

## Poppy Appeal 2020

- **24<sup>th</sup> October – 11<sup>th</sup> November.**
- **Remembrance Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November**
- **Armistice Day – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November**



The British Legion, like many other charities, has had a challenging year with most of its fund-raising activities having to be cancelled. At the same time there has been an increased number of calls, asking for help and support in accessing food and financial advice. In response they have extended their benefit, debt and money advice services.

The Legion has also made it a priority to ensure there is additional protection for older veterans by increasing the number of staff in their care homes and specialist dementia units as well as continuing to support the Forces community and their families.

All this means they need our continuing support.

Due to Covid-19, the Poppy Appeal will look a little different this year. Unfortunately there will be no house-to-house collections or street collections, however, following feedback from all of us PA Co-ordinators, The Royal British Legion have put together some collecting alternatives. I've been waiting for confirmation on what we can and can't do; hence you are reading this article a little later than normal.

We are allowed to place boxes in the church, pubs, schools and at Acres Supply Garden Centre as usual. This year TMTI at Corsley Heath will also be hosting a box. In addition, there will be manned stands at Acres on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> October from 1000 to 1300ish and at 69 Lane End 0900-1200ish (weather permitting) on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October.

If you miss the manned stands and would still like a poppy, or if you would like a small box to circulate to friends and family, please do contact me on 01373 832301.

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Many of you will already have had mail shots from the British Legion and I know that some people would prefer to donate on-line. Many thanks if you have done this.

2021 will be the Legion's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary so hopefully life will be a little more 'normal' by then. The legion's website [www.britishlegion.org.uk](http://www.britishlegion.org.uk) has details on some of the challenges and events they hope to hold next year and also an on-line shop.

Every donation helps and I would like to thank you in advance for your continued support.

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