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**From:** Taylor, Julie <Julie.Taylor@HistoricEngland.org.uk>  
**Sent:** 24 March 2016 15:52  
**To:** Rick Nuth  
**Cc:** Archdeacon Matthew Parker; 'Kristina Williamson (Lichfield DAC)'; 'Revd Ian Whitehead'; Frances Moreton (Director, War Memorials Trust); 'Bob Wood'; 'Brian Wright'; 'Jane Nuth'; 'Kay Chapman (PCC)'; 'Lesley Evans'; 'Pol Wood'; 'Sue Norris'  
**Subject:** RE: Tutbury St. Mary's Priory Church, Staffordshire - Faculty and Revised Designs for Wreath Holders  
**Importance:** High  
**Categories:** TWMPCC, Known

Dear Mr Nuth

Thank you for your email and attachments.

Having read through your supplementary information and photographs I am pleased to be able to reassure you that we had not misunderstood your situation, and had given full consideration to the issues you have raised.

The view I came to, in consultation with my extremely experienced colleagues, was not taken lightly, but came about through considerable discussion and deliberation.

As I explained in my previous email we have no objection in principle to a structure to accommodate wreaths. However, we do not consider that the current proposal is appropriate in such a sensitive location.

Do please contact me again if I can be of further assistance.

Kind regards

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**Subject:** RE: Tutbury St. Mary's Priory Church, Staffordshire - Faculty and Revised Designs for Wreath Holders

Dear Ms Taylor

Thank you for your response – albeit a disappointing one.

I think it is possible that, in the great volume of the Faculty paperwork, you may have misunderstood a few issues about what is probably a unique request for an object performing a new but essential function.

To help eliminate that possibility, I am attaching a more nuanced explanation of the requirement (which we feel is new) and our solution, which we feel is the only type suitable.

We have also provided some supporting photographs, referenced in the text, which can be found on a Flickr album at [www.tinyurl.ws/wreathholders](http://www.tinyurl.ws/wreathholders)

I am copying this to Archdeacon Matthew Parker and Kristina Williamson as representatives of the DAC, Rev Ian Whitehead as the incumbent at St. Mary's and Frances Moreton, Director of the War Memorials Trust, whose advice we are trying to follow, as they all have an interest in the outcome.

Regards

Rick Nuth

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**Subject:** RE: Tutbury St. Mary's priory Church - Faculty and Revised Designs for Wreath Holders

**Importance:** High

Dear Mr Nuth

Thank you for your email. I now had an opportunity to show your email, and the associated images, to my colleagues.

Whilst we would have no objection in principle to some form of structure to accommodate wreaths, after careful consideration I am afraid that we are unable to support the current designs. Given the gradient and elevated position of the monument, and the height of the wreath holders, they will be relatively prominent structures within the grounds of this important Grade I listed church. We therefore consider it very important that they make a positive contribution to its setting.

In our view the framework, and in particular the posts, is somewhat bulky and rather domestic in character. Whilst we accept that the structures have been designed to accommodate a specific function, for a much of the year they will be seen without the wreaths, and in our view should therefore be an attractive feature in their own right.

In the circumstances we would suggest that you either employ the services of a sculpture to design a bespoke piece of art that can accommodate wreaths, or alternatively the currently proposed structure is designed to be demountable, so that it can be easily removed (without lifting equipment) and stored when not specifically required for the display of wreaths. The latter option would also obviously facilitate the mowing of grass etc.

I am aware that this is not the answer you were looking for, but hope that it provides you with a clear steer as to a potential way forward.

I have copied Kristina Williamson into this email, and should we be formerly consulted on these proposals in their current form then this will form the basis of our response.

Please contact me if I can be of further assistance.

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**Subject:** Tutbury St. Mary's priory Church - Faculty and Revised Designs for Wreath Holders

Dear Ms Taylor

As you may have gathered from Kristina Williamson's recent email, the Tutbury War Memorials Preservation Committee (TWMPC) submitted a Faculty Petition to the Lichfield

Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) in January for the installation of two Remembrance Wreath Holders in the closed churchyard at the Grade I Listed St. Mary's Priory Church, Tutbury, Staffordshire.

The Wreath Holders are to serve two purposes:

- a) Protect the War Memorial by, as advised by the War Memorials Trust, *not* leaving Wreaths on the Memorial for any length of time
- b) Commemorate the Centenary of WWI on behalf of the village of Tutbury

The DAC accepted the principle of installing the Wreath Holders and their location but did not agree with our chosen design. We have subsequently produced five revised designs based on the DAC's comments and these have now been reduced to two.

The DAC's response to the Faculty Petition suggested that we contact Historic England to seek an opinion. The original Faculty Petition (with the rejected design) can be seen [here](#) and the attached document contains the two revised designs.

The Archdeacon of Stoke, the Ven Matthew Parker, who is both responsible for the Tutbury Parish and sits on the DAC, intimated that the first of the two designs would probably be acceptable to the DAC.

Both the TWMPCC and the DAC would welcome Historic England's views.

The key descriptive document in the faculty submission is "[FP-03] WH-PE-041 Faculty Request - Tutbury St. Mary's Priory Church - Wreath Holders"

Best regards

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