



ARMED FORCES DAY

Saturday 24th June 2017

What will you be doing on Armed Forces Day?

Introduction

National Armed Forces Day (AFD) is on Saturday 24th June 2017. The Country will come together to thank our Armed Forces personnel for the jobs that they do both at home and abroad. In Shropshire (including Telford & Wrekin) the day has previously been celebrated with a variety of events put on by individual organisations within communities. The aim of this paper is to draw together all of these events and coordinate communication of them to ensure our military community feel appreciated.

Shrewsbury Armed Forces Day in the Quarry (24 June)

Shrewsbury Armed Forces day in the Quarry is a family fun day with lots of Armed Forces themed activities for the whole family! Partnering with the Shrewsbury Food Festival, activities will include a British Legion poppy treasure hunt, an RAF military field kitchen, armed forces displays from local Reserve units based in Shrewsbury & a fantastic pop-up museum delivered by the Shropshire Regimental Museum.

Curbside gaming, the multiplayer video gaming party van ran by a military veteran will be offering free gaming experiences to younger people whilst a WW1 project called 'One name, one voice' will be offering everyone the opportunity to add their name to a sound installation to commemorate those killed in WW1.

This will be Shrewsbury's largest ever Armed Forces day & will complement the book of appreciation and gratitude that is being organised in the Square on the same day.

Shrewsbury Armed Forces Day – Saying 'Thank you' (24 June)

The public are invited to join us in the square to say thank you to all our serving and ex-service members of the Armed Forces. The main theme is to provide a book of appreciation and gratitude, for people to engage and have the opportunity to say thank you in their own words. The Mayor of Shrewsbury will join us on the day. It is hoped that both serving and veterans from all services will join us to make this the inaugural Armed Services Day in the town.

St Chad's Armed Forces Day lightshow (23 June)

Local Shropshire Artist Andy McKeown has been commissioned to create a lightshow projected on to St Chads Church, Shrewsbury to celebrate Armed Forces Day. The show will start late on Friday 23rd June evening with further details to be announced soon.



RAF Cosford Museum Armed Forces Day (24 June)

Taking place in the Museum's National Cold War Exhibition Auditorium at 1.45pm, this intimate musical performance will have a very British theme!

Attendance to the concert is free of charge but you will need to pre-register as places are limited. If you would like to make a voluntary donation of £5.00 per ticket to enable the museum to continue to deliver free events and care for their iconic collection you can do so when registering your place here: <https://www.rafmuseum.org.uk/cosford/whats-going-on/events/armed-forces-day-cosford/>

Local Councils

Telford & Wrekin Council will again be providing free and discounted access to their leisure sites including; Telford Ice Rink, swimming pools, Ski centre and golf courses for military personnel and their families.

Shropshire Council will also be providing free access to Leisure sites including Meole Brace golf course and swimming pools throughout Shropshire for military personnel and their families.

Flag Raising

Flag raising across the country is expected from Monday 19th June leading up to the 24th June. If you would like to purchase a flag to raise at your HQ or building premises you can purchase the official flag from <https://www.theflagshop.co.uk/armed-forces-day-flag.html>

Town & Parish Council's

We would like to hear from all Town & Parish Councils who will be supporting Armed Forces Day 2017. Please provide details of your events/support by contacting David Fairclough. We will then collate all of the events together and ensure they are communicated across the county.

Thank you.

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