



Poppy Appeal volunteers urgently needed

The Royal British Legion is in desperate need of more volunteers to assist with this year's Poppy Appeal in Hatfield and North Mymms.

Natasha Robertson Community Fundraiser for the Poppy Appeal said 'We currently haven't got a Poppy Appeal Organiser for North Mymms and Hatfield needs more collectors to join its successful Poppy Appeal Team. Unless we get more volunteers to assist with these local appeals the Poppy Appeal will be affected and there might not be any poppies available in North Mymms this year.'

Natasha continued "Every year the general public wants to remember those who gave their lives for their country and help provide services for those who have served in the armed forces. It is therefore crucial to have someone in place to ensure that the public can get their poppies in time for Remembrance Sunday, as well as ensuring that we continue to raise the funds needed to support our armed forces family."

Whether someone can donate an hour of their time to collect during the Poppy Appeal this October, assist with delivering poppies to the local businesses and schools in the area or organise a rota for the collectors, every hour of support makes a huge difference.

Last year Stewart Budd, Poppy Appeal Organiser for Hatfield, looked after the North Mymms Poppy Appeal as well as running the Hatfield Appeal. Stewart wishes to concentrate on the appeal in Hatfield and feels someone needs to take on the North Mymms Appeal this year. Stewart said: "Hatfield is a large town to coordinate for the Poppy Appeal. My aim this year is to build up the Hatfield Poppy Appeal and give the town the biggest poppy appeal it has ever had. In order to build up the Hatfield Appeal I need some more collectors and also concentrate my efforts on the Hatfield Appeal. I feel North Mymms would benefit from someone who know the area well and can do the local appeal justice."

The Royal British Legion is the nation's leading Armed Forces charity providing care and support to all members of the British Armed Forces past and present and their families. Every single day the charity needs £200,000 to continue its vital welfare work. The Poppy Appeal is the charity's main source of funding. The charity is also the national Custodian of Remembrance and safeguards the Military Covenant between the nation and its Armed Forces. It is best known for the annual Poppy Appeal and its emblem the red poppy -- www.britishlegion.org.uk

If you think you might be able to help the Poppy Appeal in either North Mymms or Hatfield or would like to discuss the role in more detail, please contact Natasha on 01279 758220 or email nrobertson@britishlegion.org.uk