

Policy & Resources Committee

Title:	War Memorials – Additional Names
Date:	18 April 2023
Contact Officer:	Andrea Oughton, Operations Manager Cassie Pinnells, Community Services Manager

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide an update on the project to add names to the war memorials in Thame and Moreton.

Update

2. The bronze memorial panels have been ordered and 50% deposit paid. Expected delivery is 8-10 weeks from pre-production checklist approval. A site visit with the supplier, the Operations Manager, Community Services Manager and representatives from Thame Remembers Project took place on Thursday 23 March 2023.

During the site visit two small plaques beneath the large plaque dedicated to the fallen of the First World War were removed for the supplier to take back to the foundry. These will be returned when the Town Council takes delivery of the new memorial panels.

3. Purchase orders have been raised for cleaning both War Memorials and to paint the railings and replace cracked paving stones surrounding the Moreton War Memorial. Work is expected to start in the next couple of months.
4. Delivery of the World War I Lectern Cabinet is expected in the next couple of weeks.
5. After discussions with the Thame Remembers Project Team, an official event will be organised, it is hoped that a senior dignitary will be available to formally unveil the additional names plaques, subject to this clarification, no official date for the unveiling event has been set.
6. Project timeline:
 - Production of plaques, lead time 8-10 weeks
 - Repair of concrete steps, lettering, and cleaning – Spring 2023.
 - Plan event to unveil additional names (Sept/Oct 2023 or March 2024).

Resource Appraisal

7. All work to be funded from War Memorial Ear Marked Reserves.

Action Required:

- i) To note the report.*