

GAZETTEER OF WAR MEMORIALS IN THE BOROUGH

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Papers with report	Appendix 1: Additions and Amendments to the War Memorials Gazetteer

HEADLINES

Summary	<p>The 'Gazetteer of War Memorials in the Borough' was adopted and published in 2010, and updated in 2012. However, the Imperial War Museum updated the national War Memorials Register in 2017 and, as a result, there is now a need to update the Council's Gazetteer to include 12 new entries and to revise some of the information relating to the existing entries.</p> <p>The report seeks approval in principle for the adoption of the updated Gazetteer of War Memorials in the Borough, the notification of the owners of the additional memorials, where appropriate, and the publication of the Gazetteer on the Council's website.</p>
Putting our Residents First	This report supports the following Council objectives of: Our Built Environment & Our Heritage and Civic Pride.
Financial Cost	None
Relevant Policy Overview Committee	Residents' and Environmental Services
Relevant Ward(s)	Various

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Cabinet:

- 1. Approve the proposed additions and amendments to the adopted Gazetteer of War Memorials, as set out in Appendix 1;**
- 2. Approve the publication of the updated Gazetteer on the Council's website.**
- 3. Instruct officers to carry out the necessary notification of the owners of new entries to the Gazetteer;**
- 4. Give delegated authority to the Deputy Chief Executive and Corporate Director of Residents Services, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and relevant portfolio Cabinet Members, to make minor amendments and updates to existing entries in the Gazetteer. New additions / key changes to the Gazetteer would still be agreed by Cabinet.**

Reasons for recommendations

The Gazetteer of War Memorials in the Borough was adopted in September 2010 and revised in 2012. However, following the updating of the Imperial War Museum's Register of War Memorials, some additional memorials have come to light. These had been overlooked for a number of reasons: some had been moved and stored, some recently moved to Hillingdon from elsewhere, some were not immediately recognisable as memorials and a few were not publically visible. In a few cases the information previously recorded for war memorials has required updating.

There is much public interest in war memorials and it is important that the Gazetteer is kept as up to date as possible. This helps to ensure that full recognition is given to those from this Borough who died in the two World Wars and gives recognition too to the community assets and monuments erected by the communities in their honour.

Alternative options considered / risk management

Cabinet Members could decide not to update the Gazetteer of War Memorials. This would leave this document incomplete and a number of the Borough's War Memorials unrecognised. It would also not address the concerns of Members and residents.

Policy Overview Committee comments

None at this stage.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Background

1. The updated information has come principally from three sources. Firstly the Imperial War Museum (IWM) updated their national War Memorials Register in 2017, as one of the projects focussing on the commemoration of the 1914-1918 War. Ten of the new

additions proposed for Hillingdon's Gazetteer were additions to the updated IWM register.

2. Two memorials inside St. Martin's Church, West Drayton were brought to the Council's notice by a local historian. These memorials had been previously overlooked and have not as yet been included on the IWM Register.
3. Historic England assess buildings suitable for listing on a themed basis. To commemorate the 1914-1918 War, they chose the theme of war memorials. The Borough's war memorials were assessed, and two more, Northwood and Harlington, were listed grade II.

The Additional Entries

4. The table below is a summary of the new entries. Please see the Appendix for more details:

Location of Memorial	Notes
Original bronze plaques from Eastcote War Memorial	Stored for safe keeping at the Royal British Legion Hall, Southbourne Gardens.
Imperial College Sports Ground, Sipson Lane	Land acquired by Imperial College as a war memorial, and dedicated in 1936
Nestle War Memorial bearing the names of factory workers who died in the two World Wars.	Temporarily removed from the factory for storage in Nestle's archives, pending re-instatement as part of the new residential development scheme.
St. John the Baptist Church, Royal Lane, Hillingdon	The altar bears the names of three members of a family who were killed in WWI
Nos. 107-125 Park Avenue, Ruislip	Five pairs of semi-detached houses built by Haig Homes to commemorate those killed in WWII.
Ruislip British Legion, High Street, Ruislip	WWII Book of Remembrance
RAF Northolt, West End Road, Ruislip	'Post Office Rifles' plaque relocated from Ingliss Barracks, Mill Hill
RAF Northolt, West End Road, Ruislip	'Letter from Home' statue, relocated from Ingliss Barracks, Mill Hill
Harmondsworth War Memorial Recreation Ground, Sipson Way	Land acquired as a war memorial and dedicated in 1935

WWII Roll of Honour from St. Matthew's Church. Yiewsley.	Now kept in the Local Studies Library, High Street, Uxbridge.
St. Martin's Church, Church Road, West Drayton	WWI Triptych
St. Martin's Church, Church Road, West Drayton	WWII Book of Remembrance

The Updated Entries

5. The table below summarises the main amendments to the existing entries. Please see the Appendix for further details.

Location of Memorial	Notes
War Memorial at St. Peter and St. Paul's Church, High Street, Harlington	Listed Grade II
St. Giles Church, Swakeleys Road/High Road, Ickenham	Book of Remembrance has now been restored
Northwood War Memorial, Green Lane, Northwood	Listed Grade II

6. In addition, in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework, published in 2012 after the original Gazetteer was drawn up, the unlisted war memorials have been given the description 'undesigned heritage assets' in recognition of their historical importance.

Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications associated with this report.

RESIDENT BENEFIT & CONSULTATION

The benefit or impact upon Hillingdon residents, service users and communities?

The updating of the Gazetteer of War Memorials will result in a more comprehensive record, which will be welcomed by Hillingdon's residents and lead to a greater awareness and appreciation of war memorials in the Borough. Inclusion of a memorial in the Gazetteer will have no statutory implications for residents, property owners or other stakeholders.

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and guidance from Historic England and the War Memorials Trust make provision for a greater recognition of heritage assets such as War Memorials. The NPPF refers to Heritage Assets as being "a building, monument, site, place

area or landscape, identified as having a degree of significance meriting consideration in planning decisions, because of its heritage interest.”

Consultation carried out or required

Internal consultation has been carried out.

CORPORATE CONSIDERATIONS

Corporate Finance

Corporate Finance has reviewed this report, confirming that there are no direct financial implications associated with the recommendations set out above.

Legal

There are no legal implications arising directly from this report.

Infrastructure / Asset Management

Asset Management has reviewed this report, confirming that there are no direct implications for Council properties or assets associated with the recommendations set out above.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL