



## COLSTERWORTH WAR MEMORIAL RESTORATION EXHIBITION

In 2023, due to the support from the Colsterworth and District Parish Council to restore the Memorial, the substantial work required was finally approved thanks to the collaboration with

FCC Communities Foundation who provided a significant grant for the Project. The partnership between the Parish Council and the Colsterworth Festival of Remembrance (CFoR) demonstrated the community's collective support and the fundraising efforts (including the Co-Op Local Community Fund nomination for 2024) embracing the vision to safeguard the Memorial and preserve its historical significance for future generations.

THE RESTORATION WAS COMPLETED IN SEPTEMBER 2024. the Parish Council and Colsterworth Festival of Remembrance wish to thank all those who donated and supported the restoration project

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War Memorials Trust



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**STARTED WEEK COMMENCING 10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024**



**13/06/2024 - Fencing is erected around the War Memorial**



**13/06/2024 - Bad weather delays work**



**14/06/2024 - Work starts on scraping out the old mortar.**



**14/06/2024 - The work has to be done by hand tools only.**





**18/06/2024 - The interior of the base is very wet internally which affects the stones. The Architect has agreed that all the slabs to Step 1 will be removed together to allow the structure to dry out.**



**18/06/2024  
Deterioration of the slabs can be clearly seen.**



**21/06/2024 - The weather has improved allowing the structure to dry out.**



**02/07/2024 - A contractor using hand tools to carefully remove stones and concrete from the interior of the base of the War Memorial.**



**02/07/2024 - A contractor carefully removing old pointing and rubble.**

**08/07/2024**

**Email received from the Architect PPIY advising that additional works had been identified by Pinnacle Conservation Ltd of £3,266.35.**

**The base of the memorial has deteriorated further since the works were specified which has led to this additional work becoming necessary. The architect recommended acceptance of the additional work as it was within the contingency amount which has been allowed in the contract.**





**18/07/2024 - Work continues on removing the old pointing and concrete.**



**18/07/2024 - The inside of the structure is drying out.**



**23/07/2024 - The old stones have been cleaned in readiness for the new stones to be put in place.**



**23/07/2024 - The inside of the structure can be clearly seen having dried out.**



**23/07/2024 - The loose mortar and old stones have been removed.**



**25/07/2024 - A contractor continuing to carefully scraping out old pointing.**



**25/07/2024 - Specialist cleaning of the existing stones before the new stones are laid.**



**25/07/2024 - Specialist cleaning of the War Memorial from another angle.**





**29/07/2024 - Cleaning of the War Memorial is almost complete.**



**29/07/2024 - New stones are laid on the grass ready for carefully being placed onto the War Memorial.**



**31/07/2024 - Contractor working in the hot sun preparing the area for re-pointing.**



**31/07/2024 - Contractor carefully replacing some pointing.**



**05/08/2024 - The bottom slabs have been removed so the ground can be levelled before they are replaced.**



**05/08/2024 - The restoration work is almost complete and awaiting the new stones and pointing to be replaced.**



**06/08/2024 - Levelling of the ground before replacing the bottom slabs.**



**12/08/2024 - All the bottom slabs have carefully been removed for the ground to be levelled.**





**12/08/2024 - Preparation for replacing the bottom slabs.**



**14/08/2024 - Contractors levelling the ground using a spirit level.**



**14/08/2024 - Levelling of the ground using a spirit level whilst work continues in the contractors work shop to cut the replacement stones to size.**



**16/08/2024 - Coping stones being carefully replaced using a suction tool to accurately place the coping stone in the correct position.**



**16/08/2024 - Cleaning of the War Memorial continues.**



**16/08/2024 - New bricks and old bricks being set and pointed**



**20/08/2024 - The old damaged coping stone has been removed and awaiting the new coping stone to be fitted.**



**20/08/2024 - A new coping stone is cut and ready to be carefully placed by the contractor. The grabber suction tool can be seen to assist placing the stone.**





**23/08/2024 - Work continues to replace the coping stones. The restoration work is intricate using geometric principles.**



**29/08/2024 - A cherry picker is ready to enable the contractors to apply the shelter coating to the top cross.**



**30/08/2024 - The slabs at the base of the War Memorial have been re-set. A small channel has been left between the bottom slabs and the War Memorial for natural drainage.**



**02/09/2024 - Damp weather delays work to finish the restoration of the War Memorial.**

**30/08/2024 - The slabs at the base of the War Memorial**



**Completion of Colsterworth War Memorial Restoration 12/09/2024.**