

Peace Garden Plinth



The design and layout including wording of the plinth with images and correct names to be added.

The Peace Garden

The Peace Garden was one of the first projects undertaken by Lowestoft Town Council after its formation in 2017 to commemorate the centenary of the end of the "Great War". It is designed in the shape and colour of the Flanders poppy which flowered in profusion on the battlefields after the end of the war and was adopted the world over as a sign of peace.

Image(s) of the garden at the opening service

This garden honours all of those who sacrificed in the hope of a lasting peace. It was opened on the XX November 2018 by Lady Clare, Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk; Admiral [Johnnie](#) and Cllr Ian Graham, Mayor of Lowestoft as part of a special commemoration of the centenary organised by the Royal Navy together with Lowestoft Town Council. For the centenary the garden was planted with hand-knitted poppies, one for each of the Lowestoft men to lose their lives in the war, by local volunteers under the name of Poppies by the Sea.

This commemorative lectern was erected by Lowestoft Town Council with funding received from East Suffolk Councillors Janet Craig, Tess Gandy and Keith Patience

World War I 1914-1918

The Great War was promised as the war to end all wars and the people of Lowestoft contributed to the war effort in many ways. Local men went to fight on land, air and sea. Local fishermen risking and sacrificing their lives ensuring the supply of fish and defending the channel from the new German U-boats & surface raiders as well as laying mines to protect the coast from potential invasion.

On the home front, families worked in the [Maconochie](#) canning factory supplying rations to the troops, staffing the two auxiliary hospitals in the town as well as taking in Belgian refugees. During the Great War Lowestoft was one of the very small number of places to suffer from all three forms of enemy attack, namely Zeppelins, aircraft and warship bombardment. Five civilians and one serviceman were killed during these attacks.

Images of Lowestoft in WWI

After the war, Lowestoft was also amongst the first places in the country to form a Royal British Legion branch and the Lord Kitchener's Home was set up to provide holiday accommodation for ex-servicemen.