

War Memorial Research – Jan 2023

Introduction

At the communities committee meeting of 8-Nov-22 the proposal for a new war memorial was discussed. One possibility is a traditional stone memorial on the village green but another is a memorial bench either in the churchyard or at the new burial ground.

Factors to Consider

We need to decide what the purpose of an additional war memorial would be.

There is already a war memorial in the village church which is used during the annual remembrance service so any new memorial that was intended to be used as part of a remembrance service would need to take the existing arrangements into account.

The names of several of the people who died in the First and Second World War are commemorated in street names on the new estate opposite The Bell and there is also a plaque with Second World War names in the Eskdale Road Community Centre.

Memorial Benches

Wooden benches with simple name plaques or carvings are readily available. This research therefore covers metal benches. There are 4 options for metal benches:

- Standard design laser cut steel seat back – approx. £1800
- Bespoke design laser cut steel seat back – approx. £3600
- Cast aluminium, standard design with bespoke crest/wording – price based on requirement
- Bespoke wrought iron– price on application – price based on requirement

Suppliers

<https://www.davidogilvie.com/products/memorial-commemorative>

David Ogilvie do various standard designs which can have a plaque. They also do bespoke work. Based in Scotland.



<http://www.memorialbenchescompany.co.uk/>

This company is owned by David Ogilvie above but their website has a wider range of standard benches and themed ones. They also do bespoke work.



<https://www.mantleisure.co.uk/street-and-park-furniture>

Based near Bath. Many standard benches in steel. Around £1800. You can have a stainless steel plaque in various sizes for approx £100 extra. One of the standard bench pictures is identical to David Ogilvie/Memorial Benches Company.



WW1 Bench Seat (1.5m) £1,795.00

They can also do a bespoke seat for £3600. The frame is as per the standard bench with the back panel made from 6mm thick laser cut steel, depicting a mutually agreed design. Any logo and/or wording could be etched onto a stainless-steel plaque which would be incorporated in the manufacturing process. The bench seat comes with a UK guarantee for up to 25 years, not including misuse or vandalism.

<https://uniquebenches.co.uk/>

They say unique memorial benches can be produced to your own bespoke design and specification but all the photos seem to be the same basic design with the variation being on the crest and wording. They say they can include any bespoke features, wording or elements. Benches are manufactured from aluminium with a stainless steel seat.

Based in Leicester



<https://belfastmetaldesign.co.uk/war-memorial-benches/>

Based in Belfast. Can do mild steel or stainless steel. Various widths. Back laser cut to bespoke specifications. They can even do portraits. Based in Belfast, their stainless steel benches start at around £1000 which is a lot cheaper than those on other sites but the arms and legs don't look as solid and there would be shipping costs.



<https://www.abbottstreetforge.co.uk/garden-memorial-benches/>

These do bespoke forged benches. Based in Dorset. No prices on website.

Stone Memorials

No detailed research has been done into some memorials but here are some examples of traditional memorials.



And here is a different style

