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WAR MEMORIAL REPORT

Summary of The Polish War Memorial

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Overview

Situation and History

The War Memorial is sited on the junction of the A40 Western Ave. and West End Road

Description

The memorial consists of three elements,

The main focal element is the Portland stone memorial and paving, with a square column and panels either side, the column is topped with a bronze eagle.

the granite lower back section with the roll of honour and paving.

The third element is the York crazy paving and walling, surrounds a pool that reflects the memorial



**Picture 1. General view
of front of memorial**

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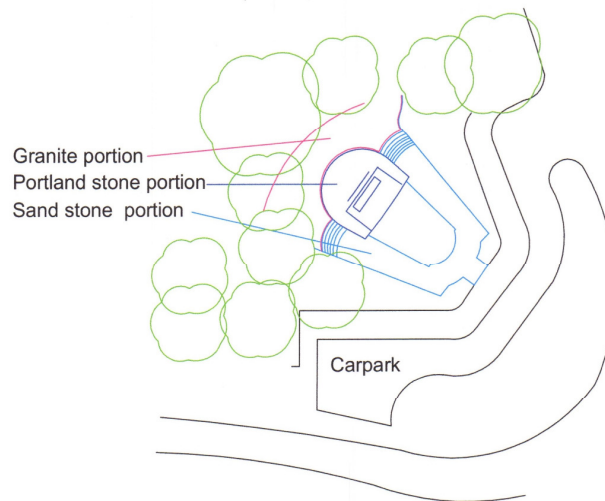


Fig.1. Drawing of plan



Picture 2. Granite section showing ponding

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Picture 3. Showing granite paving with run off from path to remembrance garden



Picture 4. Showing previous patching and further deterioration to York paving

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Picture 5. Showing York paving with open joints and with some vegetative growth



Picture 6. Open joints to York paving with previous patching

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Picture 7. Open joints to York paving and copings



Picture 8. Shows one side of York stone steps

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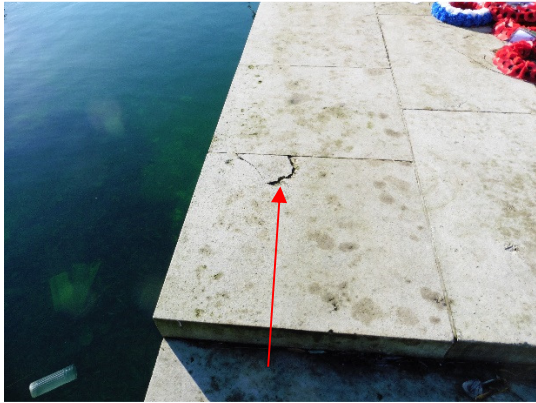


Picture 9. Portland paving and back of memorial showing signs of ageing and algal growth



Picture 10. Showing position of damage in close up in picture 11

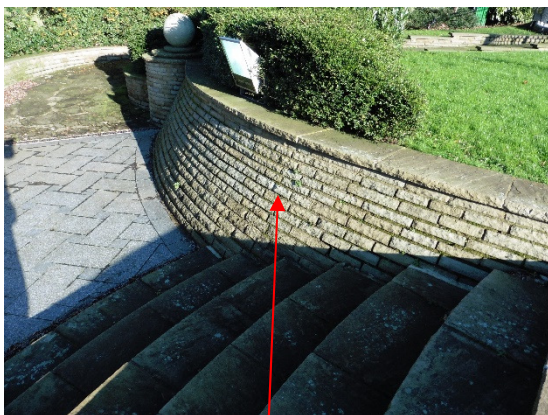
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Picture 11. Damage to stone



Picture 12. Damage to stone



Picture 13. Showing open jointing to walling



Picture 14. Showing position of rocking stone

General Condition of Structure

York crazy paving and walling, the crazy paving is the largest area, this is the part of the memorial that is in the worst condition, the crazy paving requires a lot of re-pointing and the York stone has broken up so trip hazards have been formed. (position shown in pictures 4-7)

The problem with re-pointing the crazy paving is that all the joints would need cutting out and re-pointing to a reasonable depth to avoid frost from causing them to fail again. The problem with that is the stones might become loose dependant on how the stones where fixed. It might be worth taking up a section at a time and re-bedding it and re-pointing, and doing this over a period of years, this way trip hazards can be reduced.

The walling has got several sections of jointing that has failed and some is missing completely and requires re-pointing, with the removal of vegetation that has taken advantage of the open joints. (position shown in picture 13)

Portland memorial and paving, this part of the memorial is in relatively good condition, with some open joints, one loose stone (position shown in picture 14)

There are two damaged stones, one has cracked (position shown in picture 12) and the other has spalled face (position shown in picture 11)

Granite section with roll of hour is in good condition apart from the drain seems to be slow or blocked, as there is a large area of ponding after rains, also sand and gravel run off from the path up to the garden of remembrance, is running across the granite paving into the drain channel, some parts of the paving have open joints.

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Ice Expansion could make these joints bigger with time especially if we continue to get wet winters followed by frosts

Suggested Renovations

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Cleaning

The memorial is as stated in pretty good condition but

The York stone section is looking tired with algal growth making it slippery when wet. Cleaning recommended

The granite section collects leaves and these lead to staining and with the orange sand wash off of the path also causing staining cleaning recommended

The Portland stone Cenotaph and surrounding paving again is green with algal growth especially the back (north side) suggest cleaning

All cleaning carried out using DOFF cleaning system as the gentlest means of cleaning and doesn't force water into the stone.

I hope we can be of further assistance

Yours faithfully

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