

# FULFORD WAR MEMORIAL is in urgent need of restoration

## THE VILLAGE needs your help

As in many villages around the country Fulford's War Memorial is situated in the parish Churchyard, the logical, respectful and peaceful place to honour the Fallen of the two World Wars to whom we owe so much.

Following the quinquennial (five yearly) inspection of the Church in 2015 it became apparent that the War Memorial was in urgent need of repair. The stonework is shattered from embedded ironwork which should be replaced with stainless steel and the stem is cracked. It is leaning and needs dismantling and a new foundation installed prior to rebuilding (for images visit:

[www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/memorial/224097](http://www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/memorial/224097) and [www.iwm.org.uk/memorials/item/memorial/38334](http://www.iwm.org.uk/memorials/item/memorial/38334))



Since the report a great deal of effort has gone in to gaining the necessary permissions, to finding skilled stone masons, getting quotes to carry out the work to the necessary standard and applying for grants. The situation now is that the restoration will cost £7,000 of which £4,500 has been promised (£2,000 from Councillor Ian Parry's Staffordshire County Council Community fund and £2,500 by the Parish Council) but this must be spent by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019. To access these funds the stone masons must be contracted in January 2019 so that the work can be completed in time. The balance needed is therefore £2,500. The Village Group will contribute towards this total and has agreed to put all its efforts over the next few months to using its events towards the total, but we will need to raise as much as possible in donations from villagers too.

This is why we urgently need your help and generosity.

Although situated in the churchyard, Fulford's war memorial was originally funded after World War I through monies raised by public subscription. Like any other memorial it is not the Church's responsibility (although of course churchgoers would have been among the donors). It seems appropriate therefore, that in the year marking the end of the 'War to end all wars', if possible, this restoration is addressed through the support of today's villagers. To put the sum needed into context, there are about 350 households in and around the village, so a donation of between £5 and £10 from each one would get us to our target of £2,500. But all donations, no matter how small or big, will be gratefully received and be used for the maintenance of the village's War Memorial.

**"At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them"**

