



# Newport Women Remembered 1914 – 1918

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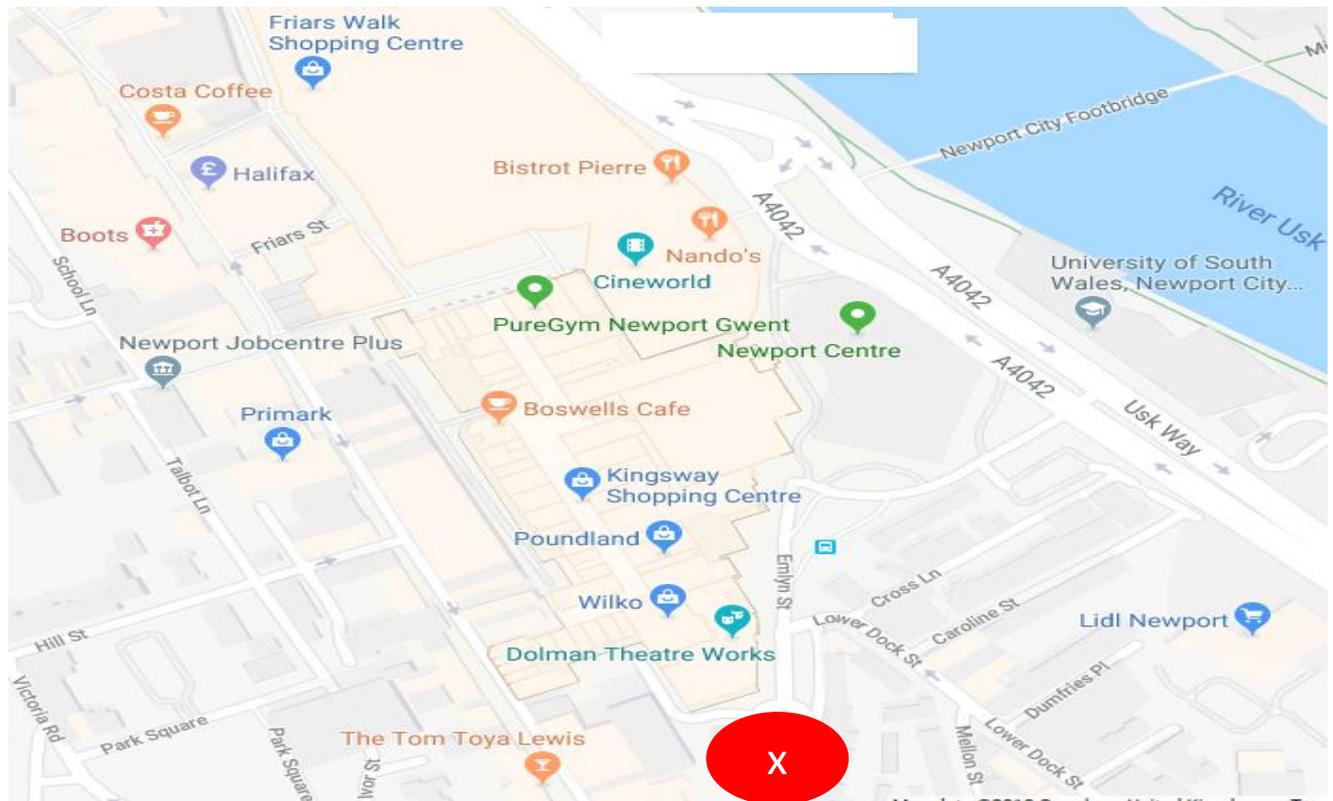
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Stephanie Roberts art

