

## Hetton WW1 event raises funds for armed forces charity




### **Members of Eppleton Scouts with event organiser Cllr Susan Waterston and Town Mayor Cllr Kathleen Pearson**

A special event organised by Hetton Town Council to mark the centenary of the end of World War 1 raised more than £500.00 for the Royal British Legion.

The event held at The Hetton Centre on the eve of the anniversary of the Armistice featured performances by Houghton Brass Band and Broomside Community Choir along with displays by Hetton Air Cadets and Eppleton Scouts.

Extracts of letters to home from soldiers and poetry from the period were read by choir members.



Councillor Susan Waterston, event organiser said "The Town Council was keen to mark this important occasion to recognise the sacrifices made by local people in WW1.

We had a full house and everyone entered into the spirit of the occasion. Importantly, the event achieved its' aims of raising vital funds for the Royal British Legion.

Peter Milne, Area Community Fundraiser for the Royal British Legion added " We are delighted at the success of this special event organised by Hetton Town Council and the support shown by local residents, businesses and community groups."

In addition to the event, the Town Council also arranged the distribution of Poppy Appeal collection boxes to local retailers. The weekend commemorations culminated with special services at Hetton and Easington Lane both supported by the Town Council.