

# SHEPTON MALLET TOWN COUNCIL

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## **SHEPTON MALLET WAR MEMORIAL CHARITY**

Annual Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2007.

24 April 2007

The Shepton Mallet War Memorial Charity is a registered charity No.2004004. 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	Mr C.F. Lockey
Mr M.M. Cann	Mr M. Lovell
Mr R.R. Champion	Mrs L.A. Manvill
Mr T. Fone	Mrs J.M. Marsh
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Mr K.J. Hurrell	Mrs M, Robinson
Mr C.C. Inchley	Mr N.F. Shearn
Mr N. Jeremiah	Mr A. Taylor

The charity has responsibility for the War Memorial situated at the junction of Cannards Grave Road and 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 with the structure in the current year due to an adjoining retail development taking place and proposals / plans to amend the highways of Station Road and Townsend Roundabout which will be undertaken under a highways agreement funded by the developer. Following a Town Poll and setting up of a lobby group named the "Friends of the Cenotaph" the structure has been Listed by English Heritage.

The Trustees have much concern regarding the structures current condition and its safety from adjacent vehicular traffic. A decision was made to relocate the structure and funding for this purpose with an additional sum earmarked for landscaping around the Memorial is made available by the District Council via a 106 planning agreement with the developer.

The Trustees proposals have now been amended and currently a Historical Research Report has been completed as has the excavation and inspection of the foundations to the structure. A full structural survey and report has been commissioned and will take place in April 2007.

Following this information a community referendum is to take place for a final decision as if to relocate the Memorial or not. In the interim highway works are currently in progress around the retail development and directly around the Memorial structure. It is envisaged that a final decision as to relocate or not to relocate the structure will be achieved by mid 2007.

There has been expenditure incurred in the current financial year 2006/2007 of £26.33 for floral tributes throughout the year. Works to research and investigate the structure are ongoing and expenditure to date is approximately £3,500 which as stated above is funded by way of a 106 agreement and expenditure is reimbursed on a regular basis.

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Graham H. Brown  
Town Clerk