



Hailsham
TOWN COUNCIL

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Flag Raised by Mayor to Honour Armed Forces

24 June 2019

The Mayor of Hailsham has raised a commemorative flag at the Hailsham War Memorial, in honour of Britain's service men and women, past present and future.

A special service marking the contribution made to our country by those who serve and have served in Her Majesty's Armed Forces was held this afternoon [24 June], and the specially-commissioned flag will take pride of place until after British Armed Forces Day on Saturday 29th June.

Following the raising of the flag, Town Mayor Councillor Paul Holbrook said: "Now, more than ever, it is appropriate to recognise the contribution of our armed forces, securing our safety and peace. Armed Forces Week is a time of remembrance and thanks to all past and present service men and women, and an opportunity to show our support for them in the duties they do throughout the world."

"We don't often have time to pause in our busy lives to consider the brave work they do for our country, and it was a tremendous privilege to carry out Hailsham's flag-raising ceremony as Mayor."

Councillor Holbrook added: "In Hailsham, we are committed to working very closely with representatives from the Royal British Legion and Royal Air Forces Association and our co-operation was reaffirmed just a few years ago with the purchase of a commemorative paving stone to honour the courage of Hailsham-raised Victoria Cross recipient Sergeant Major Nelson Carter, providing him with a lasting legacy for the town."

"We will continue to give our servicemen and women the support they deserve."

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

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