

## **How can I take part in the commemoration?**

Local archives and libraries can help you trace relatives who were involved in the war. Archives often work with local and family history societies to organise local genealogical data and may have access to records of births, marriages and deaths. A map showing libraries in Wales is available at [www.librarywales.org/your-library](http://www.librarywales.org/your-library).

Libraries and archives may also provide free access to online sources of military records that are normally charged for, such as [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com), [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk) and [www.genesreunited.com](http://www.genesreunited.com). These offer access to a variety of genealogical databases and military records, such as regimental registers, records of death, casualties, pensions and prisoners of war, and awards of medals for bravery or punishments for misconduct.

Information about those who died in the war is also provided by memorials and cemeteries, both in the United Kingdom and abroad. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission, [www.cwgc.org](http://www.cwgc.org), which looks after war cemeteries and memorials in over 150 countries, provides an online database of the war dead in cemeteries world-wide and makes it possible to trace the burial place of well over a million servicemen and women.

A database of memorials in the United Kingdom, the War Memorials Archive, [www.ukniwm.org.uk](http://www.ukniwm.org.uk), is maintained by Imperial War Museums. Within the United Kingdom it is believed that there are over 100,000 war memorials, all in need of care and maintenance. The War Memorials Trust, [www.warmemorials.org](http://www.warmemorials.org), works to protect and conserve these memorials and can award grants to people to care for existing war memorials.

Digitised copies of over 50,000 original documents about the Welsh experience of the First World War will be available on [cymruww1.llgc.org.uk](http://cymruww1.llgc.org.uk). They include archival and printed materials such as the newspapers of the period. The original items come from private and public collections including those at BBC Wales, the National Library of Wales, Welsh Universities and Welsh Archives.

Many bodies are arranging special projects and events as part of the commemoration. Details are available on the websites of the organisations listed in Section 3: Sources of Information, below. You may also wish to keep visiting this website to find out about projects and events that are occurring in your area.