

Outbreak of war marked with tree and plaque in Trowbridge



*Children from Clarendon Avenue help Trowbridge Mayor Cllr Glyn Bridges unveil the WWI plaque on the green.
Picture by Trevor Porter*

Residents from Clarendon Avenue in Trowbridge came together for a special First World War commemoration to unveil a plaque and plant an oak tree.

Clarendon Avenue Residents' Association also plans to put a time capsule under the plaque.

They tied in the unveiling of the commemorative plaque and tree planting with their annual summer barbecue, after applying to Trowbridge Town Council for funding earlier this year.

The group, which meets every six weeks, applied for a grant after hearing that money had been made available for community groups to run projects commemorating the centenary of the First World War.

Trowbridge Mayor Glyn Bridges joined youngsters from the area to unveil the plaque and plant the tree.

There was also a barbecue, a bouncy castle and a visit from police and fire officers.

Rachel Edmunds, chairman of the group's committee, said: "Our residents' association meets up regularly. When we heard about funding being made available we decided we wanted to do something to mark the centenary.

"We wanted it to be something that the kids in Clarendon Avenue could be a part of and to make sure that they learned something from the commemoration event.

"It was a great day and everyone had a brilliant time. We tied it in with our annual summer event and we had a really good turnout from the residents, with family and friends also invited to come along.

“We set the group up when we were organising a Jubilee party and it has been going ever since. The mayor said he was impressed by what we have going and that we should keep it up.”

The residents’ association also held a Lights Out on August 4 – the date Britain entered the war 100 years ago.



The commemorative plaque

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