Activity Ideas

Want to get involved in the Commonwealth War Graves Commission’s (CWGC) first ever War Graves Week? Everything in our toolkit is designed to help you get involved and promote our first national awareness week.

Wherever you are in the world, we want you to get involved in our first ever national awareness week. We have a variety of activities that you can get involved in which you can find out more about below - from visiting your local cemetery or memorial, joining us online for a virtual site tour, or printing off your own commemorative Tribute to display in your window. Remembrance Day and anniversaries will always have a place in our work, but War Graves Week is an opportunity for communities to connect with their local heritage in a different way; when the days are longer, when the plants are in bloom, and our sites can be seen in a completely different light. Cemeteries are places for the living, and they were designed to be visited in all seasons. So join us this spring and make your own discovery in War Graves Week – a week to remember.

DISCOVER:

- This War Graves Week, you can discover your local connection to the World Wars and reconnect with the service personnel that walked on your streets over a century ago. By entering your postcode into our website, you can find out about the men and women with a connection to your local community. To discover your local connection, visit: www.cwgc.org/wargravesweek

- Pay tribute to the men and women of the Commonwealth who died serving across the world, by downloading a special War Graves Week tribute to display in your window at home, to show your participation. You can use CWGC’s casualty database to search for the men and women we commemorate, and download a printable Tribute to display during War Graves Week
Tune into our Digital Festival and join the CWGC as we host several live broadcasts across the country. Hosted on Facebook, LinkedIn, and YouTube you will be able to learn about our work in the UK and across the world from the comfort of your own home.

**Friday 21st May:** A Day in the life of CWGC. Meet our workforce across the globe and learn how we maintain our historic estate. From **12:00 - 2:00pm (UK time)**.

**Saturday 22nd May:** Live from Brookwood Military Cemetery: How do we commemorate the fallen? Join us from Brookwood as we highlight the varied ways we commemorate nationalities from all over the world. With special demonstrations from CWGC stonemasons, learn what it takes to keep remembrance of our war dead alive. From **12:00 - 1:00pm (UK time)**.

**Sunday 23rd May:** Live from Runnymede Air Forces Memorial: How do you inspire a generation with no memory of the two World Wars? We speak to Air Cadets who have been working with the CWGC to discover the stories of the heroice men and women who gave their lives in service of their country. From **1:00pm - 2:00pm (UK time)**.

**Friday 28th May:** Live from Harrogate (Stonefall) Cemetery. A special live broadcast to close War Graves Week with a tribute from our partners, the RAF Air Cadets. From **6:30pm - 7:30pm (UK time)**.

You can tune into our lives through multiple channels. You can view via Facebook, YouTube, LinkedIn, and even via the Hub

- Help educate your community: You can book a CWGC speaker to visit your school, groups or organisation. We offer a range of highly engaging and informative talks for schools and groups which are all adapted for different audiences and delivered at a time and place to suit you. For more information or to book a talk, visit: [www.cwgc.org/our-work/outreach/speakers-programme/cwgc-talks](http://www.cwgc.org/our-work/outreach/speakers-programme/cwgc-talks)

- Children’s Activity book: Enjoy our new created CWGC's Children’s Activity book. From word searches to I Spy to colouring in, this activity book provides fun activities the whole family can get involved in. You can download this: [www.cwgc.org/our-work/outreach/learning-resources](http://www.cwgc.org/our-work/outreach/learning-resources)

**REMEMBER:**

- Marking War Graves Week can be as simple as visiting your local cemetery or memorial. Honour those who died in the two World Wars by visiting your local war graves site, and discover the World War heritage on your doorstep. To find your local cemetery or memorial, you can download our new app: [www.cwgc.org/who-we-are/our-apps](http://www.cwgc.org/who-we-are/our-apps)

- We are hosting several events and guided tours across the UK during War Graves Week, which you can attend. These events will all be socially-distanced, and you can book yourself a ticket by visiting: [www.cwgc.org](http://www.cwgc.org)

Share your participation by adding the War Graves Week hashtag to all your social media posts.

#WarGravesWeek