

This small exhibition is a collection of local and personal information and artefacts.

While it shows something of the bravery, suffering and endurance of both soldiers and civilians, it obviously cannot do justice or represent completely the lives and deaths of so many, many men, women, and children within the land that became the battlefields, and elsewhere, swept up in the massive conflict.

Where became shell-blasted wastelands filled with dead and dying bodies of men was once homes and livelihoods. We see photographs of what used to be farmland made unrecognisable after bombardment, all traces of life there obliterated.

Now faceless, nameless, these people were made refugees if they had that chance.

What were their stories? Where did they end up?

We remember them as well as those on opposing sides who did as they were told, who hoped and believed in something good coming out of all the posturing turned hideously foul.

Many of the objects here are original artefacts from the Somme and the 1914-18 era so we ask kindly that you refrain from touching them due to their age and fragility. Thank you.