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## **Halton Heritage Press Release 1 June 2018**

### **National Lottery support for 'Halton's Gallant Heroes' to mark the First World War Centenary.**

Thanks to National Lottery players, Halton Heritage Partnership has received a Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) grant of £9900 for a project 'Halton's Gallant Heroes' in Widnes, Runcorn, Daresbury and Moore. Awarded through HLF's First World War Then and Now programme.

Those who died during WWI are commemorated on the various cenotaphs in the Borough of Halton. The VC awards in the Borough are well documented and commemorated, but the many other gallantry awards for those who survived WWI are not.

The project will focus on those who did return and should also be recognised; this project will help to build awareness among the general community and within local schools of heroism and crucially the 'life stories' of those who survived the War and what their life was like post-War.

To mark the Centenary of the First World War, the project will enable local people in Halton to come together to preserve the memories and heritage of the people who lived through the First

World War. Volunteers will collect photographs, newspaper clippings, documents, letters and photos of keepsakes, as well as family tales passed down to help them build a clear picture of what life was really like.

With help from volunteers and professionals, the information gathered will be digitally recorded and up-loaded on to Halton's Virtual Museum website [www.haltonheritage.co.uk](http://www.haltonheritage.co.uk) where everyone can access and contribute information. The archive will allow the public to discuss, contribute, share and research information about the Home Front.

The project will initially deliver up to twenty short biographies of WWI heroes who survived the War and who are no longer with us to be able to tell their own compelling stories so those of us in the twenty first century do not forget their bravery.

### **Quotes**

Commenting on the award, Chairman of HHP Frank Lawless said: "We're delighted that we've received this support thanks to National Lottery players especially those in Halton, that will enable local heritage to be recorded for future generations, especially those who gained gallantry awards, survived and led a life post war."

### **About the 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](http://www.hlf.org.uk). Follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) and use #NationalLottery and #HLFsupported.
- To date, almost £100million in HLF grants has been awarded to projects across the UK so they can mark the Centenary and explore all aspects of First World War heritage that matters to them. 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](http://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](http://www.hlf.org.uk/firstworldwar)

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