



**Hailsham**  
TOWN COUNCIL

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## **Deputy Mayor to Raise Flag for Armed Forces Week**

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A special event honouring the contribution made to our country by those who serve and have served in Her Majesty's Armed Forces is being held by the Deputy Mayor of Hailsham, ahead of British Armed Forces Day (Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June).

Taking place at the Hailsham War Memorial on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 11am, the event will mark the raising of the Armed Forces Day flag by the Deputy Mayor in the presence of Hailsham Town Council representatives.

The public is also invited to attend the flag raising ceremony and take the opportunity to show its support for the men and women who make up the Armed Forces community including veterans, serving troops and their families and new recruits.

Deputy Town Mayor Councillor Amanda O'Rawe said: "I am looking forward to being part of all the celebration events and remembering those who have given their service, and in many cases, their lives to our country. It will be a privilege to join with veterans and cadets from the Army and Royal Air Force and local people to show support for our Armed Forces and their families."

"Be they veterans of past conflicts or servicemen and women currently on operations or preparing for an upcoming deployment, we owe them a tremendous debt of gratitude and the flag raising ceremony on 19<sup>th</sup> June will be a fitting tribute to them."

"Please join me and my colleagues at the service if you would like to do so."

A special service to mark Armed Forces Day itself will be held at the War Memorial on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 11am. Representatives from the Royal British Legion, Royal Air Forces Association and the ATC 249 Millennium Squadron will be present.

For more information on the Armed Forces Week celebrations taking place around the country, and how you can take part, visit [www.armedforcesday.org.uk](http://www.armedforcesday.org.uk)

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