Useful WW1 Centenary Websites

Please find below a list of useful First World War websites as compiled by the Brighton and Hove Library Service.

Useful Local Websites:

Brighton & Hove Libraries

Brighton & Hove Libraries have developed a website page listing the Library Service WW1 Centenary Commemorations:  
http://www.brighton-hove-rpml.org.uk/WhatsOn/Pages/WW1.aspx

Brighton & Hove Library Service offer a range of resources to help you trace military records and your family history.

The Library Service collection includes the Hove Roll of Honour, a collection of war records, photographs and ephemera of service personal who lived in Hove and died fighting in the First World War:  http://www.brighton-hove-rpml.org.uk/Libraries/sites/Hove/Pages/HoveRollofHonour.aspx

We also provide numerous eLibrary resources including: ‘Ancestry’, ‘Find my Past’ and the ‘British Newspaper Archive’:  http://www.brighton-hove-rpml.org.uk/Libraries/Pages/FamilyHistory.aspx

Brighton Pavilion, Museums & Libraries

World War One and other heritage events taking place at Brighton and Hove Museums. Exhibitions include: ‘War Stories’ (oral histories) and the use of local collections:  http://www.brighton-hove-rpml.org.uk/Museums/Pages/home.aspx
First World War Centenary events for Brighton & Hove

Visit Brighton is the official tourism site for Brighton & Hove and they have compiled a list of First World War events in Brighton & Hove
http://www.visitbrighton.com/first-world-war

The Keep

The Keep is a world-class centre for archives that opens up access to all the collections of the East Sussex Record Office, the Royal Pavilion & Museums Local History Collections and the University of Sussex Special Collections:

Information on events and collections can be found here: http://www.thekeep.info/

West Sussex County Library

Great War West Sussex 1914-18 – This online recourse explores the Civilians on the Home Front and the Royal Sussex Regiment’s involvement overseas during World War One.

You can download over 300 documents, original research work and view over 3,000 pages of information. These include newspaper articles, original documents, images, leaflets, posters and case studies of servicemen, other people and topics. Free teaching resources are also available: http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/learning/learning_resources/great_war_west_sussex_1914-18.aspx

Adur & Worthing Councils

Adur & Worthing Councils have put together this page to signpost the public – providing useful information to help with your own commemoration: http://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/first-world-war-centenary/

World War 1 Toolbox

The First World War educational website for schools and colleges includes resources for Key Stage 1-4. Explore the impact of the First World War on people who lived in the local area: http://www.ww1toolbox.org.uk/

Useful National Websites:

Imperial War Museum

From 2014 to 2018, across the world, nations, communities and individuals of all ages will come together to mark, commemorate and remember the lives of those who lived, fought and died in the First World War
http://www.iwm.org.uk/history/first-world-war
To mark the Centenary, IWM is creating - *Lives of the First World War*  
[https://livesofthefirstworldwar.org/](https://livesofthefirstworldwar.org/) This interactive platform will bring material from museums, libraries, archives and family collections from across the world together in one place - the life stories of those who served in uniform and worked on the home front.

IWM (Imperial War Museums) is leading the First World War Centenary Partnership, a network of local, regional, national and international cultural and educational organisations. The First World War Centenary Partnership led by IWM is a growing network of over 3,000 not-for-profit organisations from 50 countries planning to mark the First World War Centenary. They are presenting the Centenary Partnership Programme, a vibrant programme of events, activities and resources which will enable millions of people to engage with the centenary [http://www.1914.org/](http://www.1914.org/)

**The British Library**

The British Library is leading the UK’s contribution to a pan-European commemoration of World War One, *Europeana 1914-1918*. The project has made hundreds of thousands of newly digitised material available – and these stories and events about the war are available online for free.

The British Library’s [World War One website](http://www.bl.uk/world-war-one) offers curated access to nearly 500 of these items, for schools and lifelong learners. Collection items are complemented by newly commissioned articles from leading experts, short films and interviews with academics and authors, and a dedicated teachers’ area. The website provides a starting point for delving into the hundreds of thousands of items available through Europeana 1914-1918.

The British Library has worked in collaboration with 11 partner institutions from seven European countries - [http://www.bl.uk/world-war-one](http://www.bl.uk/world-war-one)

**Europeana 1914-1918**

Explore stories, films and historical material about the First World War and contribute your own family history. Europeana 1914-1918 mixes resources from libraries and archives across the globe with memories and memorabilia from families throughout Europe.[http://www.europeana1914-1918.eu/en](http://www.europeana1914-1918.eu/en)

**Department for Culture, Media and Sport**

The Department for Culture, Media and Sport are leading the national Centenary commemoration plans – information can be found here: [https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/first-world-war-centenary](https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/first-world-war-centenary)

Working in partnership with the Imperial War Museum, they have also provided with a guide to engaging local communities [https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/first-world-war-centenary-toolkit-for-local-communities](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/first-world-war-centenary-toolkit-for-local-communities)
The National Archives

The National Archives holds the official UK government records of the First World War, including a vast collection of letters, diaries, maps and photographs. These records can be explored here: http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/first-world-war/

They will be marking the Centenary of the war with a 5 year (2014-2019) extensive programme, exploring on numerous themes.

Forces War Records

The ONLY site where you can search military records of more than 6 Million British Armed Forces personnel is:
http://www.forces-war-records.co.uk/records.asp?SE=go&adID=42550842695&KW=great%20war%20in&SC=W3&NO=8500&gclid=CKurjMvSs78CFSfLtAodql8AsQ

Commonwealth War Graves Commission

The Register records details of Commonwealth war dead – helping to find the names and the location of those who died in WW1: http://www.cwgc.org/

A Guide to WW1 Battlefields and History of the First World War

This site provides an overview of First World War battlefields on the Western Front - by showing where they are located and what you is there today.
http://www.greatwar.co.uk/

BBC

World War One explained, help children understand WW1 – Including guides, news, events etc: http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/0/ww1/

Culture24

Culture 24 provides heritage news, reviews and listings information for UK museums. Culture 24 have compiled a comprehensive list of World War One exhibitions:

WW1 websites of interest listed on Culture24:
http://www.culture24.org.uk/search%20results?f1=Type&t1=3X&f2=Subject&t2=Z06.03.05.01.15&d=List&n=20
The Royal British Legion

The Royal British Legion was founded by British veterans in the aftermath of the First World War and is at the forefront of Centenary commemorations: http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/remembrance/ww1-centenary

Every Man Remembered (incorporating Every Woman Remembered) is an exciting new project asking for every casualty from the First World War to be remembered individually. In partnership with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, the Legion has developed a new website where you can make a personal commemoration: http://www.everymanremembered.org/

War Memorials Trust

The War Memorials Trust works for the protection and conservation of war memorials in the UK: http://www.warmemorials.org/

National Army Museum

The National Army Museum is running commemorative activities and exploring the far-reaching impact of the First World War: http://www.nam.ac.uk/microsites/ww1/

British Pathe

To commemorate the start of WW1, British Pathé has launched a definitive collection of WW1 films.

British Pathé holds one of the finest and most comprehensive First World War archives in the world: http://www.britishpathe.com/workspaces/page/ww1-the-definitive-collection

The Guardian

First World War: your photographs - The Guardian asked readers from the UK and Europe to share their letters, diaries and photographs of friends and relatives, who were involved in WWI

These have been compiled here: http://www.theguardian.com/world/guardianwitness-blog/gallery/2014/jan/16/first-world-war-your-photographs