

Leeds Pals project: Holbeck cemetery

Ground rules: Stay with your adult, stay in the one area of the cemetery, watch where you are putting your feet!

Aim of the session: To gain greater understanding of life in Leeds after WWI, including personal and public memorialisation and commemoration.

In your groups:

1. Find your Commonwealth War Graves (CWG)
2. At each grave, ask what we can find out about the person buried there.
 - How old were they when they died?
 - What regiment were they in?
 - Did the family elect to have some words put on the headstone?
 - Does someone still tend the grave?
 - Everyone do a rubbing of one or two of the regimental emblems.
3. Choose one of the graves and have a read of the research about the people on the back of this sheet.
 - Were the men in the graves local?
 - What was their story?
 - How do you think their relatives felt?
4. Find your family grave. Sometimes people who were killed in action and didn't come home were commemorated on their families grave or plot.
 - How are these different to the CWG?
 - How do they make you feel?



Commonwealth War Graves: Arthur Godson (Leeds Pals), L Hattlesey (Canadian Forestry Corps), Herbert Hardgrave (Yorkshire Reg)
Family grave: Arthur William

Commonwealth War Graves: Lawrence Cook (Medical Corps), JW Thomas (Yorkshire Reg), S Jones (West Yorkshire Reg)
Family grave: E Barker

Commonwealth War Graves: Walter Poppleton (Royal Engineers), Albert McBretney (Medical Corps), R Bunkall (Royal Artillery)
Family grave: W Blackburn

Side road

Main road