



## Rock Painting

The recent trend of painting and hiding rocks in public open spaces has expanded from Cornwall to across the country, Sevenoaks included.

Sevenoaks Town Council want to promote this healthy activity particularly for young people, encouraging them away from screens and into the fresh air.

For this reason the Town Council has linked this activity to Sevenoaks in Bloom and the commemoration of WW1.

The Town Council will arrange for 226 rocks painted with poppies to be hidden in public open spaces across the town. The following information will be on the back of the rocks.

*“Well done for finding me. I am one of 226 to represent a name on the War Memorial. Please take me to the Vine to be part of the Ribbon of Poppies.”*

## Ribbon of Poppies:

This year Sevenoaks Town Council wishes to plant Sevenoaks red to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of WW1. Sevenoaks in Bloom will participate in the national scheme to create a ribbon of red flowers throughout the country.

Sevenoaks Town Council needs your help to achieve the most outstanding visual floral display in remembrance of the millions of lives lost in conflict. Sevenoaks is not able to produce the Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red displays created by Paul Cummins and Tom Piper, but as a town we can pull out all the stops to have as many floral displays as possible.

In addition to the hanging baskets, and flowering troughs, poppies will be planted at strategic locations around the town by the Royal British Legion, Scouts, Guides, Cadets and other organisations who wish to take part. Individuals will also be asked to knit red poppies which will be used at The Vine (for a pattern please email [osl@sevenoakstown.gov.uk](mailto:osl@sevenoakstown.gov.uk)).

The Town Council has a budget towards the floral displays and hanging baskets however would welcome business donations, large or small, to help make this commemoration the most successful and colourful as possible. We would also like companies to plant any

window boxes, troughs, planters in red and also to share the #RibbonofPoppiesSevenoaks through social media to attract as many supporters as possible to take part.

For further information about this project please email [osl@sevenoakstown.gov.uk](mailto:osl@sevenoakstown.gov.uk)