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Policy for addition of names and conflicts to Tadcaster War Memorial

From time to time, custodians of war memorials are asked for an additional name to be inscribed on the Memorial. Normally, such memorials commemorate the dead of the armed services in time of war – most commonly, but not exclusively in relation to the two World Wars of the last century.

As the War Memorial Trust notes, there is neither set national policy nor guideline about this issue as war memorials are entirely a local issue commemorating the dead of the local area. Under the War Memorials (Local Authorities Powers) Act of 1923 and subsequent amendments, it is permissible for a local authority to add names and conflicts to a memorial whether it “owns” the memorial or not. Many custodians have, however, adopted a policy statement which clearly sets out the basis on which new names might be added to an existing memorial.

As Custodian, and, technically, “owner” of the Tadcaster War Memorials, it seems timely and appropriate that the Town Council adopt a policy which provides help and guidance to the local community in line with its duty to maintain the integrity of the memorial in terms of the intentions of those who originally erected and maintained the memorial and the community, which has gathered there annual in acts of Remembrance.

Thus, the Town Council will only permit the inscription of a new name to the memorial where the individual

- Has a demonstrable and long standing connection with Tadcaster
- Was a member of the armed forces
- Was killed on duty while performing functions attributable to the special circumstances and requirements of the armed forces or, as a result of a terrorist act, or who died while deployed on designated operations

Where such an addition is linked to a conflict other than World War One or Two, the Town Council will normally signify this as part of the inscription.

The Town Council will not permit the addition of plaques or similar items to the fabric of the Memorial or its curtilage.

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