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### Memorial Inspection

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Dear Mr. Drake

**Re: Shawford WW1 Wayside Cross War Memorial, Southdown Rd, Shawford Down, Hampshire**

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

The works were carried out on the 14<sup>th</sup> April 2014, using water, spatular and brush on the wooden memorial, a Super Heated Water Treatment System (DOFF Style) on the stone memorial and concrete base. These were cleaned of organic growth and detritus and an application of biocide was applied to the stone memorial.

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

The memorial is constructed from wood (Oak) supported on a metal fixing set into a concrete base, the memorial stone is constructed from Portland stone with an engrave panel. Both memorials are located within an enclosed grass area, accessed via a kissing gate and surrounded by trees and shrubs while backing onto a cliff down to a main road.

During the works the following was noted:

- [ Cross:
  - Movement was noted, there is movement when the memorial was cleaned, this could be explained by the flexing of the wood.
    - This needs to be monitored annually, at present the memorial is stable
  - A number of cracks (both surface and deep) are noted within the structure of the wood.
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- Brass screws are missing from brass sheeting protecting the top surface of the horizontals of the cross.
  - The metal brackets were painted
  - The original doweled joint of the cross and shaft appear highly worn, but have been supported by the addition of metal supporting brackets
    - This needs to be monitored annually, at present the memorial is stable
  - All metal staples have been removed from the surface of the cross,
    - this practice could be detrimental to the longevity of the memorial.
  - The concrete base appears to be stable and secure along with the metal bracket.
- [ Stone Memorial:
  - No movement noted
  - Staining remains from biological growth.
  - Biocide has been applied.
  - Letters painted

During the cleaning operation it was noted all sides were high in organic growth. This could be compounded by the location of the memorials, within a sheltered area surrounded by trees and shrubs, not allowing for direct sun light on to the memorials. The memorials would benefit from the reduction of vegetation to the East and South of the memorials.

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