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SHEPTON MALLET WAR MEMORIAL CHARITY

Annual Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2008.

22 April 2008

The Shepton Mallet War Memorial Charity is a registered charity No.204004. Its address is 1, Park Road, Shepton Mallet. Somerset. BA4 5BS. The Trustees are members for the time being of the Town Council. Their names are given below:-

Mrs J.D. Bartlett	Mrs J.M. Marsh
Mr R.R. Champion	Mr T. Marsh
Mr M.J. Ellis	Mr J.W. Parham
Mr J.E. Gilham	Mrs M. Robinson
Mr C.C. Inchley	Mr N.F. Shearn
Mrs J.A. Kinison	Mr A. Taylor
Mr C.F. Lockey	Mrs K.M. Taylor
Mr M. Lovell	

The charity has responsibility for the War Memorial situated on at the junction of Cannards Grave Road and Station Road at Townsend, Shepton Mallet. It is a fine memorial monument to the Great War of traditional design reflecting that of the Cenotaph in Whitehall; a plain rectangular column with doric entablature and square frieze in an upper storey. A large cast panel was added after 1945 at low level under its own hood mould, cutting across the plinth.

There has been considerable activity around the structure in the current year due to an adjoining retail development taking place and changes to the highways of Station Road and Townsend Roundabout which have been undertaken under a highways agreement funded by the developer. The structure is now "Listed" by English Heritage and a caution has been placed with the Land Registry upon the land which the plinth and structure stands. The Towns flagpole has been relocated adjacent to the War Memorial structure.

A decision has been resolved not to relocate the structure and funding for this purpose with an additional sum earmarked for landscaping around the Memorial was made available by the District Council via a 106 planning agreement with the developer.

The Trustees propose to undertake Restoration and Cleaning to the War Memorial during the forthcoming year and it is also envisaged that landscaping around the structure can also be completed in the same timescale. A sum of £8,000 and £45,000 respectively has been allocated for this purpose from a 106 Planning Agreement by way of Mendip District Council.

There has been expenditure incurred in the current financial year 2007/2008 of £2,944.96 for a Historical Survey and also a Structural Survey to be undertaken which was reimbursed by way of a 106 Planning Agreement from Mendip District Council. The nett Income and Expenditure incurred by the corporate body Trustee(s) (Shepton Mallet Town Council) is therefore nil.

A small group named "The Friends of the Cenotaph" and others have laid small floral tributes throughout part of the year.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized initial 'G' followed by 'H. B.' and a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Graham H. Brown
Town Clerk