Remembrance Service of Sunday 10 November 2019
Milnrow Memorial at 10.50am
Honouring those who have made sacrifices in defence of their country
Today the borough comes together to remember, reflect and pay tribute to the fallen and the service and sacrifices of our Armed Forces community. Our borough will always have a proud and lasting association with the Armed Forces. Thousands of men and women across local communities have, over the last 100 years, made the ultimate sacrifices, fighting to protect of values and liberty.

Today’s Armed Forces are doing an equally brave job, to protect our values, freedoms and liberty to keep our people safe.

War has evolved, and with it our Armed Forces evolve to overcome our nation’s enemies. Today our Armed Forces make sacrifices, just as they did 100 years ago.

In the North West we recruit 20% of our Armed Forces and 25% of the Infantry - this is something we can be proud of. On the flip side, it means that returning to the North West we have 25% of injuries. At national level we collect for the Poppy Appeal and at a local level we can be very proud of what we achieve. The Royal British Legion works closely with other Armed Forces Associations and Rochdale Borough Council to ensure no members of the Armed Forces or their families are disadvantaged as a result of service.

Let us remember that our Armed Forces make sacrifices every day

Lest We Forget

The Royal British Legion
Today is a poignant and reflective day, as we pay tribute to our Armed Forces and honour the service of thousands of men and women from across the borough. Without the selfless dedication and sacrifices of our Armed Forces, the freedoms, liberty and values we cherish so much, would have been lost to the scourge of evil. Countless generations owe them a great debt. We never forget.

Today is about paying homage to those fallen in all wars and thank them for the peace we have today. We also remember those who served in the British Empire and fought alongside Britain, giving their lives in the hope for a better future for us.

We take this time to remember all those affected by wars, the millions who have lost their lives and war veterans and their families. We remind ourselves that these sacrifices continue to take place today by our British Armed Forces and remember those who have fallen and continue to fall in other conflicts.

As Mayor, I am proud to be laying wreaths across the borough on behalf of all our communities. It’s a poignant and emotional day as we pause and remember, but let’s also look to a brighter future, free from war and conflict. We will always be reliant on the brave men and women who serve in the Armed Forces; it is thanks to their bravery that we enjoy the freedoms and liberty we all too often take for granted. That’s why today means so much, to so many. We will always remember them.

Councillor Billy Sheerin
Mayor of Rochdale
The Exhortation
They shall grow not old,
As we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them,
Nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun
And in the morning,
We will remember them.

All shall say:
We will remember them.

The Last Post shall be sounded
Two minute silence shall be observed
Reveille

The Kohima Epitaph
When you go home,
Tell them of us and say,
For your tomorrow
We gave our today
O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope of things to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

Beneath the shadow of thy throne,
Thy saints have dwelt secure,
Sufficient in thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight,
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night,
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away,
They fly forgotten as a dream,
Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while life shall last,
And our eternal home.

Amen
...for the Word from God

Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the restless wave, who bidd’st the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep: O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Christ, whose voice the waters heard and hushed their raging at thy word who walkedst on the foaming deep, and calm amid the storm didst sleep; O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

Most Holy Spirit, who didst brood upon the chaos dark and rude, and bid its angry tumult cease, and give, for wild confusion, peace: O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power, our brethren shield in danger’s hour; from rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them wheresoe’er they go; thus evermore shall rise to thee glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

...in hope and love, for peace and justice
This response is used
May God give peace
God give peace
ending with:

Lord’s Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us, And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, The power and the glory, For ever and ever, Amen.
Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down, fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive; suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee: changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

The Laying of Wreaths
An Act of Commitment

National Anthem
God save our gracious Queen, long live our noble Queen, God save the Queen!
Send her victorious, happy and glorious, long to reign over us, God save the Queen!

Thy choicest gifts in store on her be pleased to pour, long may she reign: may she defend our laws, and ever give us cause to sing with heart and voice God save the Queen!

Nor on this land alone, but be God’s mercies known from shore to shore: Lord, make the nations see that men should brothers be, and form one family the wide world o’er.

Blessing