

Press release: Bells to ring out and 10,000 to march past the Cenotaph as the nation says 'thank you'

- Ballot launches today for members of the public to apply
- UK government, supported by the German government, invite nations to participate in international bell ringing to replicate the national outpouring of relief that took place at the end of the war

Ten thousand members of the public will be invited to march past the Cenotaph to mark the centenary of the [Armistice](#) later this year, Culture Secretary Jeremy Wright announced today.

Descendants, family members and the public are invited to apply to take part in 'A Nation's Thank you – The People's Procession' on Sunday 11 November 2018.

At the same time, people are being encouraged to ring bells around the world, as the government is seeking to replicate the spontaneous outpouring of relief that took place in 1918.

As news of the Armistice spread, church bells, which had fallen silent across the UK during the First World War, rang out in celebration.

Culture Secretary Jeremy Wright said:

On the centenary of the Armistice, it is right that we come together to give thanks to those who paid the ultimate sacrifice and those who returned home to help shape the world we live in today.

The 11th of November offers us a unique opportunity to show our appreciation for the generation who gave so much to secure this hard fought victory. I encourage everyone, whatever their connection to the First World War, to apply to participate in the People's Procession and join in with the bell ringing programme to help us mark this historic occasion.

This will be a fitting conclusion to the four year commemorations of the centenary of the First World War and will ensure the stories from this important period of our history are passed down to future generations.

Bell ringing and the People's Procession will take place after the conclusion of The Royal British Legion's Veteran Dispersal and March Past the Cenotaph, which follows the National Service of Remembrance on 11 November 2018, the centenary of the end of the First World War.

The People's Procession will provide an opportunity for those taking part to give thanks to all those who served in the First World War to secure the victory that helped shape the rights and privileges we enjoy today.

Members of the public are invited to apply for tickets for the People's Procession through a ballot. Ten thousand tickets are available and will be allocated in pairs. The procession will march down Whitehall where successful applicants will be able to lay wreaths at the Cenotaph.

Bell ringing and the People's Procession both form part of the national commemoration events for the centenary of the Armistice in London and will be followed by a service at Westminster Abbey in the evening.

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Notes to Editors:

Members of the public can apply for the People's Procession on the [Armistice 100 website](#)

Throughout the world, bells of all kinds – church, military or any other – are invited by the British Government with the support of the German Government to ring out at the following times:

- Bells in countries observing GMT and CET are invited to ring at 12.30hrs GMT (13.30hrs CET)
- Bells in countries throughout the rest of the world are invited to ring at either 12.30 GMT or 12.30pm local time

DCMS is also supporting the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government on an initiative 'Ringing Remembers' which is run jointly by the Big Ideas Company and the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers. This project aims to get 1,400 people ringing church bells on the centenary of the Armistice, the number of bell ringers lost in the war.

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[Detailed guide: Apply to renew a water abstraction licence](#)

If you want to continue abstracting water after the date your licence expires you must apply to the Environment Agency to renew your licence.

You need to submit your application form and supporting information at least 3 months before your licence expires. As long as we've received your application, you can carry on abstracting water after the expiry date while we make our decision.

If we do not receive your application until after the expiry date we may:

- not be able to grant your licence on the same terms
- not be able to grant you a new licence
- have to advertise your licence – you will have to pay the cost of this

If you abstract without a valid licence you may be breaking the law. We may take legal action against you.

Apply to renew your licence with different terms

If you want to change any of the terms of your current licence you must submit an application for a new licence.

Complete the [application forms for a new licence](#).

Apply to renew your licence with exactly the same terms

Complete the form [Application for a new licence to replace a time-limited licence or condition](#).

How to complete your renewal form

You need to complete one form per licence. You must make sure all the following details are correct – the licence:

- holder's name
- holder's contact details
- number

You must demonstrate:

- how you use water efficiently, such as irrigating at night or checking your pipes for leaks
- your need to abstract the same quantities of water as your current licence and what you use the water for
- how you've worked out the amount you use

We will only process your renewal application if you provide all of this information.

How to submit your renewal form

When you submit your form you must also provide:

- £135 application fee
- a map showing the area of land you have a right of access to and the abstraction point, reach or area you take water from

You must show you're entitled to apply for a licence to abstract water from where you will abstract. You must either:

- occupy the land
- have a right of access to the land
- expect to have a right of access from when the licence will take effect

You must have this right for at least one year or for as long as the licence lasts. You may need to prove you have the right by providing a:

- deed
- lease or tenancy agreement

The renewal form must be signed by the correct person. The following types of licence holder need signatures from these people:

- individual – the individual
- a number of individuals – each individual
- limited liability partnership – a partner, company director or company secretary
- registered company – company director or company secretary
- public body (for example, a local authority or NHS trust) – a person authorised to sign documents on behalf of the organisation
- partnerships – one or more of the partners
- trust – all trustees, or the chairman, treasurer or secretary

What happens after you apply

The Environment Agency will consider the details in your form and grant you a

licence as long as:

- there are no changes to the existing licence
- the details in the licence are correct
- you submitted the application fee and map

We will use your abstraction data returns information when we consider our decision.

Your abstraction must be environmentally sustainable. We need to make sure there's enough water available for everyone and the environment. If we think we may need to change your licence we'll contact you to discuss our proposals.

How to contact us

Ask for your local water resources permitting team.

General enquiries

National Customer Contact Centre
PO Box 544
Rotherham
S60 1BY

Email
enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk

Telephone
03708 506 506

Telephone from outside the UK (Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm GMT)
+44 (0) 114 282 5312

Minicom (for the hard of hearing)
03702 422 549

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[Form: Water abstraction: application form to renew a licence](#)

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See the guidance on how to [apply to renew a water abstraction licence](#).