



## Neatishead, Irstead and Barton Turf Community Heritage Group

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### **WW1 COMMEMORATION PROJECT 2014-2016**

### **Living through World War One in three Norfolk Broadland Villages - Neatishead, Irstead and Barton Turf**

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A two year project funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund: WW1 Then and Now. It undertook to ensure:

- ◆ The heritage of the three villages - Neatishead, Irstead and Barton Turf - before, during and just after World War One is preserved.
- ◆ That those men from the three villages who served would be remembered on a memorial plaque.
- ◆ The community would have gained an insight into life in the villages 100 years ago.

This was achieved after many hours of meticulous research and displayed through exhibitions, hands-on experiences, community events and an original WW1 drama set in the villages.

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*Unloading  
marsh hay at  
Barton Turf  
Staithe 100  
years ago.*

### Exhibitions

Exhibitions telling the stories of those who served, the community and the three villages 100 years ago.

A memorial in the New Victory Hall to the 32 men who lost their lives and 104 who were fortunate enough to return home.



### Drama



A joint venture with the villages' drama group—an original WW1 drama “When I come home” written especially for the project by Ray Gedling.

### Living History

The project group also organised a Living History Day at the local primary school, has provided the villages with a community chest with artefacts, toys, and documents relating to life 100 years ago.



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