

First World War Memorial Programme

Centenary War Memorial Listing Project - Proposed List Entry

Name of memorial: Tarvin War Memorial

Memorial address (with grid reference):

Enclosed Paved Area Outside Church,
St Andrew's Church,
Church Street,
Tarvin,
Chester,
Cheshire,
England

Grid Reference: SJ 492 670

History (including date, architect/sculptor/mason, ceremony, all later additions and changes):

Tarvin War Memorial was unveiled in a ceremony in 1920. The establishment of a public subscription fund set up by Tarvin Parish Council for the erection of a War memorial to honour the War dead from the district resulted in its construction.

Tarvin War memorial has strong similarities to memorials in Winsford and Farndon and so this suggests they were all designed by a specific group of architects. Twenty two names commemorate soldiers killed in the First World War and an additional 3 names were added after the Second World War.

In 2008 renovation works commenced to clean the War Memorial and complete restoration of the lettering detailing the inscriptions on the Bronze plaques. These works were funded through donations made by Tarvin Parish Council. In preparation for the centenary of the First World War Jacqueline Wilson Funeral Directors contributed to the cleaning of the War memorial and the enclosed area once again.

Description (location/position, materials, appearance, inscriptions):

The war memorial in Tarvin is located outside of the grounds of St Andrew's Church, and can be seen from the main road, Church Street. The Memorial is situated on an enclosed stone area raised above the pavement. This consists of a steel chain between the lower sandstone areas.

Surrounding the memorial on the lower pavement area facing the main road, are two columns and a red stone plaque with the inscription THIS MEMORIAL/ WAS ERECTED BY PUBLIC SUBSCRIPTION/ TO THE GLORY OF GOD/ AND IN GRATEFUL REMEMBRANCE OF THE MEN OF THIS VILLAGE AND DISTRICT/ WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR THE RIGHT IN THE GREAT WAR/ 1914 – 1918/ GREATER LOVE HATH NO MAN THAN THIS THAT A MAN LAY DOWN/ HIS LIFE FOR FRIENDS, ST JOHN XV.13.



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The memorial is elevated on a three tier sandstone octagonal base. The lower and second octagonal base do not have any plaques or inscriptions, however the second base is smaller in size than the bottom octagonal base. The third octagonal tier base has three bronze plaques on the front facing side.

These plaques have been added following the Second World War and commemorate the three soldiers from the district who were killed between 1939 – 1945. This inscription is split in three sections on three separate bronze plaques. The inscription on the first plaque, left facing of the central plaque reads ALSO OF THOSE WHO/ GAVE THEIR LIVES IN/ THE 1939 – 1945 WAR. The central bronze plaque lists the three names of the men who died during the noted period. The right facing bronze plaque is inscribed THEIR NAME LIVETH/ FOR EVERMORE.

A taller octagonal tier is situated on the third stone base. On this tier are three front facing bronze plaques which consist of Tudor Roses inscribed. Each plaque has the inscription of the twenty two names that died during the First World War. The sandstone octagonal plinth leads off this tier and situated at the top is an octagonal Latin wheel and cross.

Sources of data:

Tarvin Webteam, 'Tarvin War Memorial', Tarvin Online Newsletter, 10th November 2014.

<http://www.pmsa.org.uk/pmsa-database/5219/> (Accessed 1st June 2016)

<http://www.iwm.org.uk/memorials/item/memorial/9849> (Accessed 25th May 2016)

Tarvin Times, August 2008 edition no.16

Memorial owner/custodian contact details:

Tarvin Parish Council is the known custodian of the war memorial. Since its dedication it has been the responsibility of the local community and parish council.

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