Sherwood Rangers and Carlton Central Junior School Community Project

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To mark the Centenary of the First World War, the project will enable local people in Carlton to come together to preserve the memories and heritage of the people who lived through the First World War. Volunteers will collect photographs, newspaper clippings, documents, letters and photos of keepsakes, as well as family tales passed down to help them build a clear picture of what life was really like.

With help from The Carlton Family History Group, the Trent to Trenches group, Sherwood Rangers Museum Group and many local First World War history experts, a booklet about the men of Carlton who laid down their lives for this country will be produced by the children of Carlton Central Junior School. The names of the fallen are to be found on the war memorial in St Pauls Church.

A musical play will be performed by the children of Carlton Central Junior School & Carlton Male Voice Choir about the people of Carlton and their role in the First World War. The play will feature songs & sketches from the home front and women's new role in industry & the men at the front.

The project will also involve a numbers of visits for the children of Carlton Central Junior School to the museum at the Sherwood Rangers HQ and the Trent to Trenches Exhibition at Nottingham Castle Museum from July to November 2014. A field trip to "Wipers" (Ypres) in Belgium is to be organised for the children, who will attend the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate "Wipers" to lay a poppy wreath and visit various sites of historical importance such at the Commonwealth War Cemetery's at Tyne Cot and Essex Farm.

The local community will be invited to bring along their family photos and memorabilia to open evenings at Carlton Central Junior School and Carlton Library to meet local historians and members of the Sherwood Rangers Museum team & Trent to Trenches group. They will help to identify uniforms, medals and give advice on how to continue researching their own family history of the period. They will also offer valuations of some of the memorabilia wherever possible. Lectures and talks will be held at the school and library by the local experts.

Head teacher of Carlton Central Julie Wardle said: "We are thrilled and so excited to have received the support of the Heritage Lottery Fund as this will make such a difference to our plans to commemorate such an important anniversary in our history."

Vanessa Harbar, Head of Heritage Lottery Fund East Midlands, welcomed the project: "We are delighted to support this project, it will help young people learn about the impact of the war and enable local people to explore and record Carlton's wartime history. HLF has already invested more than £45 million in commemorative projects, including local community projects like this one which serve to pay tribute to lives lost and the people who were affected during the conflict."

Martin Kerry of Sherwood Rangers Association said: "The Carlton Community Partnership to Commemorate the 100th Anniversary of WW1 project was always going to proceed, but with the support of the Heritage Lottery Fund grant, it will enable the project to fulfil its maximum potential and reach out to the whole community of Carlton. We must also

mention the contribution from Councillor Darrell Pulk & Councillor Jim Creamer who, despite the financial restraints of the current climate, have supported the project as have the Arnold & Midlands branches of the Sherwood Rangers Association."

Further information

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