

Iconic Poppies Weeping Window Comes To Hereford:

By: Mia and Katlyn

Date: Thursday 15 March 2018

On Wednesday 14th March the 'Weeping Window Poppies Display' arrived at Hereford Cathedral. The UK's arts programme for the First World War Centenary gives people across the UK the chance to experience the impact of the ceramic poppy sculptures in a range of places of particular cultural significance. The sculptures have been displayed in 13 locations since the tour started in 2015, and viewed by over 3.5 million people. The Weeping Window is from the 'Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red' and they were originally made by Paul Cummins and Tom Piper. Despite a huge 888,246 poppies being made for the Tower of London, only 11,000 came to Hereford Cathedral. This is still an impressive number, and the display is beautiful.

First built in 1079, Hereford Cathedral is one of the UK's oldest and best-known cathedrals. The most famous treasure is The Mappa Mundi, a medieval map of the world from the 13th century. The cathedral stands in beautiful and peaceful grounds which makes it the perfect place to come for a spot of quiet reflection. Hereford's military connections are well-known, with the SAS camp being situated in the county.

The poppies were on sale for £25 each in aid for charity, 10% from each sale was shared between six different charities; including Help for Heroes and The Royal British Legion. Each of the 11,000 poppies was handmade to represent a soldier's death during World War One.