

## Westhoughton Local History Group | Exhibition 2018

### 'WESTHOUGHTON IN THE WAKE OF WORLD WAR ONE

Westhoughton Library – ran from Saturday, 10th November until the end of the year.

Launched at the Carnegie Hall over the Remembrance Weekend on Saturday and Sunday 10th/11th November, the 2018 History Group exhibition commemorated the 1918 Armistice, which brought to an end to the horrors and carnage of World War I

In addition to renewing our tribute to the 221 Westhoughton men known to have given their lives, the exhibition featured several additional segments, including:

- Those Who Served but Survived (remembering those who saw active service, but survived the conflict to contribute to the life of post-war Westhoughton).
- Westhoughton's Prisoners-of-War.
- Market Street a Century Ago - a profile of the town's main shopping thoroughfare as it appeared 100 years ago.
- A Portrait of the Past - fascinating glimpses of life in the town during the challenging post-war years (from 1918 to the start of the 1926 General Strike) including aspects of industry, employment, religion, education, housing, culture, and sports and leisure-time activities.

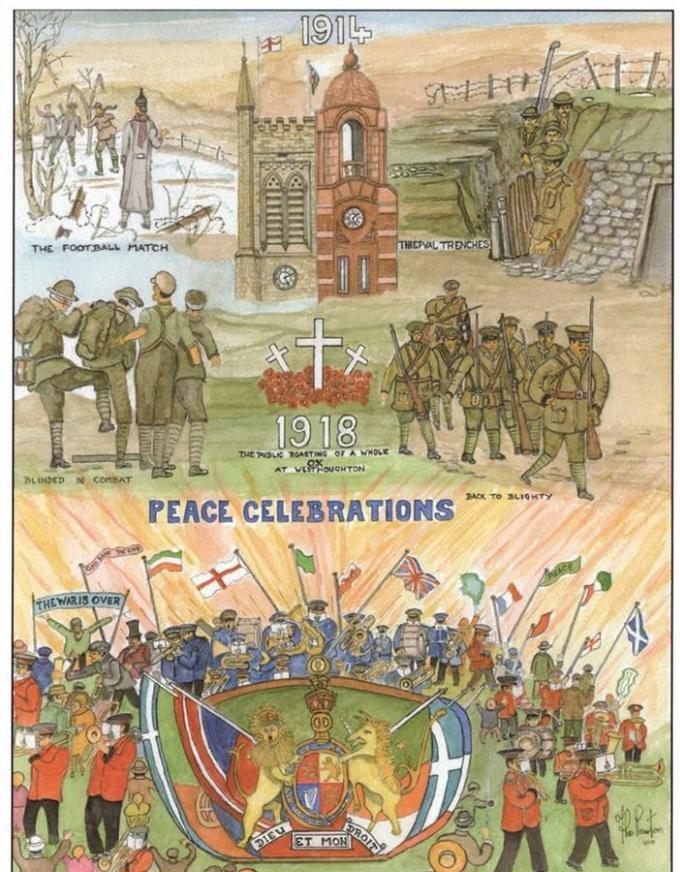
Over a four-year period, innumerable organisations (official and voluntary) throughout the length and breadth of Britain have continuously commemorated the many and diverse aspects and events of the centenary of World War I, from the outbreak of hostilities in August 1914, concluding with the Armistice of November 1918.

Westhoughton Local History Group has striven earnestly to profile the events of The Great War from a local perspective, with manifold activities in 2014, comprising a comprehensive tribute to the 221 men who paid the ultimate price, a successful exhibition, and several sell-out publications. As Armistice Day 2018 approaches, the Group has again been 'on active duty', with a major project which bookends that of 2014 - 'Westhoughton in the Wake of World war One'

A fascinating, detailed and immersive journey into the past; an exhibition co-ordinated by the group's vice-chairman, Garth Ratcliffe, but very much a team effort. Well worth a visit or two!

Whilst the exhibition will represent the main public manifestation of the group's commemorative activities, other significant initiatives are also planned, visit [westhoughtonhistorygroup.org.uk](http://westhoughtonhistorygroup.org.uk) for more information.

A series of books, leaflets and DVDs are available from the group, sales of which help to fund group projects for the benefit of the Westhoughton community.



🌸 *Commemorating the Armistice* 🌸