

## Hertfordshire County Council – VE Day 75

As you may be aware, plans for celebrating and commemorating VE Day 75 on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020 [have been changing along with published Government guidance in light of COVID-19](#). The Armed Forces Covenant Board works to ensure that the sacrifices made by members of the Armed Forces Community are recognised and remembered. While events and gatherings have been cancelled, many areas across Hertfordshire are planning innovative ways for people to get involved in VE Day 75 celebrations this year.

1. Hertfordshire County Council press release can be found [here](#).
2. We will be promoting VE Day 75 on Hertfordshire County Council social media channels and encouraging residents to celebrate at home with [toolkits from VE Day 75](#) and [English Heritage](#). If you use social media, please join the nation in marking the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of WWII in Europe. Hertfordshire County Council ([@hertsc](#)) will be posting tweets that you may wish to share.
3. You may be interested in looking [at the online exhibition](#) that Herts Memories has created. Or, if you have your own family story or photo of VE Day, [please do share them](#)
4. Throughout the day on 8<sup>th</sup> May [Herts Memories](#) will publish audio clips and other pieces of VE Day history. Follow their twitter page ([@hertsarchives](#)) for links to more VE day content as they add it.
5. Hertfordshire County Council is a member of the Hertfordshire Armed Forces Covenant Board, or Hertfordshire Heroes. If you haven't heard of Hertfordshire Heroes, maybe you'd like to visit [our website](#) to learn more. Hertfordshire Heroes works in partnership with organisations across Hertfordshire to:
  - ensure that veterans and those in the Armed Forces are not disadvantaged in accessing services;
  - that the sacrifices made by members of the Armed Forces community are recognised and remembered; and
  - to encourage the integration of service life into civilian life.

Whatever way you decide to mark the anniversary, we'd love to see photos on Twitter and Facebook using #VEday75, so we can all feel a little more connected.