

## **Please Note**

The Police Arboretum Memorial Trust (PAMT) has recently released a consultation paper which we make available to you here. In order that COPS can provide as much feedback as possible an online survey has been developed to capture your opinions and comments regarding the paper. If you can, please take this simple, short survey. The deadline for doing so is the end of March. COPS can then collate your responses and views and pass them back to the PAMT. Neither the paper, nor the survey, deal with a design for the memorial, simply our views on various aspects of the proposed memorial.

COPS has also arranged a face-to-face meeting with the designers / architects and that will take place on Friday 20th March 2015 from 12:00 noon in the offices of the West Yorkshire Police Federation in Wakefield. The address is :

West Yorkshire Police Federation,  
Trenarren,  
3 Eastmoor Road,  
Wakefield,  
WF1 3RY.

Please be aware that the conference room is up three flights of stairs and there is no lift available and, therefore, no disabled access.

We need to stress that this meeting is not about designing the memorial but for the designers / architects to speak to survivors to understand their experiences and feelings. We appreciate that Wakefield, or any single location, will not be convenient for you all but we were specifically asked to attend in Wakefield. The location and the date may, however, give those attending the COPS Parents' Weekend in nearby Wetherby the opportunity to drop in en route to Wetherby.

Our online survey can be found at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GJSVD89>

# Police Arboretum Memorial Trust

## Why have a new memorial?

Our vision is to honour the dedication, courage and sacrifice of members of the United Kingdom's Police service who have died in service, through the creation of a new memorial at the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire.

Since 1749 and the creation of the Bow Street Runners as the world's first recognised Police service, over 4,000 men and women have given their lives to serve and protect our communities in the UK. Losses in British Colonial and other UK administered forces overseas number some further 1,000. Unlike the US, Australia, New Zealand South Africa and Canada we have no comprehensive memorial to these heroes.

The new memorial will **commemorate** those who have given their lives in policing. It will also **celebrate** and recognise the service of those who spend their professional lives in the police family. It will have an important role in **citizenship** education, to inform about the work of the police service. It will honour **sacrifice** and **service**, and show the role police play in serving and protecting our **society**.

## Designing the Memorial

The location of the Memorial within the Arboretum has been agreed, and is an undeveloped area which gives freedom of design. This is a unique opportunity to define a new concept in memorials.

The Arboretum has set two requirements: some element of the Memorial must be visible from the Visitor Centre; and the Memorial must not be on a mound like the Armed Forces Memorial (as this limits the number of visitors that can be "inside" when there are large events).

Our own requirements are that elements of the present Beat and Police Memorial Garden will be incorporated in some way in the new Memorial.

Other than as above, our appointed design team (Walter Jack Studio – Water Jack and Paul Channing) is working with a blank canvas. As a first stage, they will be spending time with different parts of the police family to gain an in-depth understanding of the people for whom this Memorial will mean the most.

## Principles

The Advisory Council has had in depth discussions over two sessions now to develop some principles for the Memorial. It is agreed that the emphasis of the Memorial will be:

- To commemorate and honour lives given in the service and protection of the public
- To commemorate all those who have served, regardless of the Force they have served with
- A place for contemplation and memorial services
- To celebrate UK policing, past, present and future
- To foster a deeper understanding and appreciation of the institution of policing in the wider community

The following principles have so far been agreed:

- The new memorial should complement rather than compete with or detract from the work of already established UK Police charities, and other UK memorials many of which already provide recognition to named individuals
- It should be as inclusive as possible: a memorial to UK policing and all those within the Police family, as much as a commemoration of those who have served in all UK Forces, whether they have died through murder, injury, accident, ill health or natural causes, on duty or off-duty
- The act of remembrance is very personal therefore the new memorial should take great care not to exclude anyone in the Police family by being overly prescriptive

### Commemoration Policy

Since the inception of the project, we have known that the question of commemoration and naming is a difficult one, as it proves to be for other memorials such as the Armed Forces Memorial. The inclusion of names is clearly an opportunity to celebrate the life and service of individuals. However it also presents challenges both in respect of design, and in respect of the keeping and the organising of the list. The requirement to address this issue on behalf of all members of the police family was one of the principal drivers for the creation of the Advisory Council. Our explorations of this important and emotive topic have so far brought out some of the key points as follows:

- The Police Roll of Honour Trust, which keeps a list of the fallen, advises that the distinctions between “categories” of the fallen is a sensitive and sometimes distressing issue, as there are several interpretations of “killed in the line of the duty”, “died on duty” and other definitions.
- The National Association of Retired Police Officers suggest that the memorial presents an opportunity to recognise the service of **all** police officers (The Royal Navy and RNLI memorials at the Arboretum take a similar approach)
- The Cenotaph is the national memorial that commemorates the fallen in the military services, and does not include individual names as these names appear on local memorials, graves, plaques, books of remembrance As does the
- There are some 4,000 names on the Police Roll of Honour already, and this does not include all of the potential groups who might be represented and recognised by a national memorial – for example support staff, Community Support Officers, and associated groups eg NCA.
- The online dimension of the memorial provides vast potential for rich and deep virtual commemoration.

### Engagement Strategy

The Advisory Council now needs to work towards some conclusions about these over-arching principles for the memorial. Each Group represented on the Advisory Council is an important element of the broader consultation that is vital for the Memorial to gain support from the wider policing family. The Trustees would value the commitment from the Advisory Council to share these core principles with their respective membership for wider consultation. In particular feedback is requested on:

- Your group’s comments on the Principles behind the new Memorial project
- What will a new national Memorial mean to you?
- Who do you think would visit the Memorial and Arboretum and why?
- What are the important points to capture in the online commemoration (the virtual Memorial)?
- What else do we need to take into account when developing the design brief for the Memorial?

Advisory Council representatives may wish to use their organisations’ websites and other communication channels to seek out the views of their wider membership. Consultation is to be completed by **end April 2015**.

The following table may be helpful in the consultation exercise.

Memorial with names	
Advantages	Challenges
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Every person is recognised</li> <li>▪ Families can see the name</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Deciding who is included</li> <li>▪ How far back do we go?</li> <li>▪ Which Forces are included?</li> <li>▪ Do we include rank, force, year?</li> <li>▪ How do we organise the names – by year, by force, by type of service eg. police, specials</li> <li>▪ In design terms, how do we incorporate names and still create an impactful space?</li> <li>▪ How much space do we need to leave for new names to be added?</li> <li>▪ How do we decide when new names are to be added?</li> <li>▪</li> <li>▪</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Virtual commemoration of individuals means everyone can be included</li> <li>▪ Opportunity for enriched content (stories, photos)</li> <li>▪ Greater design freedom to create a memorial that is more than a list</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Some people have defined ideas that a memorial must include names</li> <li>▪ Some people may not recognise the potential of the online dimension as an integral part of the memorial</li> <li>▪ How to integrate the online dimension whilst at the memorial itself</li> </ul>
Advantages	Challenges
Memorial without names	

Here is a link to a website which illustrates the way stories might be told and lives commemorated in the digital dimension. <https://livesofthefirstworldwar.org/> If you think it would be helpful to have a further discussion about consultation within your membership, or have any further questions, please do drop me a line or give me a call.

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