



SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

Press Release

Remembrance Service

A socially distanced Service of Remembrance was held earlier this week, at the Memorial on Sandown Esplanade.

The annual service, held under coronavirus guidelines, was led by Rev Mark Williams and Rev Tony Richards, and attended by the Sandown Town Mayor, Gary Young, and other Councillors.

Bugler, Stuart Kent, played the Last Post and Reveille and RBL President Ian Ward MBE read the Exhortation and the Kohima Epitaph.

Sandown residents are reminded that due to the current social restrictions, Sandown's Remembrance Day Parade followed by the Civic Act of Remembrance and wreath laying at Sandown War Memorial will not take place this year.

Residents are encouraged to take part in the two minute silence on their doorstep, or inside their homes, as a mark of remembrance at 11am on Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day (Wednesday 11 November).

Cllr Young said: "I am sure that despite this disappointment, people will still mark this important occasion by spending a few moments to reflect and honour, from home, all those that that made sacrifices so that we could enjoy the freedoms we enjoy today."

Anyone wishing to lay wreaths at the Sandown War Memorial is asked to do so over the course of Remembrance Sunday and also on Armistice Day — and in accordance with [the latest social distancing guidance](#).

The council is also following the lead of the Royal British Legion in encouraging homes and businesses to mark Remembrance Sunday and show support for the armed forces community by displaying a poppy in their window.

This could be a traditional Royal British Legion paper poppy, a homemade poppy, a coloured-in poppy or a printed picture. There are pictures of poppies available to download and print from the [Royal British Legion website](#).



Meanwhile, the council has arranged for students from Sandown Bay CE Primary School to write commemorative poems and these will be on the Town Council website, alongside pictures from the Wreath Laying Ceremony; and follows the arrangements made by the Town Council for the commemoration of VE and VJ Days @75, earlier this year.

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