



Community Buildings Committee Meeting

Date: 1st February 2024

Number: CB042

To consider the request to raise a flag at the Queen's Hall for International War Animal Day

1. Introduction

A request has been received to celebrate International War Animal Day on 24th February 2024 by raising a flag at the Queen's Hall.

2. Proposal

The Co-Founder of The War Horse Memorial and The Animal Purple Poppy Fund is a resident of Cuckfield and has requested the Parish Council's support for International War Animal Day on 24th February.

Animal and service organisations in six countries have come together to seek long overdue recognition for the part that animals have played in countless wars and conflict.

The inaugural International War Animal Day is to be held on Saturday, February 24, 2024. Across Australia, New Zealand, America, Canada, France, and the UK flags will be flown, knitted poppy wreaths laid and purple candles lit at 11am local time to remember the sacrifice of tens of millions of animals who served – and continue to serve – alongside soldiers, to give us the freedom we all enjoy today.

Australia already leads the way with the national government recognising the contribution animals in war have played in their history. The aim now is to get the leaders and politicians from other countries to acknowledge February 24th as the day we all come together, to reflect on the many ways that animals have played their part.

We have written to the King and the Prime Minister to seek their support and it would be lovely if you would allow us to fly the flag over The Queen's Hall. I know our local Mayor and MP would want to get involved.

An image of the flag is on the following page.

Name: Sam Heynes
Title: Clerk
Date: 25th January 2024

International World Animal Day Flag

