

Home Front Legacy 1914–18 Day School Recording First World War sites in the UK for community groups

CBA is working with English Heritage and partners across the UK to help local communities identify and map the remains of the First World War in Britain.

Running from 2014–2018, the Home Front Legacy 1914–18 project is supporting community groups researching local places associated with the Great War with an online toolkit and guidance for recording the remains of surviving sites, structures and buildings around Britain.

The Home Front Legacy website provides tools, guidance and resources for you to carry out archaeological recording and submit your data to your local Historic Environment Record and National Monuments Records to add to our knowledge and inform future protection for sites

Using our online toolkit and the resources on the Home Front Legacy website, everyone can help to research and record their local sites and structures and help to safeguard First World War survivals here in Britain. Exploring these remains brings you into closer contact with what our families lived through, and the ways in which the Great War shaped their lives and the places we live today.

You don't need to be an archaeologist or have some experience of fieldwork to take part. You may have an interest in the Home Front or already be involved in a First World War Centenary project about your local area.

The CBA invites local community group members, national and local stakeholders to this day school to find out how to use the recording toolkit and online app for your project.

This day school will:

- Get you actively involved with the Home Front Legacy 1914–18 project
- Share the toolkit and resources to use within your own projects, or to start one up
- Enable you to start discovering your local First World War surviving sites, structures and buildings using online resources.
- Help you connect with your local Historic Environment Record
- Give you the skills and confidence to share your learning with your community group
- Provide the forum to share your projects and to meet potential partners

Day School Programme

Course delivery: presentation, multimedia and practical demonstration. Bring along your own laptop, tablet or mobile, if you have one, for our practical demonstration.

10.30 welcome and coffee

11–11.30 Presentation, multimedia

1. An introduction to the Home Front Legacy Project
2. What remains are out there? First World War surviving physical remains overview
Land, Sea, Air, Home Front

11.30–1pm Presentation, practical demonstration

3. Getting started – step by step to setting up and taking forward your recording project

Desk Research: How do you find WWI remains?

- The Heritage Gateway
- What are Historic Environment Records (HERs)?
- How do they help local groups?
- How do they protect your local historic environment?
- What services can you access?
- Questions for HER Officers

Other sources of information - online

- The National Archive
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission
- Genealogical web sites
- Local historical records, museums and archives
- Great War Forum
- War Memorials Online
- National Monuments Records
- Arts and Humanities Research Council Connected Communities First World War Hubs
- Heritage Lottery Fund 'Then and Now'

Networking lunch 1–2pm

2pm–3.45 Presentation, practical demonstration

4. Using the site recording toolkit
 - Finding sites with maps and aerial photographs
 - Field recording using the app
 - Site recording demonstration from using the web resources to completing the app recording form and displaying your site and project on the online map of UK remains
 - Writing site descriptions
 - Local case studies

3.45–4pm Q and A get involved/contacts and close

4–5pm Optional walking tour of WW1 remains at the Gunpowder Mills
with Wayne Cocroft, English Heritage Senior Archaeological Investigator