

War Memorial Discussion to date

A meeting took place on 9th November 2020 at the War Memorial Garden between interested parties including Town Council Officers, MCC Officers, Nature Isn't Neat representatives and those opposed to the current style of planting.

The following is a summary of how the meeting proceeded and concluded:

A common understanding was the ethos of Nature Isn't Neat and its value for pollinators, locally. The main concerns were:

- a lack of consultation before the volunteers started work
- insufficient acknowledgement of the war memorial in the planting design
- unkempt appearance for the annual November Remembrance service.
- whether the woodland planting under the Catalpa tree should have a margin of something lower, near the formal area of the memorial.
- no area for Church representatives to stand behind the memorial, during the Remembrance service
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Conclusions:

Everyone was invited to take part in the Town Council BT meeting 7pm Monday 16th November 2020.

It was agreed to clear an area ready for the small wooden Remembrance crosses that are transferred from the front of the Shire Hall.

There was a suggestion that an attendee would send the contact details of a company called Turfoline that grows and supplies rolls of turf seeded with wild flowers among the grass. It was suggested this could edge the paving and an area behind. It could be mown short at least twice a year and would simply look like turf for November.