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# Petition for Faculty Tutbury St. Mary's Priory Church War Memorial Consultations and Support

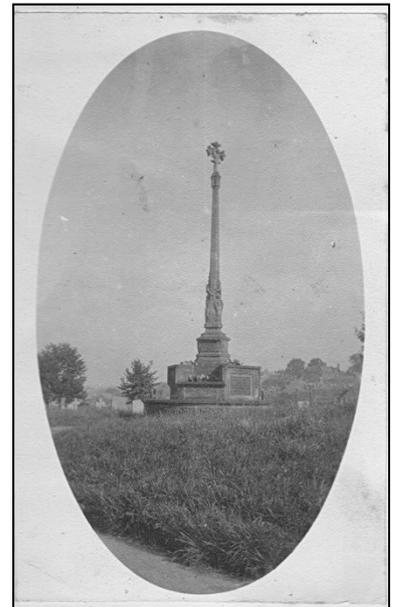
## Introduction

The project to preserve the Stone Cross War Memorial at St. Mary's Priory Church, Tutbury, was conceived and is run by the Tutbury War Memorials Preservation Committee (hereafter the Committee).

The Committee operates as a standalone entity within the village but when it was realised that technically the maintenance of the Memorial was the responsibility of the Parochial Church Council (see document [11] *TWMP-PE-016 Statement of Significance - Tutbury St. Mary's War Memorial*) the Committee, for this project, effectively became a secular extension of the PCC.

Consultations can be both formal and informal. While it is essential to consult with some organisations, in our case English Heritage, it is equally important to "consult" with the wider community by publicising what we are doing and providing the opportunity for feedback. Both forms are covered below.

We have received much verbal support for what we are doing and the occasional supportive comment in emails. We have, so far, only received one negative comment; that was from someone who misunderstood work being done on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of the [Tutbury Book of Remembrance](#) and thought we were going to add names to the Memorial, which of course we are not and have never considered doing so.



*The Memorial in 1920*

## Formal Consultation

### English Heritage

A consultation with English Heritage is required because the Memorial is in the curtilage of the Grade I listed St. Mary's Priory Church. The Tutbury War Memorials Preservation Committee contacted English Heritage to ask how we should seek their approval, to which their response was to request that we send a copy of the Faculty Petition to them and they will copy their response to the Diocesan Advisory Council.

The exchange can be seen in the emails submitted with this Petition in document "[42] 2013 08 27 English Heritage Consultation Query"

### Parish Council

Following discussions with Tutbury Parish Council throughout 2012 on the condition of the Memorial, we as individuals set up the Tutbury War Memorials Preservation Committee in January 2013.

Since that time the Parish Council (via the Clerk to the Council) have been in receipt of the email newsletters and have had access to the Committee's website.

Following the professional assessment of the Memorial by Richard Smith RIBA AABC of Smith and Roper<sup>1</sup>, the Parish Council were sent a full set of the hard copy reports (and access via the website).

The only comment to appear in the Parish Council minutes about the preservation of the Memorial since the creation of the Committee have been:

- The allocation of a grant (£110) for a projector for presentations in January 2014
- Noting receipt of the Phase I reports in the Minutes of the meeting 14 July 2014

No other comment for, against or about the project has been recorded in the Parish Council minutes since our meeting with them, prior to the creation of the Committee, on 19 November 2012

### St. Mary's Parochial Church Council

One of the members of the Committee is also a member of the Parochial Church Council and hence both represents the church's views on the Committee and feeds back to the PCC on Committee matters (in addition to the PCC being in receipt of the minutes of the meetings<sup>2</sup>).

The combination of the discovery in the PCC minutes of 1920 that technically the Memorial is in the care of the PCC<sup>3</sup> and the arrival of the Ven John Hall in the parish in 2013 engendered a new, closer, working relationship between the Committee and the PCC. This has continued with Rev Ian Whitehead, who is equally supportive.

