

Forecast of Commemorative Events 2016	19th April 2016
Corporate Policy and Resources For information	

Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)	
Strategic Theme	Leadership and Champion
Outcome	Civic Leadership
Lead Officer	Liz Johnston
Cost: (If applicable)	N/A

Invitations, detailed below, have been received from Coleraine Royal British Legion, for commemorative events in 2016, from Mid and East Antrim Borough Council to Service of Remembrance at the Co. Antrim War Memorial at Knockagh and from Ballymoney Royal British Legion in partnership with Ballymoney District Cultural Heritage Society for Battle of the Somme Remembered Event and Official Opening on 30th June.

1. Coleraine Royal British Legion

Coleraine Royal British Legion invite Council to work in partnership with them at the following commemorative events.

Date/Time	Event	Notes
Friday 6 th May 10.45 hrs	VE Day Parade and Wreath Laying – Town Hall and War Memorial	Mayor to lay Wreath (Town Hall Open)
Tuesday 31 st May 10.45 hrs	Battle of Jutland – Parade and Wreath Laying at Town Hall and War Memorial	Mayor to lay a Wreath (Town Hall open)
Monday 20 th June 10.45 hrs	Armed Forces Day – Wreath laying and Raise Armed Forces Flag *- see note 1.	TA/Cadets/Flag (Town Hall open) Council invited to wear robes at procession.
Friday 1 st July 22.30 hrs	Battle of the Somme. Parade and Candle Lit Vigil @ Town Hall and War Memorial	Service 22.50 (Town Hall open) Mayor to light candle for 36 th Ulster Division
Friday 11 th November 10.45 hrs	Armistice Day – Parade and 22 minutes silence at Town Hall and War Memorial	(Town Hall open)
Sunday 13 th November 10.45 hrs	Remembrance Sunday – Parade and Service at Town Hall and War Memorial	Council decide by rotation. Church Ministers Group will decide on Church. Mayor to lay wreath
Tbc	Dedication Trees Anderson Park	

Note 1: Armed Forces Day: Council is invited to mark National Armed Forces Day in the Borough in 2017 and 2018 by hosting a small parade and raising the flag at Coleraine Town Hall and other places in the Borough. The flag would fly for a week from the date of the parade to show support for those men and women that make up Her Majesty's Armed Forces from serving troops, service families, veterans and recruits. Coleraine Borough Council, at the request of the Chief of Defence Staff in 2009, agreed to fly the flag at Coleraine Town Hall on an annual basis.

Note 2: Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant or Deputy will attend all events.

2. Service of Remembrance at Knockagh War Memorial

Mid and East Antrim, on the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of the Somme, invite Council to attend the Somme Remembrance Service on 26th June at 10.30 a.m. at Knockagh War Memorial. The service will be attended by Mrs Joan Christie, OBE, Lord Lieutenant for Co. Antrim, as well as full military representation. The Band of the Irish Guards will lead the Parade and accompany the Service. Members are invited to join the Council at a civic reception afterwards.

3. Battle of the Somme Remembered – Ballymoney Showgrounds

Ballymoney Branch of the Royal British Legion, in partnership with Ballymoney District Cultural Heritage Society are holding a Battle of the Somme Remembered week in Ballymoney Showgrounds, Thursday 30th June – Saturday 2nd July. Elected Members are invited to attend the official opening of the event in the Ballymoney Showgrounds on Thursday 30th June at 9.00 a.m.