



The Duchess Of Hamilton Park

Fact File 2 – The War Memorial

In 1919, when the park was still quite young, the Great War of 1914 - 1918 had not long ended. The local people were very grateful and appreciative of their local men and women who had perished during the conflict. Hearing this, the council agreed that a war memorial symbolising war, peace and victory be erected in the new park. A war memorial committee was established and the illustrated design (The Proposal) was eventually agreed for the Cenotaph.

The design was of an 18 feet high, rough, grey, granite block with lower panels of dark polished granite for the names of those who had died. Round the base was a sculptured frieze 12 inches high with typical figures of the war. Look closely and you will see a tank (The Detail), a bi-plane, a barrage balloon, a destroyer and more.

In the centre and front portion is the coat of arms of the Burgh and above this the inscription **'Their Name Liveth for Evermore'** carved in large letters, crowning this is a lion and beneath his paws a sword wreathed in bay leaves.

The cost was £2,200 and subscriptions were welcomed to help pay for it. Many local people gave a few shillings, local companies and to their credit Motherwell Football Club who managed to raise more than £1,300 through competitions etc.

The memorial was completed (The Actual), erected in the park and officially opened in 1920. Unfortunately following the Second World War, twenty seven years later, extra space, in the form of angled granite slabs had to be added for casualties of that conflict .

There are a total of 754 names for the 1914-18 war and 397 names for the 1939-45 war. Look carefully at the names. The chances are you will find, if not a relative, a namesake. You may like to go and read the names on the cenotaph and take time out to appreciate their sacrifice of 'Their Today For Your Tomorrow'!

The local annual Remembrance Sunday service takes place on the Sunday nearest to November 11th where, during the service, poppy wreaths are laid against the Cenotaph

- Quiz -
- 1) What was the cost of the original monument?
 - 2) What is the total number of casualties?



The Proposal



The Actual



The Detail