

# **Bottesford Parish WWI Centenary Project**

## **People, community & memory**

### **Heritage Lottery Fund Award 2014- 2017**

**Community** life - caring and coping

**Memories** (25 recordings and memorabilia (600+ images)

**Events** - exhibitions, activities, meetings

253 Biographies from **then** including - exceeding the original plan to do 50

40 named on war memorials who served and fell

9 others killed in action not listed

143 from the 'Bottesford List' who survived

61 others from Bottesford and Muston who served and survived

20 Biographies of those related to **new** parish residents

**Research** used to organise 30+ events

monthly core volunteer **meetings**

involving 40 **local, regional and international organisations**

over 20,000 **volunteer hours**

25 core **volunteers**

over 400 other **volunteers**

**Self funded research** in Canada and France

### **Reporting**

Social media: Facebook & Twitter (1600+ following)

Website and digital archive (300+ WWI web pages [www.bottesfordhistory.org.uk](http://www.bottesfordhistory.org.uk))

(1000+ active users/month and a 30% user return rate; since website launch

(2007) 1,043,234 pages accessed)

WWI HistoryPin:Bottesford (44 pins - 746 views);

IWM Lives of the First World War:Bottesford Parish (37 lives - ongoing)

10+ talks to outside organisations

Book - *Lest we Forget - Bottesford and Muston in the Great War* 300 pages

## Activities & Displays

- 16 additional events and activities

March 2014- June 2017 * March 2014- to date March 2014	Monthly WWI Project Volunteer meetings - Planning & Training Bottesford Community Heritage Noticeboard Displays Wartime in Leicestershire Display, Beaumanor Hall, Leicestershire
May 2014	Project volunteer recruitment & Display, Bottesford May Gala
September 2014 • September 2014 • September 2014 - Nov. 2018	Community Launch and Exhibition BBC WWI @ Home Archive Recording Bottesford School Centenary Ceremonies - Bottesford and Muston War Memorials with the Royal British Legion
November 2014 November 14 - December 15 • November 2014-October 15  • December 2014	Commemorative Bell Ringing & Display St Mary's Project Display Bottesford Library Display  Muston Project Display
February 2015	WWI Newsletter, Belvoir High School
March 2015	Chapel Roll of Honour Redication and Exhibition
April 2015 April 2015  • June 2015 June 2015 June 2015	'Bottesford in the Great War' Exhibition - St Mary's Church, Bottesford 'Bottesford in the Great War' Concert and readings - St Mary's Church  Heritage Network Display @ Loughborough University Project Display & volunteer recruitment, Muston Summer Fest WWI Music 'Muston Brass Quintet' , Muston Summer Fest
September 2015	Bottesford Primary School Activities Day
October 15 - February 16 • November 2015  • February 2016	Bottesford Primary School 1st World War Commemorative Banner Remembrance Weekend Great War Exhibition, St Mary's Church  Unveiling Bottesford Primary School WWI Commemorative Banner
May Bank Holiday 2016 • May Bank Holiday 2016 • May Bank Holiday 2016 May Bank Holiday 2016	WWI Bottesford Heritage Trail Great War Poetry Exhibition and Interactive Display Bottesford WWI Commemorative Lions Gala & Exhibition Muston Brass Quintet WWI Music @ May Gala
June 2016	WWI Muston Heritage Trail @ Muston Fest
July 2016 • July 2016 • July 2016 • July 2016	The Battle of Somme Centenary Newsletter' Belvoir High School Community screening 'The Battle of the Somme' IWM partnership Somme Centenary Dawn Whistle Blow Somme Centenary Muffled Bell Ringing
August 2016 August 2016 • November 2016  • November 2016 • June 2017 • June 2017	WWI Flower Festival and Muston in the Great War Display Muston WWI Heritage Trail & Display 'Forgotten heroes - Horses in the Great War - Artist of the Remount' & the Leicestershire Yeomanry Exhibition Remembrance Weekend Great War Display, St Mary's Church Local History Fayre Book promotion, Melton Mowbray Museum Bottesford Library Summer Fete Book promotion
March 2017	Book Launch - 'Lest we forget: Bottesford & Muston in the Great War'