**St Pauls  
Walk,  
Commercial  
Street,  
Newport  
NP20 1LS**



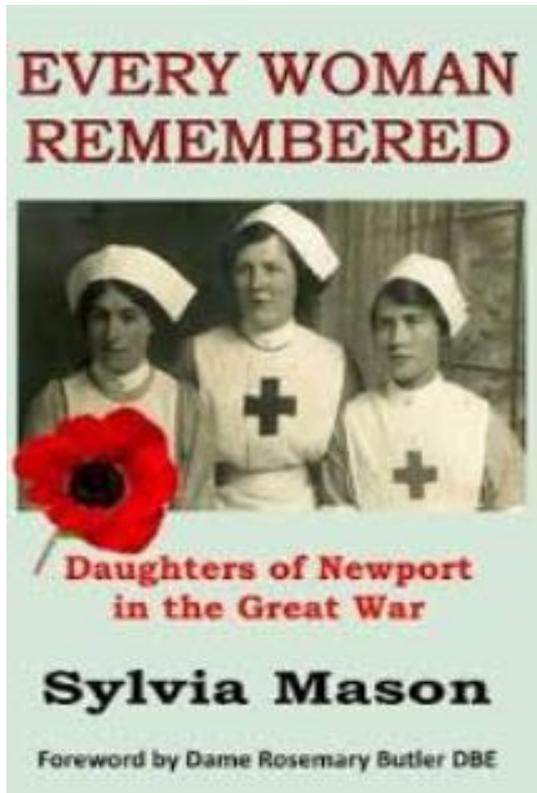
St Pauls Walk is a public realm space created at the lower end of Commercial Street following the demolition of disused office & commercial space. The area, which connects Commercial Street with the Dolman, Leisure Centre and Friars Walk was initially popular with local people enjoying the new open space but it also became a target for graffiti attacks.



Ways in which to prevent the graffiti attacks were investigated. A community project to make a commemorative mosaic for the First World War centenary was managed by Newport City Council and funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund. The mosaic which was designed and made by youth groups & local people enhances the improvement works already carried out and creates an interesting feature in the area, making it more attractive for residents and visitors.



Research for the project led to a book about eight Newport women who died in the First World War, but hardly anyone could name them



*“Without the contribution made by women such as these, Britain would not have emerged victorious. They had helped win the war and, by doing so, proved that women had the right to a political role while remaining mothers and wives.”*

Dame Rosemary Butler

# Caroline Edwards

## 1887 - 1915



**Nurse**

**Royal Naval Nursing Service**

Daughter of a Mariner

Drowned in an accidental  
explosion 31st December  
1915 age 28

# Alice Guy

## 1879 - 1916



**Nurse**

**Scottish Women's Hospital**

Joined the Hospital in June 1916 and sailed to Salonica where she nursed the sick and wounded.

Died of dysentery 20th August 1916 aged 37.

Buried in Salonica.

# Annie Brewer

## 1874 – 1921



### Nurse

### French Nursing & Ambulance Services

She was awarded the Legion d'Honneur and the Croix de Guerre, which made her one of the most highly decorated nurses of any country in WW1.

