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POPPIES WEEPING WINDOW

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Fri 9 Jun - Sun 23 Jul
The Silk Mill, Derby
visitderby.co.uk/poppies
#PoppiesTour

Weeping Window is from the installation 'Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red' - poppies and original concept by artist Paul Cummins and installation designed by Tom Piper - by Paul Cummins Ceramics Limited in conjunction with Historic Royal Palaces, originally at HM Tower of London 2014.
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The Silk Mill in Derby is to host Poppies: Weeping Window, which brings the poppies back to the city where many of them were created.

Weeping Window is a cascade comprising several thousand handmade ceramic poppies seen pouring from a high window to the ground below. The sculpture, by Derby based artist Paul Cummins and designer Tom Piper, is part of 14-18 NOW, the UK's arts programme for the First World War centenary.

The breathtaking sculpture, alongside *Wave*, a sweeping arch of bright red poppy heads, suspended on towering stalks, was initially conceived as one of the key dramatic sculptural elements in the installation *Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red* at the Tower of London in the summer and autumn of 2014.

During the First World War, The Silk Mill was divided into two businesses - one grinding corn and the other making medical supplies, both of which were integral to the British war effort and scarce by 1916.

Derby as a whole played a vital part in production during the course of the First World War with Rolls-Royce developing the Eagle Engine at the request of the government in order to power Allied aircraft.

As with all 14-18 NOW projects, the presentation of these sculptures across the UK brings the legacy of the First World War to life for new generations.



VISITOR INFORMATION

Derby City Council and Museum staff, alongside volunteer hosts, will be on hand every day between **8am and 6pm** to answer questions and provide visitors with further information about the artwork.

Derby Museums will be displaying a selection of objects that will help explore stories of loss and remembrance during conflict.

Visit the exhibition on the ground floor of The Silk Mill, which is open from **Fri 9 June - Sun 23 July from 10am - 5pm (Thursdays 10am - 8pm)**.

Download a Derby City Map, with information about car parking and Park & Ride at visitderby.co.uk

The presentation of Poppies: Weeping Window in Derby is kindly supported by



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EVENTS

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