

## **PRIME MINISTER PRESENTED WITH SCOTTISH POPPY**

Poppyscotland, the organisation behind the Scottish Poppy Appeal, today (Monday 20 October) presented Prime Minister Gordon Brown with a Scottish poppy at number 10 Downing Street.

The poppy was presented to the Prime Minister by veterans Jimmy Skinner and Brian Bryson ahead of the official launch of the Scottish Poppy Appeal next week. Both veterans are employed in the famous Lady Haig's Poppy Factory in Edinburgh, where the poppies are made.

CEO of Poppyscotland, Jim Panton, said: "We want everyone in Scotland to follow the Prime Minister's lead and wear their poppy with pride. Money donated to the Scottish Poppy Appeal goes to veterans and their dependants living in Scotland and the need for that support is greater now than ever.

"I hope that 2008 will be our most successful year yet and I would like to thank Gordon Brown for his continued support of the Scottish Poppy Appeal."

Scottish poppies have been made by disabled veterans in Lady Haig's Poppy Factory since 1926. They are identifiable by their four petals and unlike the poppies made for the English Appeal, do not have leaves.

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