



Heart of the Community

We Were There Too takes its digital archive of Jewish First World War contributions across the north.

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We Were There Too (WWTT), a digital archive which has become a permanent record of the lives of Jewish men, women and families during the First World War, including details of their military and Home Front activities, has been expanded to cover the northeast of England, Yorkshire

and Humberside. The successful extension of the project has been made possible thanks to a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF).

WWTT, originally introduced in London

in 2014 and later extended into the northwest of England, is a simple to use yet sophisticated digital portal which records and commemorates Jewish life in the UK during the First World War and the community's contribution to the war effort.

Project manager, Rodney Ross, is delighted with the support from the HLF and the expansion into areas where the Jewish community has decreased in numbers over the years. He said: "During WWI, there were some 15 active communities. Today in the UK there are three of any size and five much smaller ones. There is a very rich heritage; some of it well preserved but rarely accessed.

"The expansion of the project has been welcomed by local municipal archives and our initial fieldwork demonstrates a great deal of material is in private hands and widely dispersed. We are determined to make the public aware

of these and ensure that an important piece of Anglo-Jewish history isn't lost forever."

We Were There Too works with local communities to collect records, letters, stories, photographs and artifacts which are then recorded on the WWTT website. To date it holds over 2,500 personal records and is a valuable educational platform.

"The public response has been amazing," Rodney Ross continued. "The website has had world-wide exposure with visitors from US, Israel, South Africa, Australia, Gibraltar and beyond. It is vital that the Jewish contribution to the life and defence of this country isn't forgotten, especially when we are witnessing growing antisemitism again, and we're delighted that we can now cover a greater geographical area."

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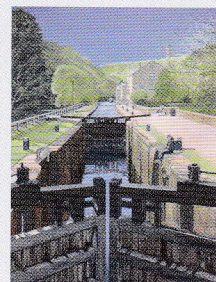
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