

Military Vehicle Trust Vehicles visit the Heritage Centre Sunday 4th August 2019

Members of the South Hampshire Branch of the Military Vehicle Trust (MVT) visited the New Forest Airfields Heritage Centre Museum on a sunny Sunday 4th August, in the morning, as part of a full day 'Road Run' through the New Forest. The convoy of WWII military vehicles, including ten Jeeps and a Dodge 'Deuce and a Half' truck, all owned and maintained by the MVT members, arrived in the morning and stayed until lunchtime.



Dr Henry Goodall, FONFA Chair of Trustees, welcomed the MVT Group and showed them around the Heritage Centre exhibits, including the new display screens, commissioned in March. He said, "Like FONFA, the MVT members are passionate to educate young people about our local wartime history. They cherish and display their vehicles, to keep alive the memories and sacrifices of the soldiers, sailors and airmen and women, and the total commitment of our Armed Forces, to winning WWII."



"Through seeing and touching the actual vehicles that went to war, children and young people can gain personal experience of what it was like to use and live with these valuable representatives of a bygone age, which is fast receding from living memory. Such 'hands on' knowledge and personal experience is simply impossible to gain from a computer or a book. These vehicles were an essential and critical part of everything that took place on the twelve New Forest Airfields in WWII, being the core transport around and between the airfields, throughout the D-Day period."



Many of our visitors were intensely interested in the variety of vehicles on display and questioned the drivers closely about details and livery.



Several of the vehicles on display took part in the D-Day 75 commemorations this year in Normandy, France. The drivers left at lunchtime, giving a cheery wave as they departed.



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