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David Drake OBE
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Dear Mr. Drake

**Re: Shawford Down War Memorial, Southdown Rd & The Malms (field),
Shawford Down, Hampshire
War Memorial Archive, Imperial War Museum Ref: 21925**

Thank you for the instruction to undertake a clean of the above memorial.

The works were carried out on the 14th/15th April 2014, using a Super Heated Water Treatment System (DOFF Style), the surface of the cross (4 way), shaft, plinth, panels and steps were cleaned of organic growth and detritus and an application of a biocide was applied.

The weather during the operation was dry, warm and sunny (16 deg. C).

The memorial is constructed from Portland Stone and located within Shawford Down on an exposed eastern hill side. The memorial is protected to the West by vegetation and land as well as to the North and South to some extent by land and vegetation. The area is a public open area also used by cattle.

During the works the following was noted:

- [Cross:
 - No Movement noted.
 - Rough honed
- [Shaft:
 - No movement noted.
 - Rough honed
 - Four sections
 - Previous repaired edge
- [Plinth:
 - No movement noted

- Four portland engraved plaques
- Lime pointing
- Organic staining
- Biocide applied.
- [Plaques - WW1:
 - No Movement noted.
 - Letters painted
 - East/South plaques show signs of weathering – fading letters
 - Organic staining
 - Biocide applied.
- [Steps:
 - No movement noted
 - Some areas show signs of cracking, no structural damage apparent
 - Plaques on risers
 - Pointing
 - Organic staining
 - Biocide applied
 - Lime pointing
- [Plaques:
 - No movement noted.
 - Two plaques have previously moved and damaged around fixing points – no structural concern
 - One memorial cracked – no structural concern
 - Lime pointing
 - High organic staining
 - Biocide applied.
 - Letters painted.
- [Surround:
 - Grass area is low on the North, East and part South side.
 - Large holes around the memorial.

During the cleaning operation it was noted the worst sides for organic growth was the North and West.

The clean is a conservation clean not a renovation.

During the cleaning a number of public commented on the work being carried out and were pleased with the results. Both the client and representative visited the site and appeared satisfied with the works undertaken.

If you have any questions or require further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

Jack sills