Died of Bright's (kidney) disease, on 30 January 1921 aged 46

# Lilian Jones

## 1878 - 1916

Nurse

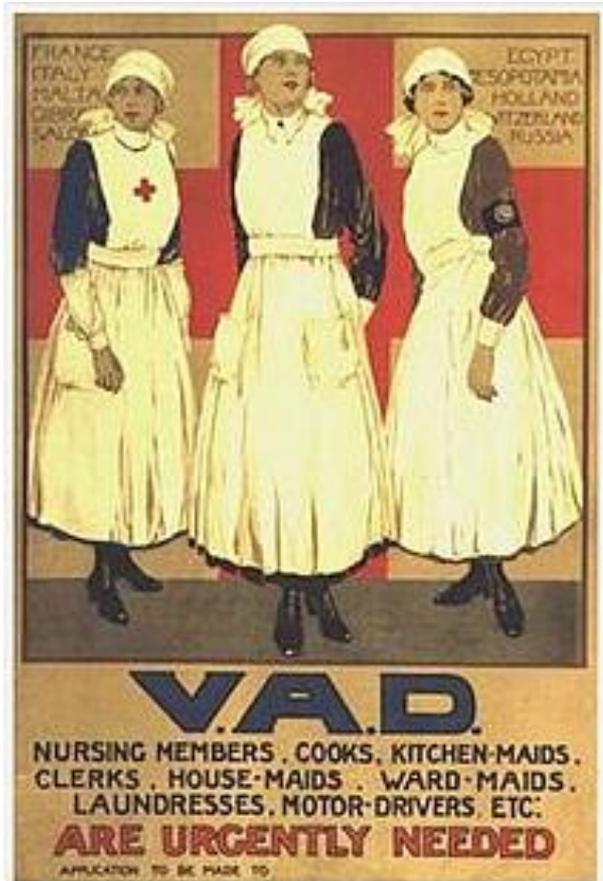
**Voluntary Aid Detachment**

Trained as a telephonist

Volunteered as a nurse

Died in a cycling accident in  
Bristol on 6th June 1916 aged  
29

Buried in St Woolos Cemetery



# Gertrude Dyer

## 1880 – 1918



**Administrator**

**Women's Army Auxiliary Corps**

Joined the WAAC in August 1917

Served in France

Returned home when she became ill and died of Bright's (kidney) disease in Newport on 27th January 1918 aged 38

Buried at Christchurch Cemetery

# Frances Llewellyn-Jones 1894 – 1918

**Driver**

**Women's Royal Air Force**

Joined WRAF in April 1918

Died of Influenza in Mexborough  
on 13th November 1918 aged 24

Buried at Christchurch Cemetery



# Beatrice White

## 1886 – 1918



Telephonist

Women's Army Auxiliary Corps

Trained as a telephonist

Join the WAAC and served in France

Died of Influenza at home on 29th November 1918 aged 32

# Violet Phillips

## 1898 - 1919



### Women's Army Auxiliary Corps

Trained to work on ambulance trains

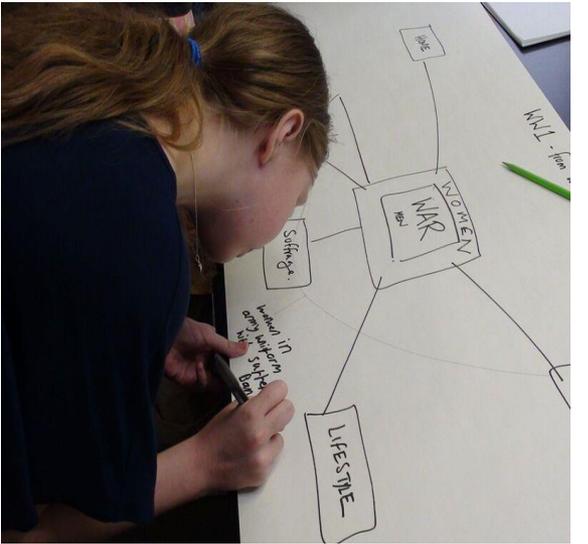
Died of Influenza at home on 8th March 1919 aged 21



Artist, Stephanie Roberts, was commissioned to create the mosaic. Stephanie is an experienced artist who has been working in the education sector creating mosaic art projects and public art since 1997. A number of Newport youth groups were invited to assist Stephanie in designing and making the mosaics. Newport Youth Council and The Bigger Picture accepted the invitation.

Newport Youth Council is a youth-led forum which gives young people a voice to influence decision-making on issues that matter to young people in Newport.

The Bigger Picture is a not for profit, community interest organisation who deliver and provide workshops, events and projects to the wider community throughout Newport.









