshire Commemorates
the
First World War

Community tree planting
A legacy to remember them
Marking the centenary of the First World War

- The First World War started on 28 July 1914
- Wiltshire commemorated the start with a service at Tidworth Military Cemetery in July 2014
- A Wall of Remembrance (10,000 named crosses) was created to mark the sacrifice made by the 10,000 soldiers from Wiltshire
- The Wall has been exhibited across the county - Salisbury Cathedral, County Hall, Armed Forces Days and special events
- It will be preserved in the History Centre
Commemorating the end of the First World War in Wiltshire

• The war ended on 11 November 1918
• Proposal to deliver a legacy to mark the centenary
• Inviting local communities to plant 10,000 trees across the county
• Each tree to represent the soldiers that lost their lives
• Options for planting:
  • An area/areas in your local community
  • A memorial wood in Wiltshire
  • A combination of a wood and local planting
Working with local communities

• We welcome your involvement and ideas
• We want to encourage schools and community groups to participate
• We need your input on possible locations for;
  • A memorial woodland
  • Smaller sites in your communities
  • Or both...
Delivering a legacy in partnership...

- Number of organisations supporting project
- Landmarc and idverde to assist with the planting of trees
- The Woodland Trust, Forestry Commission and the MoD contributing resources
- We will apply for 80% of the funding from The Woodland Trust
- Remaining 20% (approx. £10k) will need to be secured
Options to consider...

- A memorial woodland
- Sainsbury’s working with The Woodland Trust to fund Centenary Woods nationwide - planting millions of trees as a lasting legacy
- The Woodland Trust contribute up to 80% of cost of centenary woods - subject to meeting requirements
- Community tree planting
  - The Woodland Trust donating free trees to schools and communities
- Application submission March-April 2018
How much land is needed?

- 30 trees = one tennis court
  - (2,106 sqft /196 sqm)

- 100 trees = four tennis courts
  - (8,424 sqft /784 sqm)

- 420 trees = a football pitch
  - (13,000 sqyd /10,800 sqm)

- A woodland - between seven to eight hectares
Timescales

- Planting times:
  - Tree planting in the UK is recommended mid-November or late March
- Proposal:
  - Plant Memorial wood or community trees in November 2018
Presentation by CEMs to area boards to seek ideas and involvement

Communities board meeting for approval – 22 Jun

CEMs to work with community groups, schools and individuals to progress options

Planning and implementation stage

Promote events to get communities involved in tree planting

Community tree planting event on Sunday 11 November 2018 to mark the end of the First World War

Event to mark the completion of the memorial wood – coinciding with return of the last Wiltshire regiment from France

Local school and community sites planted

Tree planting timeline

May-Jun 2017
May-Jul 2017
Jun-Nov 2017
Mar-Apr 2018
Sep-Nov 2018
Nov 2018 - Mar 2019
2019

Wiltshire Council
Where everybody matters
Next steps...

• Key point of contact is local community engagement manager

• Work with community groups, schools and representatives from the area board/community to progress the options

• Report back to the area board on the project and progress

• We look forward to working with you to deliver a legacy that will remember those who sacrificed their lives in the First World War.