

Decision taken by: **Ward Member for Sandgate and West
Folkestone – Councillor Ms Jan Holben**

Subject: The Sandgate Society on behalf of the
Sandgate and Folkestone Footprint project

Executive/non-executive decision: Non-executive

Date decision taken: 21 January 2019

Name and address of applicant(s):

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Name and description of project:

It is well documented that thousands of soldiers left Shorncliffe Camp and marched down to Folkestone Harbour via Sandgate on their way to embark for the Western Front. Not just soldiers from this country but those from across the British Empire and Commonwealth.

48 footprints in total will be placed in Sandgate. They are those whose names appear on the Sandgate Civic and Church War Memorials- their installation being timed to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the cessation of hostilities 11-11-2018.

Each Footprint bears the name and date of death of each serviceman or woman on a brass plate. Phase 2 will be at the entrance to the Coastal Park, Sandgate end.

A Footprint Trail leaflet will then be produced so that people are able to walk in the footsteps of those who gave their lives from Sandgate and Folkestone between 1914-19. This will run from Shorncliffe Camp to the Harbour Arm with a second marching route from the Leas, down the road of Remembrance and on to the Harbour Arm.

DECISION:

To provide funding of £1000 to the above project.

Reason for decision:

On the 11th November footprints commemorating the deaths of 16 of the 48 from Sandgate who fell in the Great War of 1914-18 were unveiled.

The project was the idea of Richard Moffat, Chairman of the Leas Lift Association and Heritage Engineer. The Sandgate Society expressed a wish to install something permanent in Sandgate to Commemorate the 100 years since the war. The Society agreed that the 48 fallen from Sandgate should be remembered in this way. This permanent memorial to the Sandgate fallen brings them home and places their footprints back on home soil. Such public display is a permanent reminder that these servicemen gave their lives out of patriotism and should be remembered forever.

Declarations or disclosable pecuniary interest/any other significant interest:

None

The decision set out above was made by me.



Signed:

21 January 2019

**Councillor Ms Jan Holben
Sandgate and West Folkestone**