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<sup>1</sup> Approved Quinquennial inspectors for the Lichfield Diocese

<sup>2</sup> All minutes of meetings are posted on the Committee's website as well

<sup>3</sup> Staffordshire Records Office - minutes of the Parochial Church Council for Tutbury meeting of 7th March 1921

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The PCC and the church congregation in general have willingly provided all the assistance that we need. Indeed, the area around the Memorial, what might be called the War Memorial Garden, has this year been carefully tended by members of the PCC and others and now looks the best it has looked since we became interested in the Memorial five years ago. In addition, extracts from the Smith and Roper reports, including the plan diagrams plus the plan for the project form a semi-permanent display in St. Mary's.

## Other Local organisations

In addition to the above, minutes of all meetings and all newsletters are distributed to "supporters" of the committee as follows:

- The Rt Revd Geoff Annas, the Bishop of Stafford, Patron of the Committee
- Cllr Liz Staples, Tutbury and Outwoods, East Staffordshire Borough Council
- Cllr Stephen Smith, Tutbury and Outwoods, East Staffordshire Borough Council
- Clerk to Tutbury Parish Council
- Glenys Shelton, Chair, Tutbury Civic Society
- Chris Tipper, Chairman, Tutbury Museum
- The Ven John Hall, Chairman, Diocesan Advisory Council
- Rev Ian Whitehead, Priest in Charge, Tutbury St. Mary's Priory Church

## Informal Consultation

### Newsletter

A newsletter is published via email as required, typically five or six times a year. It has a total circulation of over 90 including those above, mostly people in the village but including Cllr Bob Fraser, Staffordshire County Council, Richard Wakefield Primary School, the Magic Attic (local history for South Derbyshire and East Staffordshire) and the Burton Local History website

### Noticeboards

Project Status notices are displayed on church and village noticeboards

### Displays

Project displays have been put on for

- Tutbury Day 2014
- Tutbury in Bloom in 2013 and 2014
- Lights Out Service
- Tutbury Music Festival
- Good Night George at Burton Brewhouse Arts Centre (a local primary schools WWI commemorative play)

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## Publicity

Progress with the project is regularly reported in

- Burton Mail
- Tutbury Village News
- Parish Magazine, Draycott, Hanbury, Newborough, Rangemore & Tutbury
- Hilton and Dove Valley Life magazine
- Hatton News

## Presentations

Presentations on the project have been given (on request) to the following organisations:

- Tutbury Women's Institute (and asked to come back for an update in January)
- Tutbury Mothers Union
- Tutbury Flower Club
- British Gypsum
- Burton MS Society (two)

## Fund Raising

While in no way a consultation, funding activities can show faith in a project and general support for its aims.

For Phase I of the project, the assessment, faith was shown in the project by both the War Memorials Trust and East Staffordshire Borough Council who both provided half of the £3,852 needed for the work by Smith and Roper.

For Phase II, the Preservation, three funding activities have shown the support for the Memorial Project. As we do not yet have quotes and therefore a definitive cost, we have not yet embarked on active fundraising or asked anyone directly for funds.

However, last year Tutbury Flower Club told us that they had decided to adopt the project as their chosen charity for 2013 and presented us with a cheque for £500 at the end of the year.

In addition, again as a surprise to us, the landlady at the Leopard public house, Kaz, decided to hold a charity night for the project and raised £129 with raffles and other funding activities, including getting a local choir, Local Vocals, to put on a show at the pub.

Finally, the presentation we gave to British Gypsum was at the request of Gail Higgs, the Administrator at the Fauld Mine near Tutbury. Of the 47 WWI Fallen on the Memorial, fifteen either worked at the plaster mine at Fauld or in the plaster mill at Tutbury, hence there is a very strong connection between the industry and the village. As a result we have been informed by Gail Higgs that she is to seek an as yet unspecified amount from British Gypsum towards the project.

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