# World War I Soldiers Remembered



A great example of a co-worked project

# Can you get 620 of these coloured in?







# How did this project start?

♦This was an idea from Gerry Tann, King's Lynn Royal British Legion Branch Chairman, following a visit to the battlefields in Europe.

♦The Civic Officers made use of the my role, and I in turn made use of my contacts and knowledge of what was needed for schools to engage



#### Who was involved?

- ♦ Stories of Lynn Learning and Engagement Officer, NMS/BCKLWN
- ♦ Civic Officers and Civic Support Team, Jules Stutchbury and Paul Edwards
- Councillors including the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Cllr Nockolds
  - ♦ King's Lynn Borough Archivist, NMS, Luke Shackell
  - Operations Manager, Sam Jay and Town Hall Caretaking Staff Team
  - Opens Spaces Department, Nathan Johnson and Claire Thompsett
    - Communications Department, Stephanie Lewis
    - ♦ Graphics and Print Room Teams, Beth, Philip and Kristina
    - \* Project Officer, Policy, Performance and Personnel, Jenny Rouse And, of course,
      - ♦ Staff and pupils of King's Lynn and West Norfolk Schools
      - Staff and Members of Forward and Involve Day Centres

## The process of recruitment of the pupils

- ♦The Headteachers' meeting... a bidding war!
- Coordination with the Town Hall Operations' Manager
- ♦Letters of invitation for the six days
- Recruitment of session staff for the days

# The Educational thread running through the school sessions in SOL



- 1. The soldiers needed colouring but we needed to make use of the learning time available to the children.... to make it worth the day out of school;
- 2. I wanted to give the children a broad, rich experience of life in WWI;
- 3. I wanted the children to get to know the 620 individual Lynn soldiers;
- 4. I wanted to ensure we learned from **Primary Sources from our archive**;
- 5. We knew Historic Interpreters, SOL staff and SOL volunteers would bring the facts to life for the children, making it **engaging and realistic.**



## The WWI Photo Analysis Workshop



### The archive letters from the frontline







# Rationing





## Life in the Trenches





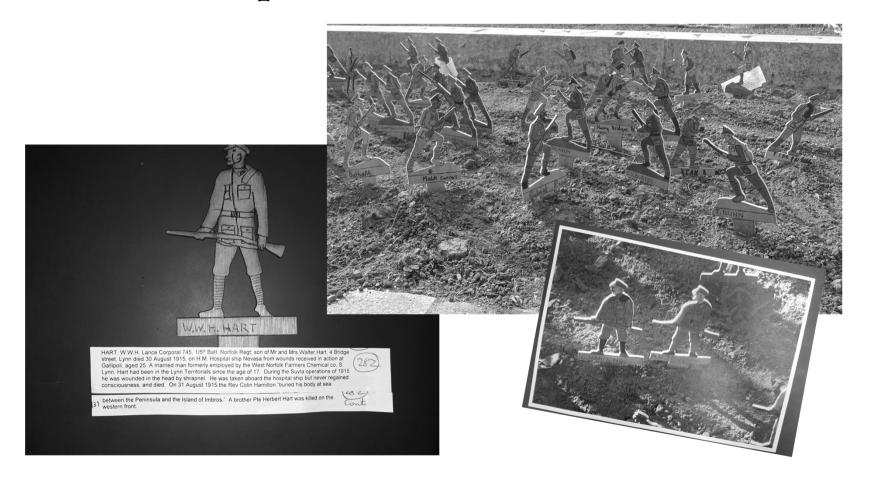


### The Book of Remembrance in the Archive



# And finally... the connection between WWI and the present, the wooden soldiers





And after lunch...making a life-sized soldier using records from the archives





# Working TOGETHER from the archives...





## Marching to the Memorial (and back!)









# A Special Ceremony





## The bonus of going to the Gardens?



Public engagement

♦Put the project and King's Lynn on the map

♦ Children's experiences

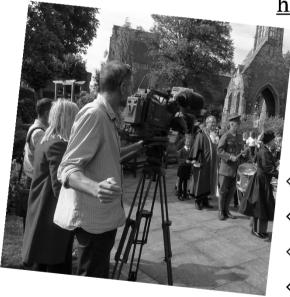




## The publicity as a spin off

#### ♦ TV cameras for Anglia ITV News Team

\* ITV News Anglia on Twitter: "Children in West Norfolk have been remembering 600 men from the area killed in the First World War. The youngsters have been decorating wooden soldiers - each of them has the name of someone from the King's Lynn area who perished



- ♦ Radio Norfolk
- ♦ KLFM
- Lynn News; Your Local Paper and the EDP
- ♦ Media including Facebook and Twitter



### Evaluations from the schools

\*Examples of just one school's follow-up work

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Another school's feedback please see the handout

All the feedback has been so positive.

Voluntary homework from a Whitefriars Academy Pupil, Shana Brookes'

#### **Pray Safe**

#### Verse 1

They are Brave, they are Strong and they Fight! Throughout the day and the night They keep us safe while Fighting for our Country.

#### Chorus

Pray for them; Keep them Safe, Bring them home to us....

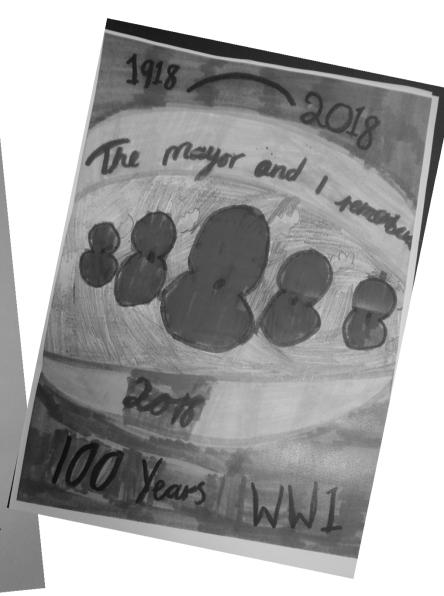
They put their life on the line, Every single time They walk out the door and say Goodbye.

#### Repeat Chorus

#### Verse 3

We will be waiting for you to come home, We long to hear your voice and your tone, It wont be long and you'll be back by our sides.

#### Repeat Chorus



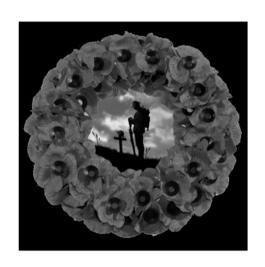
# The Project Culmination 11 November 2018, in the Tower Gardens

100 years on...

- ♦Proud to remember on a very personal level each individual soldier.
- Helping Lynn's future to connect to the past.
- Working to ensure we never forget our soldiers from King's Lynn.



# Thank you for this opportunity to share the success of the WWI Soldiers Remembered Co-worked Project



If you have any questions, I would be very happy to answer them.