

North Lanarkshire's War

How to get involved:

If you have medals, uniforms, photographs, certificates, newspaper clippings or stories about a relative's First World War involvement, please get in touch with us.

What we will do with your artefacts:

We don't want to keep your treasured items – with your permission, we will simply make digital copies for use in exhibitions, on the website and other related projects to help tell North Lanarkshire's story of the conflict to the wider world.

Email ww1@culturenl.co.uk and tell us what you have to share. Remember to include your name and a contact number.

Stories and anecdotes:

If you have a family story to tell, you could write it down and email it to us or if you would prefer we can record your story instead. Contact Emma Baxter on 01236 638571 if you would like to record your story.

It's not just about the military:

We aren't just looking for stories from the armed forces - industry, shops, transport, sport, school and home life are really important areas of study too. If you have any stories at all relating to the First World War please do get in touch.

Contact: ww1@culturenl.co.uk  [#NLWar](https://twitter.com/NLWar)

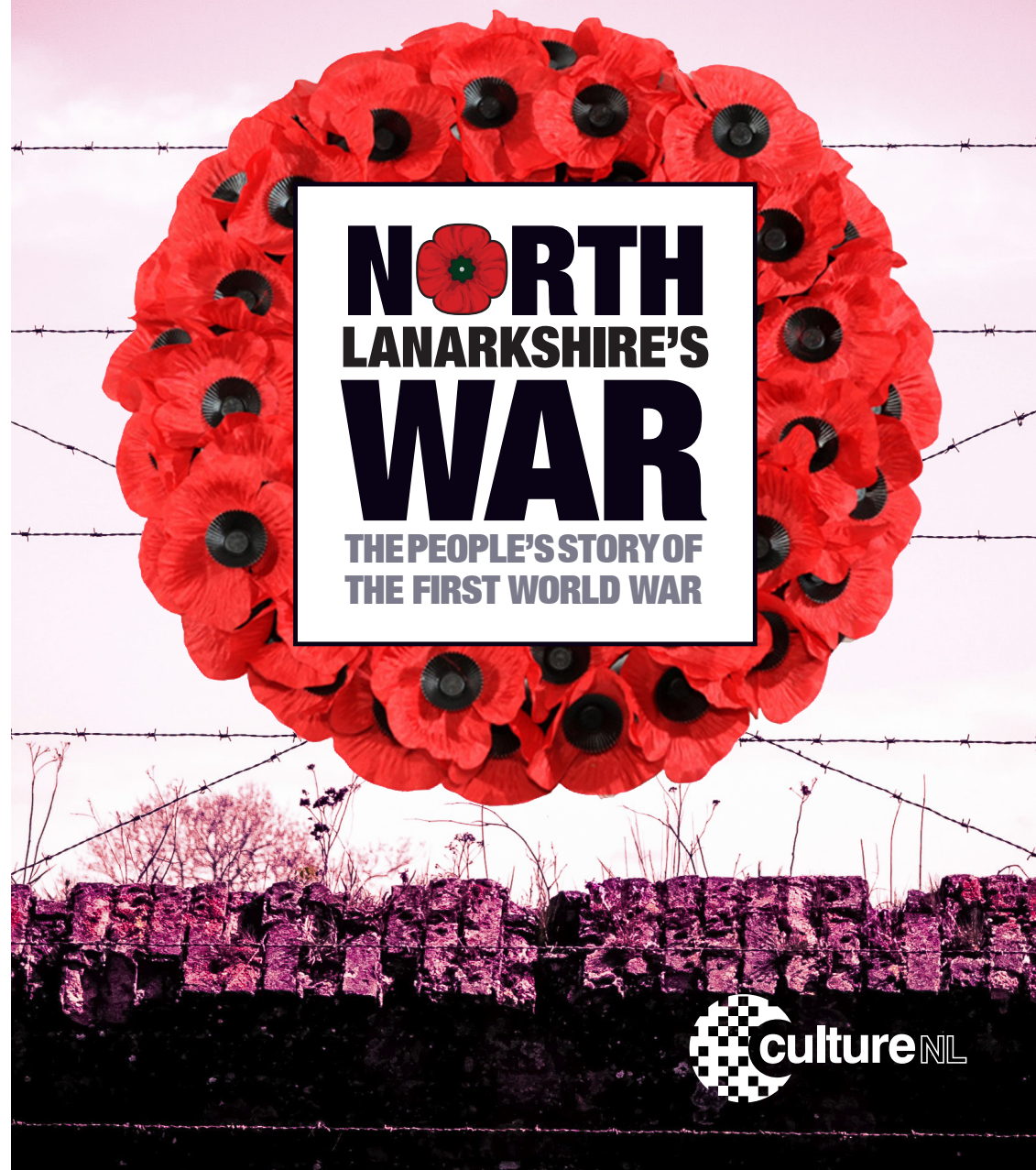
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Help us to commemorate 1914-1918 in North Lanarkshire by sharing your family stories



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The major 'North Lanarkshire's War' programme of events will continue our First World War centenary commemorations throughout 2015.

'North Lanarkshire's War' is about ordinary people and the extraordinary events they helped to shape during the First World War conflict. From nurses and Victoria Cross winners to miners, weavers and communities at home, the people of North Lanarkshire were a vital part of the war effort both in the trenches and on the homefront.

We will continue to tell the story of the war in North Lanarkshire throughout 2015 by gathering together personal, family stories and artefacts and sharing them as part of our commemoration programme supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

As time has passed and there are no living veterans still with us, we are looking to relatives of those who took part to keep their memories alive by sharing their stories. The stories don't have to be 'exciting', just who they were and what they did – every story helps us.



'North Lanarkshire's War' – 2015 Commemorative Programme

Spring

Our local Primary Schools take centre stage in the early part of the year, as 'North Lanarkshire's War' comes to the annual Libraries Primary Reading Quiz. Pupils will be reading related First World War literature and researching the impact of the conflict on their local area as part of the event.

Run a school group, Brownies or Scouts? We can help bring the wartime experiences of North Lanarkshire to life for your members with one of our dedicated WW1 Museums Loan Boxes, filled with handling objects, artefacts and loads of other fascinating information. For more details on arranging a Loan Box, please contact us.

Look out for our dedicated 'Who Do You Think Your First World War Family Were?' genealogy sessions this Spring too. Our expert staff will guide you through the process of tracing your own family tree, paying particular attention to the war years and any possible family member's involvement in the conflict.

Summer

Our major 'Lanarkshire and the Great War' exhibition opens in late August in the North Lanarkshire Heritage Centre in Motherwell. The exhibition will explore the experiences and stories of local people who lived and fought during the war. Visitors will learn what it was actually like to fight in the trenches as a soldier, and will see how the conflict affected those at home in their working and domestic lives too. A must-see part of the 'North Lanarkshire's War' programme.

Autumn

Our annual Encounters Cultural Festival once again joins in the First World War commemorations, with a range of dedicated 'North Lanarkshire's War' events planned including a 'Big Read', author talks and a whole lot more. Find out more at www.culturenl.co.uk.

Winter

The Victoria Cross winners of Lanarkshire during the First World War will be commemorated in particular on Remembrance Sunday this year, as 2015 marks the centenary anniversary of the first WW1 VC winner from Lanarkshire being awarded. Look out for more details on this later in the year.



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