

## HANDFORTH COMMUNITY WAR MEMORIAL FOUNDATION AND PATH



### Project Name

Handforth Community War Memorial

### Beneficiaries

Community  
Armed Forces  
Remembrance

### Carillion Donations

Time  
Skills  
Materials  
Labour

### Carillion Involvement

Project Manager  
Labour  
Subcontractors  
Suppliers

### Financial Value

Approx £21,000

### Handforth Community War Memorial Foundation

The Foundation was formed in November 2014 following the tragic loss of local resident Lance Corporal Jamie Webb in Afghanistan in 2013.

Office Manager from the Carillion Greenquarter and City Suites projects, Janet Taylor, joined the Trustees by invitation following a generous offer from Project Director Shaun Jones to provide labour and materials for the foundations and footpath for the memorial.

The Trustees planned to have the memorial in place for Remembrance Sunday services in November 2015, they were granted charitable status in March 2015 and fundraising began in earnest with marathons an afternoon tea dance and a number of stalls at local fetes taking place.

Janet Taylor set up a Just Giving page and asked friends and colleagues to present challenges to raise sponsorship, a keen Manchester City fan, Janet suffered dying her hair red and wearing a Manchester United shirt for work as well as having her face painted at a local fair, raising over £1000 towards the memorial costs.



Janet was also key to the Planning Application, licence to build and permit to dig applications with the local council which were time consuming and prolonged tasks, eventually receiving planning permission in May 2015, the Permit and Licence in October.

Once these were in place Carillion moved onto the site to prepare the ground, footpath and foundations for the memorial, at this time the trustees discovered the Memorial stone could not be procured in time for a November installation.

The Remembrance Service was planned by the local Vicar, also a Trustee and a pipe band led the parade from the local community centre to the memorial site. It was fortunate that Carillion had laid their foundations as these formed the base for the wreath laying along with a cross from the church.

Local school children made 200 paper poppies with which to decorate the area and the unfinished path was covered in hessian to imitate sandbags used in the trenches in the Great War.



The school children also laid a ceramic poppy wreath they had made along with those from local service organisations, community groups and dignitaries.

The site was blessed during the service and the community was very grateful for the work that



had been carried out and that they had a central place at which to remember the fallen of Handforth.

On 18<sup>th</sup> January the stonemason began work on the memorial, installing the steps on which wreaths will be laid at future ceremonies and placing the base ready for the central inscribed plinth to be installed at the beginning of February, it is expected the memorial to be installed by mid-February at which point the Carillion labour will return to site to complete the path around the base of the memorial.

A Service of Dedication will be held in March for the local community which will also be an opportunity to thank all the supporters and funders of the project. This service will again be held by Rev Steve Burmister of the local church and attended by local dignitaries, Trustees and fundraisers along with the local school children who have been such great supporters of the project and learnt a lot about local involvement in the wars and the fallen from the village.

Chairman of the War Memorial Trustees – Anthony Harrison said of Carillion

“ We are extremely grateful to Carillion for the work they have done on the Handforth War Memorial, we have had a great response to our fundraising efforts but would not have had the foundations in place for Remembrance Sunday were it not for their amazing support. “



Janet Taylor of Carillion –

This project has been a pleasure to undertake and I am very proud of the involvement of the Carillion team in the installation of this lasting memorial to our fallen”