

# Swaythling in the Great War

The University of Southampton also applied for funding to extend the work we'd started on exploring Swaythling's role in WW1. One customer travelled to Kew to use her new skills to research the National Archives. This was followed by an event which saw over 20 people join together with a local heritage team to create our own heritage trail near the café. With this, we hope to put Swaythling's contribution to WW1 firmly on the map.



It's made a positive impact on people's lives. Local resident Linda Rich told us, "Having this project on the doorstep has been brilliant – absolutely incredible! In the last few years I've lost some of my mobility which has hindered my life and stopped me doing things that I want to do. I can do this independently so it's made a big difference to me. I'm able to get out and meet new people, find out about the local area and it's letting me use my brain. I love history and I'm always keen to learn more about something I'm interested in. I think it's great what you're doing here."

Emma from Now Heritage is also delighted with the project so far. "We're seeing the local community coming together, getting to know each other, developing new skills and building up strong networks. Using the café as a base has been a great success and we're really pleased to support the café's aims which are all about strengthening the local community."



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