



“The air is electric with the glad tidings of a great joy”

– Gazette 9th Nov 1918

Today The Dacorum Heritage Trust (DHT) has received a £10,000 National Lottery grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for a project titled ‘**Commemorating Peacetime in Dacorum**’. Made possible by National Lottery players, the project will focus on

- Gathering information about local people and their stories. One of the areas of research DHT will undertake will be the contribution women gave to the First World War, as this is currently under represented.
- Hosting exciting art workshops and handling sessions using the First World War as inspiration.
- Create a collaborative art installation to highlight the signing of the peace treaty of 1919. This will involve folding and hanging of origami doves, each dove to represent one soldier from Dacorum.

The art installation will be exhibited within an empty shop unit at The Marlowes Shopping Centre in Hemel Hempstead, later on in the year.

Commenting on the award, Nina Glencross, Collections Manager said: “We are thrilled to have received the support of the National Lottery and are looking forward to interpreting and presenting this subject, in a unique and memorable way.”

If you would like to send us details of the contribution your family made or have any questions about the project please email us at ww1@dacorumheritage.org.uk

Notes to editors

About The Dacorum Heritage Trust Ltd

The Dacorum Heritage Trust (DHT) is an Accredited museum. However, DHT is not a traditional museum, as it currently operates from a museum store. This means that the staff and volunteers need to be far more creative in the way

the public gains access to the collection. One of the ways in which the trust has engaged with the public in the past has been to stage exhibitions at the local Shopping Centre. We plan to build on this experience during 2018 by creating a project to celebrate Peace in Dacorum.

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Heritage Lottery Fund and support for First World War heritage

- Thanks to National Lottery players, we invest money to help people across the UK explore, enjoy and protect the heritage they care about - from the archaeology under our feet to the historic parks and buildings we love, from precious memories and collections to rare wildlife. www.hlf.org.uk. Follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) and use #HLFsupported.
- Through its First World War: then and now programme, HLF is making at least £1million available per year for six years until 2019. It is providing grants between £3,000 and £10,000 enabling communities and groups right across the UK to explore, conserve and share their First World War heritage and deepen their understanding of the impact of the conflict. To find out how to apply for funding visit www.hlf.org.uk/thenandnow If a group needs a grant of more than £10,000 for a First World War project, it can apply to HLF through its open programmes www.hlf.org.uk/firstworldwar
- To join the conversation on social media please use #understandingww1

Further information

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