

Poppy Organiser's Report

The 2023/24 Poppy Appeal year was given a great start in November 2023 with a quiz night in the Cotswold Club. The evening raised £386.00 to set the Appeal fund running for the new year. On the Friday evening before the Remembrance weekend, the Minchinhampton Local History Group held a Remembrance event in the Market House and raised the amazing sum of £1439.47 in support of the Poppy Appeal.

Collections during the Poppy Appeal period leading up to Remembrance Sunday raised £4813.69. Our thanks go to all those involved in collecting door to door in Minchinhampton and Box, and in the street on the last weekend of the period. Thanks also to all our local schools and businesses who do a magnificent job in promoting our cause amongst their staff, visitors, pupils, and customers. This year we were asked to extend our Poppy Appeal remit to include the schools and businesses in Amberley as their local Branch has, unfortunately, recently ceased to be an active Branch.

This year saw the first use of Branch QR codes which enabled people within the local community to donate to the local Branch Poppy Appeal online using a mobile phone. The code helped us raise a further £236.00 through this means.

At the end of September 2024, the Branch Poppy Appeal for 2023/24 stood at £7229.42

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