

## PRESS RELEASE

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### **ROYALISTS AND ROUNDHEADS – A NEW CIVIL WAR GUIDE FOR THE COUNTY**

**Royalists and Roundheads – Herefordshire at War**, is a Rural Media Company ([www.ruralmedia.co.uk](http://www.ruralmedia.co.uk)) and Heritage Lottery funded heritage and animation project that enabled young people from across Herefordshire to explore one of the most violent, bloody and dramatic periods in English history, the English Civil War.

Working with filmmakers from Rural Media, Archaeologists from Herefordshire Archaeology and re-enactors from The History Squad, 60 young people from Lord Scudamore, Goodrich, Ewyas Harold and Luston Primary Schools have all helped create the Civil War animations that are now part of a new 15 page guide to Herefordshire's Civil War heritage.

"The **Royalists and Roundheads** project helped bring this turbulent period in Herefordshire's history alive for all the young people", explains Rural Media's Adrian Lambert, "they had a great time exploring some of the county's history and have learnt so much from creating the animations." Mary Freeman Year 6 teacher from Luston Primary said, "It was a fantastic experience for the children. We had never really considered the role of Croft Castle in the Civil War, the children learnt so much and then had the chance to create their own animated version of Herefordshire history, it was great fun"

All of the schools visited Civil War sites in the county, such as Goodrich and Croft Castle, as well as paying visits to largely overlooked sites, including the remains of the Scottish Army's trenches that can still be seen on the Bishop's Meadows. The History Squad then visited each school for an energetic day that included pike drilling, dressing up in Civil War uniform and the sight and smells of real muskets being fired! Then, working with an animator, each school took what they had learnt and turned it into a fabulous animation that can be found in the new Civil War guide alongside education notes for teachers.

The booklet, complete with DVD, will be launched at the four schools during December and then distributed to schools and tourist information centres across the county.

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**Release ends**

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- Royalists and Roundheads was supported by the **National Lottery through the Heritage Lottery Fund.**
- The booklet and films will be launched on the following dates:
  - **Luston Primary School** - Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2010 at 3pm  
- as part of the Christmas Fair
  - **Goodrich Primary School** - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2010 at 1.30pm
  - **Lord Scudamore Primary School** - Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2010 at 4.00pm
  - **Ewyas Harold Primary School** - Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2010 at 6.15pm
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