

Road Naming Proposal

To honour Thame's military heroes – men who have received the highest decorations for gallantry.

Attached are :

- a list of the premier awards for gallantry, in order of precedence
- and a list of men from Thame known to have received any of those medals

In some ways this suggestion might be viewed as another legacy from the Thame Remembers project, but it also adds a new element in that over half of the men listed actually survived the duration of their respective conflict.

It is appreciated that some of the names duplicate existing street names in Thame, and that others do not lend themselves to adaptation for street naming, but sufficient remain to have a choice of options for the five street names required.

If the principle is accepted then further research can be undertaken to verify the medals, provide adequate back stories and, possibly, to identify further names that qualify.

Decorations for Gallantry

The awards below are listed in the official 'order of precedence', The letters in brackets are put after a person's surname to show their award.

Victoria Cross (VC)

The Victoria Cross is the premier Operational Gallantry award given for 'most conspicuous bravery, or some daring or pre-eminent act of valour or self sacrifice, or extreme devotion to duty in the presence of the enemy'. It may be awarded to all ranks of the services and civilians.

George Cross (GC)

The George Cross (introduced 1940) is the premier award given for non-operational gallantry or gallantry not in the presence of an enemy. This is awarded for acts of the greatest heroism or of the most conspicuous courage in circumstances of extreme danger. The George Cross is equal in stature in the UK honours system to the Victoria Cross.

Distinguished Service Order (DSO)

The Distinguished Service Order is an operational gallantry award given for highly successful command and leadership during active operations. It may be awarded to all ranks of the services.

Conspicuous Gallantry Cross (CGC)

The Conspicuous Gallantry Cross is an operational gallantry award given to all ranks of the services in recognition of an act (or acts) of conspicuous gallantry during active operations against the enemy.

Distinguished Service Cross (DSC)

The Distinguished Service Cross is an operational gallantry award given to all ranks of the services in recognition of exemplary gallantry during active operations against the enemy at sea.

Military Cross (MC)

The Military Cross is an operational gallantry award given in recognition of exemplary gallantry during active operations against the enemy on land. Prior to 1993 the MC was reserved for Officers, but has since been extended to all ranks.

Military Medal

Equivalent to the Military Cross and awarded to 'other ranks' until dropped in 1993.

Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC)

The Distinguished Flying Cross is an operational gallantry award given to all ranks of the services in recognition of exemplary gallantry during active operations against the enemy in the air.

Air Force Cross (AFC)

The Air Force Cross is a non-operational award given to all ranks of the services in recognition of exemplary gallantry while flying not in the presence of the enemy.

George Medal (GM)

The George Medal is awarded for conspicuous gallantry not in the presence of the enemy.

Individuals who perform a further act of such gallantry which would have merited an equivalent second award are issued with a bar to add to their medal ribbon.

All gallantry honours can be awarded posthumously, with the exception of the DSO.

Candidate Names

Listed in the order of precedence of the medals awarded

Names that cannot be used as they duplicate, or are very similar to, existing street names in Thame, or because they have the same surname as another man higher on the list, are in red

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Medal</u>	<u>Conflict</u>	<u>Status</u>
Frank Howard Kirby	Corporal	VC	Boer War	Survived
Donald Patrick Shaw	Lt. Colonel	DSO	WW1	Died
Walter George Bailey	2 nd Lieutenant	DSO & MC (x3)	WW2	Survived
Robert Joyce Clarke	Lt Colonel	DSO	WW1	Survived
John Orlando Summerhayes	Major	DSO	WW1	Survived
William Charles Bailey	2 nd Lieutenant	MC	WW1	Survived
Herbert Arthur Stockwell	Co. Sgt Major	MC	WW1	Died
Henry Blyth		MC	Korea	Survived
Frank Broadis Mitchell	2 nd Lieutenant	MC	WW1	Survived
Henry Leonard Shrimpton	2 nd Lieutenant	MC	WW1	Survived
John Anthony Creemer Clarke	Pilot Officer	DFC	WW2	Died
Stanley James Allen	Sergeant	MM	WW2	Died
Noel Alexander Target	2 nd Lieutenant	MM	WW1	Died
William Henry Wentworth	Sergeant	MM	WW1	Died
Eric William Rose	2 nd Lieutenant	MM	WW1	Died
Henry J Cheney	Corporal	MM	WW1	Survived
Charles Claude Higgins	Ldg Seaman	MM	WW1	Survived
Arthur Thomas Jones	Sergeant	MM	WW1	Survived
Alfred William Lemmings	Sergeant	MM	WW1	Survived
Charles Frederick Bristow	Lance Sergeant	GM	WW2	Died