

# ***News Release***

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## **Celebrating Bexley's Great War Heritage**

The lives of the 1,066 men and women remembered on Bexley's eleven war memorials will be commemorated thanks to a successful National Lottery bid by the London Borough of Bexley.

Made possible by National Lottery players and awarded through the Heritage Lottery Fund, the money will enable community groups and schools to work together to produce a lasting legacy to mark the centenary of the First World War. It will ensure that local people now and in the future learn about the contribution Bexley residents made and that this is never forgotten.

Cllr Peter Craske, Cabinet Member for Community Safety, Environment and Leisure said: "This is a great example of local people helping their wider community by providing a fascinating insight into the lives of former Bexley residents. This initiative will enable community volunteers to learn new skills whilst also bringing Bexley's rich heritage to the attention of residents and those Londoners who haven't yet had the chance to visit."

Students at participating schools will look at the lives of two Bexley individuals from the First World War and produce work depicting their lives which will be displayed at an exhibition in November.

Volunteers will be shown how to carry out historical research. Their information will be used as part of the 'Layers of London' project, which aims to draw attention to community heroes from the past and make people proud of their local history.

If you are a community volunteer or would like to become one email us at [stronger.communities@bexley.gov.uk](mailto:stronger.communities@bexley.gov.uk) and tell us how we can support you or engage

with us on Twitter (@LBofBexley) or Facebook using the hashtag #doitforbexley

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#### About the Heritage Lottery Fund

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 historical parks and buildings we love, from precious memories and collections to rare wildlife. Follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) and use #HLFsupported

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