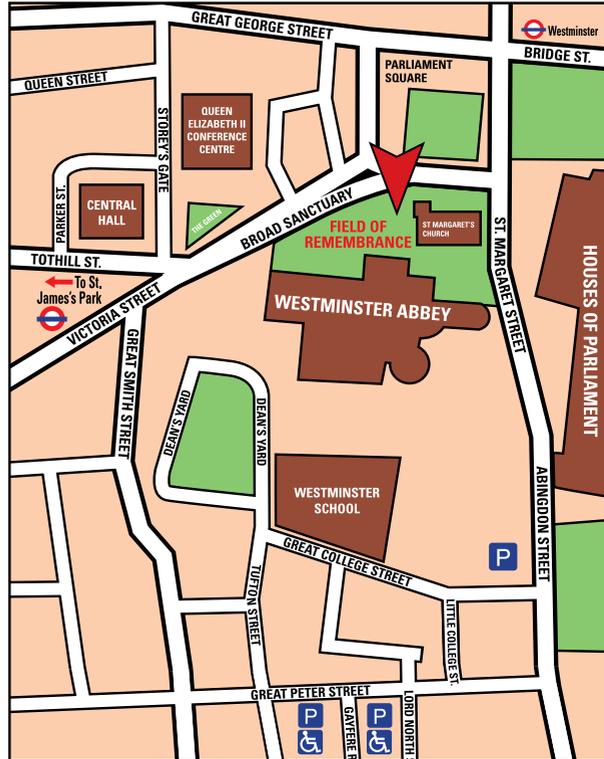


FIELD OF REMEMBRANCE IN WESTMINSTER

The official opening service will take place on Thursday 9 November at 11am.

Please note that access cannot be gained to the Abbey grounds until 1pm.

This will be the 89th year of the Field of Remembrance at Westminster Abbey and we expect over 80,000 tributes to be planted.



The Westminster Field is in the grounds of Westminster Abbey, Parliament Square, London SW1P 3PA. After the opening day on Thursday 9 November it will be open to visitors daily from 9am – 4pm until Sunday 19 November.

Nearest tube: St. James's Park or Westminster.

 On-street disabled parking.



EVERY CROSS
HONOURS THOSE
WE WILL ALWAYS
REMEMBER

NOW IN ITS
89TH YEAR

IN 1928, POPPIES WERE PLANTED AROUND A WOODEN CROSS IN WESTMINSTER



Source: Keeping Faith: A History of The Royal British Legion, Brian Harding, Leo Cooper, 2001.

The tradition of planting a Field of Remembrance started in 1928, when The Poppy Factory took a group of disabled veterans, a tray of poppies and a collecting tin to the grounds of St Margaret's church, Westminster.

The men gathered around an original wooden cross that had been planted there, taken from the battlefield grave of an unknown British soldier. Some of the men began to push poppies into the ground, curious passers-by stopped to ask questions and before long they began buying and planting poppies of their own – creating the very first Field of Remembrance.

The Field continued in this way until 1931, when one of The Poppy Factory team came up with the idea of selling small wooden crosses with a poppy at the centre of each – the little Remembrance cross that is still planted to this day.

Your cross will be planted in a Field of Remembrance at Westminster Abbey.

The first annual Field of Remembrance at Westminster Abbey was in 1928 – the idea of Major George Howson M.C., founder of The British Legion Poppy Factory. Your cross will be planted in the Abbey grounds, not far from the resting place of the Unknown Warrior who was buried in the Abbey on Armistice Day, 1920 in soil from the battlefields of France. You can find opening times and directions to the Field of Remembrance, on the back of this leaflet.



TO THE MEMORY OF THE FALLEN AND THE FUTURE OF THE LIVING

As the national custodian of Remembrance, safeguarding the memory of those who fought and died in conflict, The Royal British Legion ensures that Remembrance continues to be part of modern British life, culture and heritage. Whilst we will always remember those who fought and fell, the Legion also provides an essential lifeline of support to today's serving men and women, veterans, and their families.

We depend on public donations to fund our vital welfare work on which thousands of serving and ex-Service people rely. From our 16 Pop In Centres, telephone contact centre and online knowledge base providing essential information, advice and support to our pilot services to tackle social isolation, the Legion is there to care for today's Armed Forces community.

But there is so much more we still need to do. We aim to develop a

long-term care strategy to help more veterans stay independent for as long as possible, open two new care homes to ensure we are adequately caring for our ageing veteran population and reach 50,000 people every year through our advocacy and financial support services. We also continue to campaign for injured veterans to keep their compensation when accessing social care and for the Armed Forces community to feature in the 2021 Census.

None of what we do for our brave veterans and their families today would be possible without the support of people like you.



"I know the Legion will always be there if I need them."

Former Welsh Guardsman Stewart Harris suffered life-changing injuries whilst serving in Afghanistan.