

WW1 Silhouette Memorial to Fallen Troops



Cllr Cartwright & Brian Rigby, the Landlord of the Stamford Arms are aiming to purchase a Tommy 6 Foot Aluminium statue in time for unveiling it during Armistice Day in 2018, the 100th anniversary of the end of World War 1.

The 6ft aluminium Tommy Silhouettes have been purchased by cities around the world.

In a fitting tribute to the fallen during WW1 we aim to raise enough money through donations, for Groby to place its own tribute in remembrance.

The Tommy costs **£750.00** with the proceeds going to the charities listed below.

If you wish to donate towards this worthy cause please contact **Cllr Martin Cartwright on 07850 707050** or **Brian Rigby Landlord of the Stamford Arms on 07940 513760**

The project titled '**There But Not There**' follows the success of the 2014 poppy installations at the Tower of London.

In the latest project Councils have been encouraged to purchase the life-size (6ft) silhouettes and display them next to memorial sites or in poignant places.

The public can also buy individual smaller versions of the silhouettes for £29.99. I, Cllr Cartwright have a couple of them, they are a stunning and well presented.

So far the campaign has raised nearly £3 million pounds at the time of my writing.

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It will not be long before the same can be said of Veterans from World War Two.

As seen around the UK at Giant's Causeway, Hearts FC, The Big Pit in Wales and The Tower of London, this 6ft version of the There But Not There Logo is a poignant and affecting image which embodies the There But Not There message. It also includes a small hole to attach a Poppy. As shown in the picture above.

Weighing just 11kg and only 6mm thick, the hollow outline is cut out of lightweight aluminium giving it strength and durability and stands on a 500mm x 500mm base plate with four holes to allow it to be bolted or pegged into the ground. This will be shipped in a commemorative Tommy box and can be installed at any time, but especially during the Armistice 2018 period.

A beautiful sculpture, we hope that people will treasure this, using it year after year or even installing it permanently to remember the Fallen.

There to Remember but not there in Person

The charities There But Not There Project will support include:

The Royal Armed Forces Programmes - Promoting the welfare of those serving their country in the Armed Forces and veterans.

Commonwealth War Graves Foundation - Highlighting the work of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, funding education and activities to capture the public imagination and commemorating the sacrifices made

Walking with the wounded - Supporting a pathway for vulnerable veterans to re-integrate back into society and sustain their independence. The heart of this journey is employment and mental well-being.

Combat stress - Treating Veterans suffering from PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) Depression and Anxiety

Help for Heroes - Supporting those affected by their time in the Armed Forces and their loved ones, to help them reach their potential and live fulfilling lives

Project Equinox: Housing Veterans and Medical Students – A Plymouth University project to create sheltered housing for 40 single veterans.

Further information is available by visiting <http://www.therebutnotthere.org.uk/>

Can I remind members that:

No Veterans are alive now to tell the story of World War 1 now.

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This would be a fitting tribute right at the entrance of Groby to remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

Kind regards

Clr Martin Cartwright