

COLSTERWORTH WAR MEMORIAL RESTORATION

In 2023 a partnership between the Parish Council and the Colsterworth Festival of Remembrance (CFoR) demonstrated the community's collective support for the restoration of the War Memorial.

FCC Communities Foundation provided a significant grant for the project and the fundraising embraced the vision to safeguard the Memorial and preserve its historical significance for future generations.



**THEY SHALL GROW NOT OLD, AS WE THAT ARE LEFT GROW OLD:
AGE SHALL NOT WEARY THEM, NOR THE YEARS CONDEMN.
AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN AND IN THE MORNING,
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.**

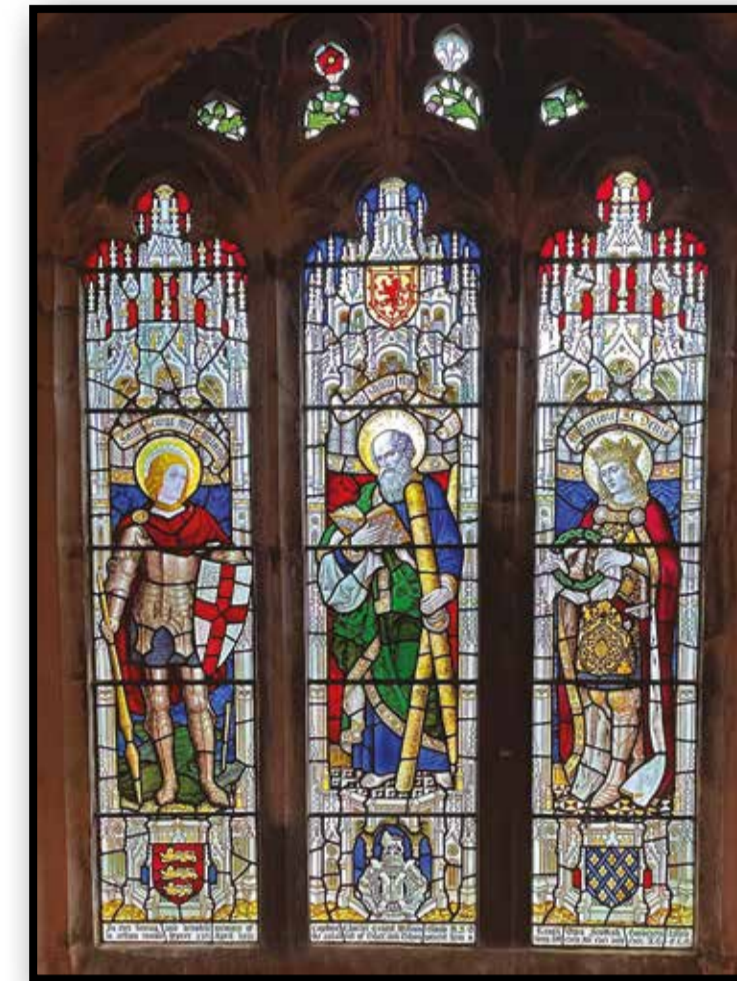
The Memorial is made up of a twenty feet (six metres) cross executed in Clipsham stone. The designer/architect of the Memorial is unknown.



- 1919 Memorial was erected
- 1949 War Memorial was refurbished, and the concrete posts and chain were installed
- 1984 Designated a grade II listed structure
- 2009 Concerns over the on-going structural stability of the Memorial
- 2010 Some restoration work was carried out
- 2019 Further accelerated deterioration of the stone at the base of the Memorial
- 2020 Due to the Covid Pandemic and lack of funding the project was delayed
- 2023 Funding was secured for the work and the project reinstated
- 2024 Restoration completed 12th September 2024



There are thirty four names on slate plaques gilded with inscriptions on the War Memorial; these names are representative of families still living in the Parish including the small hamlet of Woolsthorpe by Colsterworth, notable as the birthplace of Sir Isaac Newton.



In addition to the War Memorial there are other military memorials within the Parish Church of St John the Baptist further along the High Street including a stained glass window dedicated to Captain Charles Bland (First World War). The Church is also the Custodian of the Rolls of Honour to those parishioners lost in WW1 and those who served and were lost in WW2 along with the Royal British Legion Standard. There are further Rolls of Honour to be found in three other villages in the Parish at North Witham, Gunby and Stainby.



Another connection close by and linked to the heritage of the War Memorial is Twyford Wood which was the site of the Second World War airfield, RAF North Witham, where the allied US Forces played a crucial role in the D-Day operations.



Although their names are not recorded in the village, this Memorial also allows us to remember those servicemen and servicewomen who have been involved in the many wars and conflicts that have taken place both before and since the two World Wars.

Other commemorative items have been donated and placed on the small green surrounding the Memorial by CFoR and members of the community including a metal bench, planters and lone Tommy Statue including a tribute to Animals at War. The War Memorial gardens are maintained by Volunteers.



The serving and veteran members of the Armed Forces are evident in the Parish with a Military Plaque Wall at the local White Lion Public House on the High Street, Colsterworth acknowledging our military history and Heritage.



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