# The Final Design

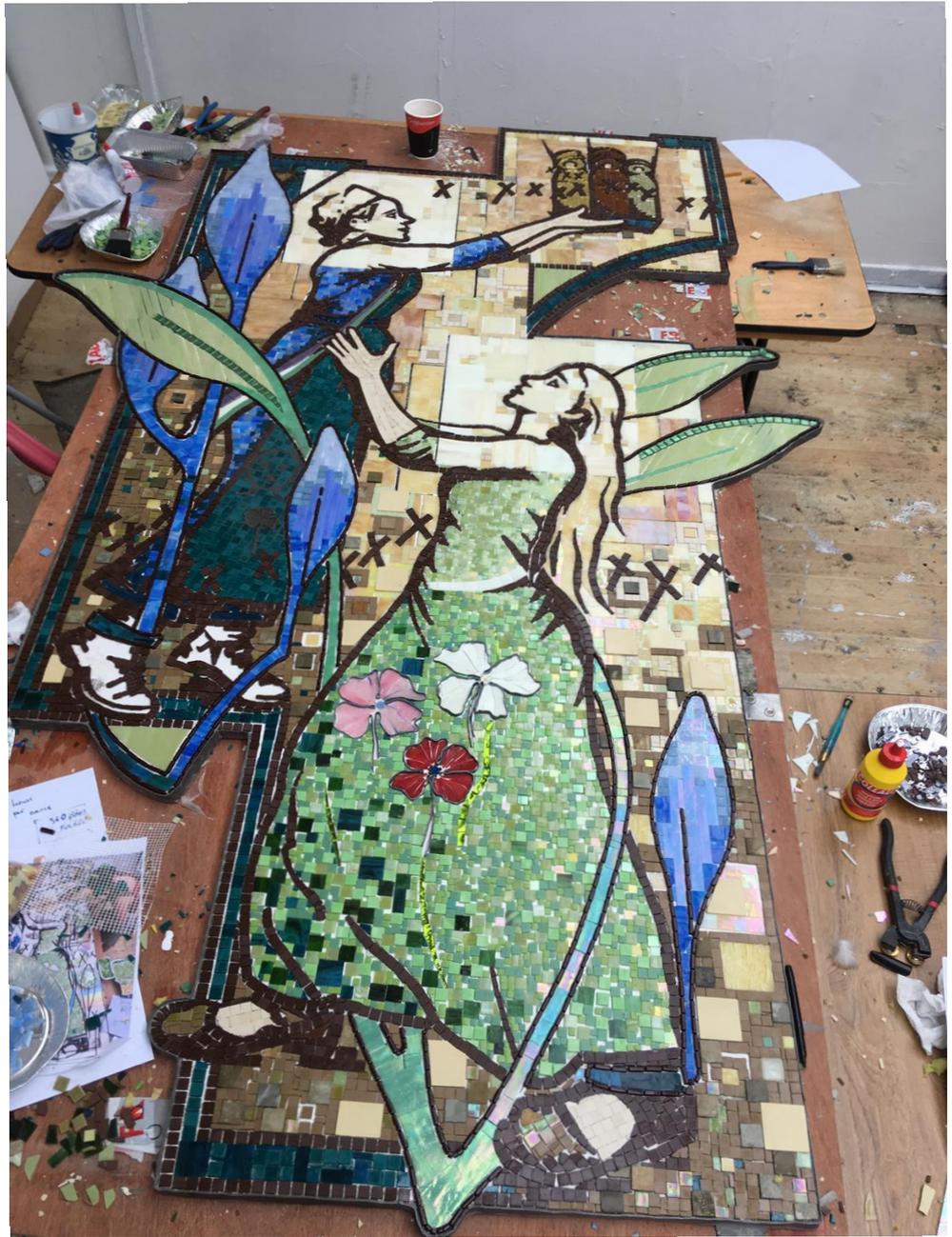
*“The mosaic portrays a female worker's father, husband and son as the munitions she constructs in the factories by day, while her child hides in her work apron.*

*The modern day female helps the munitions worker - or 'munitionette' - giving her support through the difficult period that engulfs her sensibilities, growth and empowerment.”*

Stephanie Roberts







LILIAN  
KATE JONES

ANCES  
LYN JONES



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1914-1918  
NEWPORT WOMEN  
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**Research for this mosaic identified women from Newport who made a significant contribution to the First World War.**

**Do you know of others?**

For more information or to share your knowledge about Newport Women in the First World War visit [www.newport.gov.uk/St-Pauls-Walk.aspx](http://www.newport.gov.uk/St-Pauls-Walk.aspx)