

## Area Board Project

### 1. What is the Initiative?

Restoration of the Westbury WW1 war memorial in All Saints Churchyard to include cleaning, repaving, repointing and repair.

### 2. Where is the initiative taking place?

As above

### 3. When will the initiative take place?

As soon as possible with the aim to hold a ceremony of rededication in August or early September.

### 4. What are the Community benefits/evidence of need/links to Community Plan/Community Issue?

With 2014 marking the centenary of the start of the Great War and the town planning a number of commemorative events, it is appropriate to ensure that this memorial is preserved as a significant part of Westbury history. The monument was erected by public subscription in 1921 and is the only one in the town to specifically commemorate the fallen of the First World War. It bears the inscription to commemorate "the men of Westbury who gave their lives in the Great War". The names of the fallen are listed in a roll of honour within the church.

### 5. What is the desired outcome of this initiative?

To ensure this monument is restored to a condition appropriate to its original purpose of providing a dignified focus for Remembrance. It is anticipated that a rededication service would take place at the monument in August marking the first loss of life of a Westbury soldier in the Great War. The Wiltshire Regiment participated in the Battle of Mons, the first engagement by British troops in the Great War and subsequently in the Great Retreat to the Marne.

### 6. Who will Project Manage this initiative?

The Parish Wardens of Westbury

### 7. Costs/quotes/ match funding? (total cost £5k require 1 quote, total cost £5k-25k require 3 quotes)

£3,000. The work would be carried out by Nick Johnson of Young Johnson, Monumental Masons, a Westbury firm of considerable national repute having been engaged to undertake significant work at the National Arboretum.

#### **8. Additional information**

The Parish Church is hosting the Westbury Centenary Commemoration Talks throughout the six Centenary years. The Service of Rededication may be scheduled to coincide with the second event of 2014 on 12 September, when the Talk covering "Mons to the Marne" will be delivered. There will be full co-ordination with the civic authorities in planning this event.