

EATON WAR MEMORIAL

At the end of the First World War in 1918, the country was determined to remember the many who fought and gave their lives. To ensure that these were never forgotten memorials were erected in towns and villages all over the country.

The people of Eaton were no exception and on 11th March 1919 a meeting was held in the parish room in Colman Road when it was decided to erect a memorial cross on a site that suited the whole parish. The present site was glebe land and conveyed to four trustees by the Church Commissioners for £5.

The design is based on that of Sir Reginald Blomfield RA which was adopted for use on the battlefields. It is of Portland Stone and made by Mr E W D Potter of Chapelfield Road under the direction of the architect Mr E C Boardman. It was completed, dedicated and unveiled on 1st May 1921.

There are 107 names of the fallen from the First World War and 33 from the Second World War inscribed on the memorial, though there are almost certainly others whose names for whatever reason do not appear there. We remember them all.

The memorial was built by public subscription and over the years the Trustees have endeavoured to raise funds to keep it in good order and maintain the site. The last appeal was in 2014 and raised sufficient funds to enable it to be cleaned in 2014 and again in 2018 using the recommended methods for a listed structure. However, with the centenary of the dedication approaching, the Trustees would like to have a detailed conservation report and follow its recommendations including re-cutting names where necessary. This will not be cheap - it costs almost £10 to re-cut a single letter and a major steam clean is around £3,500. Present funds will just about cover the hedge cutting and general maintenance of the site for a year or two but a major fund-raising campaign is needed.

We hope we may rely once again on the support of the people of Eaton.

The Trustees

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Commemoration of the Centenary of the erection of the Memorial in 1921.

- The Memorial was erected in 1921 by public subscription and records 107 names from 1914-18 and 33 names from 1939-45.
- To celebrate its centenary and give it a further 100 years' life will require some names to be recut, work on the cross, and a deep clean.
- The aim is to complete the work before its centenary in May 2021. The cost is estimated to be around £5,000.

PLEASE HELP as the residents of Eaton did in 1921:

Donations – large or small – may be left at or sent to the Eaton Parishes Office, 41 Church Lane, NR4 6NW.



"Their name liveth for evermore"

Cheques should be made payable to Eaton War Memorial or contributions paid directly into the Eaton War Memorial account with Barclays Bank, sort code 20-62-68 account 40134546.

I enclose £ towards the work required for the War Memorial.
Name
Address
