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Subject:

Ribbon of Flowers - Legacy of Armed Forces Day

TO: South East Cornwall Community Area Partnership

Help create a Ribbon of Poppies in Cornwall

In 2017 the call went out to sow poppy seeds between Land's End to John O'Groats, a carpet of crimson that became known as the Ribbon of Poppies™. It was an initiative to mark the centenary of the end of World War I in the following year. Thanks to wonderful support from youth and community groups, it actually spread to every continent bar Antarctica (not noted for its floral tributes)!

The Veterans Charity is inviting all to make plans for displays in 2024 to honour the deeds of those who planned, prepared, and undertook the D-Day Landings.

Town and parish councils can get involved by creating a poppy patch – large or small. Or you could create a Red Route of Remembrance through your area toward D-Day training or embarkation areas. The choice is yours.

The Veterans Charity is also encouraging planting other wildflowers of Remembrance such as cornflowers (France), daises (Holland and Belgium), and forget-me-nots, as the UK has lost 97% of its wildflowers since World War II.

The Ribbon of Poppies is free to join. Find out more on the <u>Ribbon of Poppies Facebook page</u> and see <u>The Veterans Charity website</u> for details of other Remembrance related events.

With kind regards Lisa

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