

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE MEMBER CHAMPION FOR ARMED FORCES 2017/18



Armed Forces Day Parade

Hundreds of Havering residents turned out to show their support as the borough marked the ninth national Armed Forces Day on Saturday 24 June.

Shoppers and residents packed Romford Market Place and South Street to watch the parade, led by the Royal British Legion Band and Corps of Drums Romford.

The Mayor of Havering, Councillor Linda Van den Hende, who made a speech to mark the occasion, said:

“This event allowed local people to show their support and appreciation to the armed forces – from currently serving troops, to service families, and from veterans to cadets.

It was extremely humbling to see the huge numbers of people lining the route and waving Union Flags. It made me very proud to be Mayor of Havering.”

In addition to the marking of significant dates within the centenary, long term projects such as improvements to the borough's main war memorials and the Council's online diary, published by Havering Local Studies Library, continue. The diary, updated

regularly with local stories from the First World War, can be viewed following this link: <https://arena.yourlondonlibrary.net/web/havering/world-war-one-diary>.

Armed Forces Covenant

During the period covered by the report, eight ex-service personnel were housed under the Armed Forces Covenant. Currently there are thirteen ex-service personnel on the housing register waiting for a property. They have all been awarded the Community Contribution (CC1) priority in line with the Housing Allocation policy. This is a high priority in recognition of the contribution that they have made to the community through their service.

Armistice Day Parade and Service



More than 2000 people attended Remembrance Sunday commemorations, services and parades across Havering to remember those who lost their lives and to honour their sacrifices.

Services and parades took place in Romford, Upminster, Hornchurch, Elm Park, Harold Hill, Harold Wood, Rainham and Ardleigh Green.

Councillor Linda Van den Hende, the Mayor of Havering, laid a wreath on behalf of Councillors and staff at the service held in Romford's Coronation Gardens following the parade led by the Royal British Legion Band and Corps of Drums Romford.

Councillor Roger Ramsey, Leader of the Council, said: "No one plays a greater role in keeping us safe than our Armed Forces and these services gave us a chance to remember the servicemen and women past and present."

Councillor John Crowder