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SHEPTON MALLET CENOTAPH CHARITY

Annual Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2009.

28 April 2009

During the current year as resolved by the Trustees the Charities name was changed from the Shepton Mallet War Memorial Charity to the Shepton Mallet Cenotaph Charity which has been approved by the Charity Commission and is a registered charity No.204004. Its address is 1, Park Road, Shepton Mallet. Somerset. BA4 5BS. The Trustees are current members 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 D. Marvin
Mr J.E. Gilham	Mr J.W. Parham
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Mr M. Lovell	Mrs K.M. Taylor

The charity has responsibility for the War Memorial situated 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.

During 2007 / 2008 due to an adjoining retail development taking place, changes to the highways of Station Road and Townsend Roundabout 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 also been relocated adjacent to the Cenotaph 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.

A project to undertake the Restoration and Cleaning to the Cenotaph is contracted to a local company Ellis & Co who commenced work in October 2008 and are due completion in April 2009. A further local company of Beech Tyldesley Architects are contracted to specify and manage the works, with a total project cost of £9,374 which is being completely funded from a 106 Planning Agreement by way of 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 and new vase holders were provided by the Town Council.

The Trustees are now taking the lead to a project to enhance the area around the Cenotaph which will include highway improvements, pedestrian access, uncovering and exposing the original plinth of the structure and to landscape the area of amenity land with both hard and soft landscaping. The design and specification works have recently been tendered and the full project is programmed for completion by March 2010. A sum of £45,000 funded from a 106 Planning Agreement by way of Mendip District Council has been allocated for this purpose.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'G' and 'H' followed by a horizontal line and a small flourish.

Graham H. Brown
Town Clerk