

OPERATION POPPY!

CALLING ALL EDITH WESTON!

Edith Weston Parish Council are working together with the 1st Military Working Dog Regiment at St Georges Barracks, to raise as much money as possible for the Oakham Royal British Legion.

Our staff and residents are getting busy crafting as many plastic poppies as we can – in the hope to make a poppy display at the mini round-about.

We really want to encourage our community friends to get involved and help us create a 'poppy field'. Don't forget poppies are purple as well as red and we want to pay tribute to all the animal's past and present who loyally stand beside us.

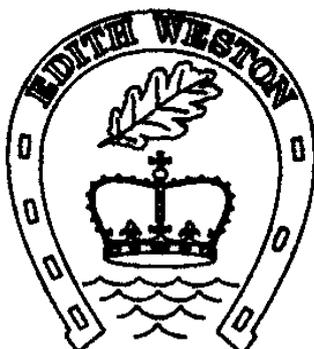
Not only will this be a great project for the little ones, but our hope is we can create something special for Remembrance Sunday and also raise money for the village poppy appeal!

How to get involved:

- 1) Follow these steps to create a plastic poppy
- 2) Plant your poppy in the grass by the memorial stones on the mini round-about.



- 3) Donate by visiting <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/ways-to-give/donate>



You will need:

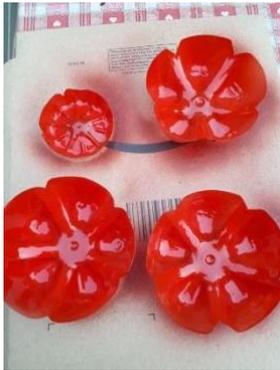
- A large, empty drinks bottle (or 3!)
- Paintbrush
- Scissors
- Red acrylic paint or Spray paint
- Purple acrylic paint or spray paint
- Green acrylic paint
- Glue
- Black Permanent Pen or Black paint (Ps two coats of cheap nail varnish works well)
- Wooden craft stick/bamboo skewer for the stem



STEP 1: Get your empty drink bottles (the bigger the better!), clear bottles work best



STEP 2: Using the scissors, carefully cut the bottom off the bottle, like this – little ones may need supervision for this part



STEP 3: Grab your paintbrush and the red paint. Cover both sides of the bottle bottom generously! We've used red spray paint – but either will work fine. This will be your poppy flower/head.

Put to one side to dry (use two coats if needed)

STEP 4: Using your black paint/ black pen, put a nice blob in the middle of the flower like this.

Put to one side to dry whilst we start to make the stem.



STEP 5: Grab your wooded craft stick/ bamboo skewer and your green paint. Cover generously with the green paint (again, use two coats if needed).

Put to one side to dry... we're almost there!



STEP 6: Using your glue (stronger the better!), glue your green stem to the back of your red poppy. Again, little ones might need a hand for this part.

Allow to dry.



STEP 7: Sit back and be proud of your beautiful poppy!

Don't forget to donate to the Royal British Legion, or visit:

<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/ways-to-give/donate>

All funds raised via this page will be donated to the Oakham Royal British Legion who provide valuable practical help, advice and support to the Armed Forces community all year round. They help serving members of the Armed Forces, ex-Service men and women, their careers and families.



Join us in planting our poppies and making a difference to our Armed Forces friends in and around Rutland and beyond.

