

Sutton Mandeville

Campaign to preserve landmarks

BATTLE has begun to save eight emblems cut into the chalk hillside on Fovant Downs - and bid farewell to others beyond repair.

A major fund-raising campaign starts at the annual Drumhead service held by Fovant Badges Society.

The society needs to raise nearly £ million to restore the best of the regimental badges cut by First World War soldiers stationed at Fovant, Sutton Mandeville and Compton Chamberlayne.

The service, held every year to commemorate those who cut the badges - and served and died in action - has a special significance this year, marking the formal launch of fund-raising.

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View of some of the Badges at Fovant *(Photo by Trish Steel 2009)*