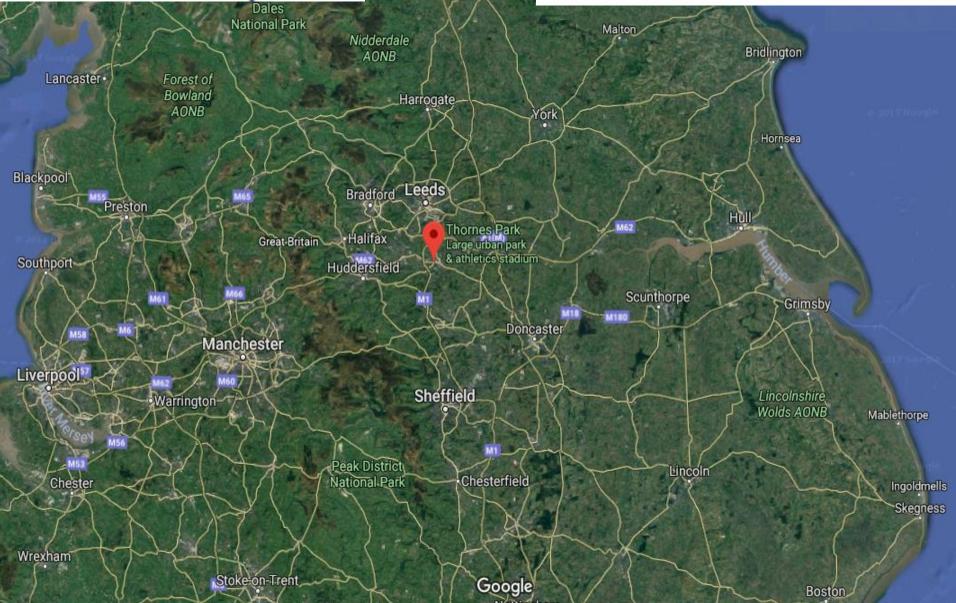
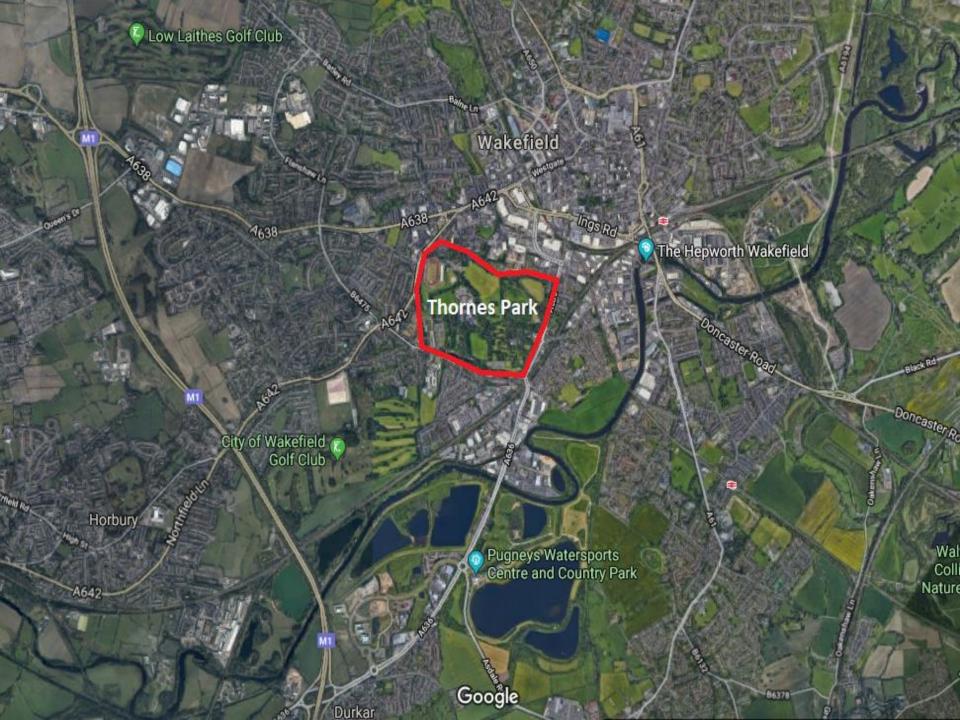
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Involving Schools





Multi Faith Event

Tree Planting each November

















Wakefield Council Street Scene Dept, Day Opportunities and Vakefield Tree Wardens Voluntary Group

"Bringing the Nursery back to Life"































































































































The last post

Featherstone's First World War heroes will never be forgotten, thanks to a new copse of trees in their memory



Plant

INERS WERE exempt from conscription, but hundreds from the West Yorkshire town of Featherstone enlisted anyway to serve in the Great War. Nineteen were killed on the first day at the Somme.

Now all 353 of Featherstone's fallen are being remembered in a project which the Trust hopes will be a model for communities across the UK. Schoolchildren gathered at Mill Pond Meadow Nature Reserve to plant 353 saplings in tribute to the men, and each pupil is researching a lost soldier to help compile a special new archive.

It's all part of the Trust's £20m First World War Centenary Woods project. Thousands of hectares of life-giving native woodland are being planted at our four flagship woods near Epsom, Edinburgh, Londonderry and Llanelli. Groups nationwide are getting involved too, planting our Community Tree Packs as a vibrant thank you to all who sacrificed so much. More than 4,000 packs went out last autumn, each with the offer of free popy seeds to sow among the saplings.

The first Featherstone trees were planted on Armistice Day, in staked rows to echo the war cemeteries of France. The children mucking in included Megan Wilson (below), who is researching her namesake, Sydney Charles Wilson. Pte Wilson died aged 19 on the Western Front.

Trust volunteer Roger Parkinson says: "The town lost a devastating number of sons, and this idea has really caught the imagination. We're determined they won't be forgotten."





The value of this project ?

- No Council funding needed to start the project
- Over 180 Bench Seats restored many valued at £500 each
- 70,000 Wild Flower plants estimated value 50p each
- Rose Beds refurbished and signs estimated value £1500
- Arboretum restoration est at £65,000 actual cost £16,000
- Habitat boxes = £700
- City Centre refurbished litter bins £2,400
- New conservatory doors fitted cost £1000
- Restored and maintained the Nursery to est value £17,000?
- Day Opportunities enhanced engagement = £,000?
- The Education and Sustainability messages = £,000?
- Community engagement and district wide support = £,000?
- Working together as a COMMUNITY and feeling VALUED



WAKEFIELD DISTRICT

Any Questions

