

Bikers fundraising for Poppyscotland

A group of bikers who are joining in the fundraising effort to raise £60,000 for [Poppyscotland](#), will also commemorate the centenary of the end of the First World War. The team of bikers will lay wreaths at 31 monuments across Scotland during their tour which starts at the beginning of August.



The Widows Sons Scotland will commence their tour of the country at the City Chambers, Edinburgh on Saturday August 4 at 1 p.m. The group will visit cenotaphs and other memorials over the following eight weekends, before finishing up in Dumbarton on September 22. Each stop will also include a family fun event in which members of the various local communities are encouraged to participate.

Other planned pitstops include Dryburgh Abbey, the final resting place of Earl Haig, Stirling Castle, The Queen Victoria School in Dunblane and the war memorial in Kirkwall, Orkney, with the bikers aiming to raise £60,000 for Poppyscotland on their travels. The money raised has the

potential to provide tailored support and funding to hundreds of veterans in need.



Gordon Michie, Head of Fundraising at Poppyscotland, said: “This is a terrific gesture from the Grand Lodge of Scotland and their motorcycle association Widows Sons Scotland, and one that is very much appreciated.

“This sum of money could help fund a specialised employment service so that disabled veterans can get support to find suitable, sustainable employment, or allow us to undertake major home adaptations, enabling a seriously disabled veteran to remain in the comfort and safety of their own home.

“These services will make a real difference to the lives of the Armed Forces community.”

Charles Iain Robert Wolrige Gordon, Grand Master Mason of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, said: “We are tremendously proud to be raising money for Poppyscotland by the Widows Sons Scotland touring the country. It is an opportunity to honour both the invaluable contribution of our Armed Forces and the bravery of our veterans and serving men and women. We are delighted to contribute to an excellent charity to facilitate its much-

needed work.

“It’s also a fun day out for local communities to get involved in, while contributing to a worthy cause.”

Widows Sons Scotland is a motorcycle association in *Scotland* whose members are *Freemasons*.

Poppyscotland provides life-changing support to our Armed Forces community. To donate and to learn more about forthcoming fundraising events, visit www.poppyscotland.org.uk/

