

Ashington Town Council

Bothal War Memorial Project

November 2013

Remembrance Day saw the unveiling of the refurbished Bothal War Memorial in Ashington. Wreaths were laid at the monument following a well-attended service in the nearby St Andrew's Church.

The War Memorial was constructed in the early 1920's, to commemorate World War I and recognises 35 local personnel who lost their lives in this conflict and a further 22 personnel who gave their lives in World War II.

The condition of the War Memorial had deteriorated noticeably in recent years and Ashington Town Council was approached to look into the options for required repair and remedial work. The Town Council has worked with representatives of St Andrew's Church, the Royal British Legion, local historian David Wise and Welbeck Estates in developing the project. Work has included cleaning and repointing the monument and replacing the stone that commemorates those who fell in World War I with a new inscribed York stone plaque. The work was carried out in time for Remembrance Day by local stone mason's Bart Endean Ltd who have a long track record of carrying out similar work.

The project was funded by Ashington Town Council, Pegswood Parish Council and Welbeck Estates. Ashington Town Clerk Mike Slaughter said 'Ashington Town Council was pleased to take the lead in developing this project. Although the Town Council has no legal ownership or responsibility to maintain the Memorial a commitment was given to carry out the work as a goodwill gesture which we are delighted was fully completed in time for this year's Remembrance Day'.

The Bothal War Memorial is situated prominently in the centre of the village and the work will ensure the monument continues to provide a lasting reminder to both current and future generations of those who gave their lives in the service of their country.

For more information contact Stephen Humphrey at Ashington Town Council, on tel 01670 624 520.



The Refurbished Bothal War Memorial – picture taken 10th November 2013