

Volunteer mid project feedback

Discussion - 1st 15 months of the project

- Identify particular points of interest to you about WW1 and its local impact
 - Hidden stories
 - Fund raising – local effort reflecting national concerns (Belgium refugees, Mobilisation War Blind, War bonds
 - VAD activity
 - School Children and the war effort
 - Reports in the Grantham Journal
 - Wilfred Owen and local links
 - Sharing of information across the project year
 - Food initiatives - Egg collecting, blackberries, self sufficiency
 - Local 'heroes'
- Enjoyable parts of the project?
 - Launch event – listening to public and doing research
 - Researching histories of individuals from Bottesford @ personal family histories
 - Working with other project team members for the community
 - Meeting people at events
 - working on projects
 - Working with village organizations
 - Community response
 - Putting names to faces
 - Locating where people lived
 - Learning news skills
 - Finding images and memorabilia
 - Response of community to events eg Bell ringing, concert exhibition
 - Establishing networks of contact with other local history WW1 projects
 - finding out stories of family relatives and relatives of local residents
 - concert and singing, talking to people about their experiences and memories
- Challenging parts?
 - Form filling!!
 - War record research – missing records frustrating, eg those lost in the Blitz
 - Volume of material
 - migration of web material to new site, learning in using new site
- What would improve the project for you and for the community?
 - more narrative history linking national and local issues
- Any other points of interest?



Perfect fit after a hot wash!