



Help Brackley Create a Ribbon of Red

RIBBON OF POPPIES BRACKLEY · WEDNESDAY, 24 JANUARY 2018

- *The Ribbon of Poppies Brackley*

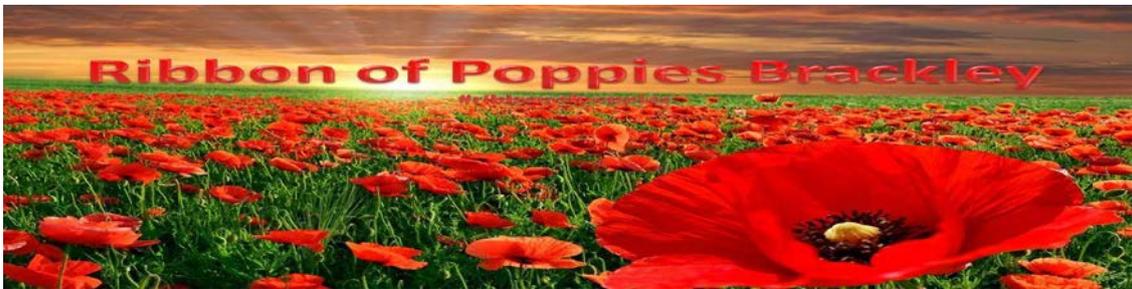
Around the UK Hundreds of pledges have been received in support of a call to plant swathes of poppies commemorating the final year of the First World War Centenary.

Members of the Scout and Guide movements led the way in supporting the project, now local organisations and councils the length and breadth of the UK have pledged to plant poppies to help create a carpet of the red flowers in time for the centenary of the end of World War One in 2018.

The Ribbon of Poppies project is the brainchild of Iain Henderson a Scout Leader from Iver Heath, Buckinghamshire. Mr Henderson and colleagues from The Memorial Mob - a group dedicated to creating memorials and events to help remember the uniformed services, are hoping the "Poppy Ribbon" will be a living legacy to those who paid the ultimate sacrifice. Our idea is to create a carpet of crimson from Land's End to John O'Groats to remember all those killed or wounded in the war," he said.

The project was originally launched with the aim of covering the UK in a 'carpet of crimson' in 2018 to remember all those who served in the Great War. The venture has now won international backing. Some 600 confirmed pledges have been received to date, stretching as far afield as California, Indonesia and the Falkland Islands.

Schools, groups and Individuals in Brackley and surrounding areas are being encouraged to take part, simply by planting poppy seeds on a pocket of land, your garden or authorised areas around the town where they can be seen.



- ***Planting instructions below.***

There are many places to source wild poppy seeds, you can purchase them for around a £1 a packet, from local flower shops and garden centres, or from online suppliers and other options on line, but also check your local Flower Shop (Bloomers in the High Street) or a Garden Centre.

Thompson & Morgan will donate 10 pence to Royal British Legion Industries (Registered charity no. 210063), for each packet of Wild Poppy Flanders seeds sold, Or use the links below.

<https://www.thompson-morgan.com>

Also The Ancres Somme Association can supply seed at a good price.

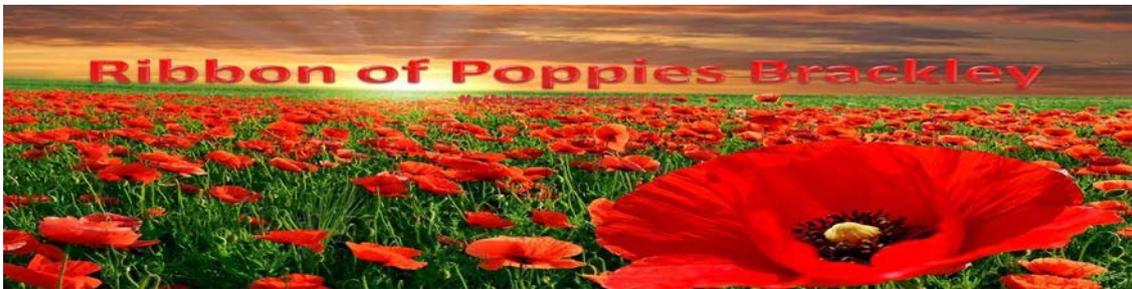
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Once you have them, you can sow (depending where you are and on local conditions) Staggered planting in Spring of 2018, during spring March, April, May, June and they will flower June to August. You should sow outdoors where you wish them to flower, it is important to sow in land that has been cultivated, turned and raked and in a sunny or partially shaded area (spreading the seeds on unprepared soil will not produce good results). Once the seedlings start to grow, thin the plants so they are not too close together 6 to 12 inches separation should be okay. By staggering the planting over a few months, it will extend the flowering season.

- ***NOTE***
- Please Do not introduce any non native plants
- And only sow where you have permission to do so.

All we wish to do is to create a living legacy to those who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

So wherever you are, you are most welcome to join the Ribbon.



- *Registration*

Participants are asked to register with **The Memorial 'Mob'** on Eventbrite (<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ribbon-of-poppies-tickets-37709511163>) so that growth of the project can be tracked. Follow its progress @RibbonofPoppies on Facebook & Twitter. <http://thememorialmob.webs.com/>

Also Brackley Ribbon <https://www.facebook.com/theribbonofpoppiesbrackley/>
Please post lots of pictures as your plant grow please.

- *Remembrance Day Ribbon 2018*

Brackley are also planning a ribbon of knitted or crocheted poppies to line the high street on Remembrance Day and are seeking volunteers or groups to create the poppies for this ribbon please.

If you are able to help with this please contact us via **The Ribbon of Poppies Brackely** Facebook page.