

# Replacement Gate Egremont War Memorial

## Design and Access Statement

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### Introduction

The applicant proposes to replace the pedestrian gate to the enclosure surrounding the memorial. The new gate will provide a focal point for the memorial in a design that reflects the continuing affinity with and gratitude towards those fallen in the two world wars.

The proposal is part of a Place-making scheme to upgrade the public realm within Egremont's town centre, funded by Copeland District Council.

### Existing Site

Location: Market Place, Main Street, Egremont, CA22 2AE

- First World War (1914-1918)
- Second World War (1939-1945)

Extract from War Memorials Register:

Two stepped base, surmounted by a square pedestal in 3 stages and a figure of a soldier wearing a cap and backpack and standing at ease, which is on a roughly cast base. He rests his hands on his reversed rifle. The memorial stands on a small traffic island with low metal railings placed around the edge. The inscription is in black lettering on the sides of the plinth. Names for WW2 have been placed on two tablets set into a cut out section of the upper step on the 3 and 9 o'clock faces of the memorial. The Sculptor was C W Coombes and the builders were H H Martyn and Co.. Unveiled by Colonel RJ Woulf Flanagan, East Lancs & Border Infantry Brigade and Dedicated by Revd W Thwaites, Rector of Egremont 8 October 1922, Unveiled by Mr Jack Graham and Dedicated by the Bishop of Carlisle 9 November 1952



As illustrated in this postcard from C 1930, the original railings were taller than the current railings, approximately 1m high, comprising vertical bars with arrow-type finials, fixed with lead caulk into the kerb stones.

The Whitehaven News 3 June 1948 records the formation of a Committee to renovate the war memorial and add WW2 names. It also reports that the railings around the memorial, provided by Egremont Co-operative Society, had been removed for scrap in the war, but the Society would fund replacements.



The date of replacement railings is not known, but they appear in a postcard of 1980. A simple design with vertical bars and circles, in mild steel and painted black. The railing panels, fixed to posts at regular intervals, have been curved to fit the curvature of the plinth



## Proposal to renew the gate and repaint the railings

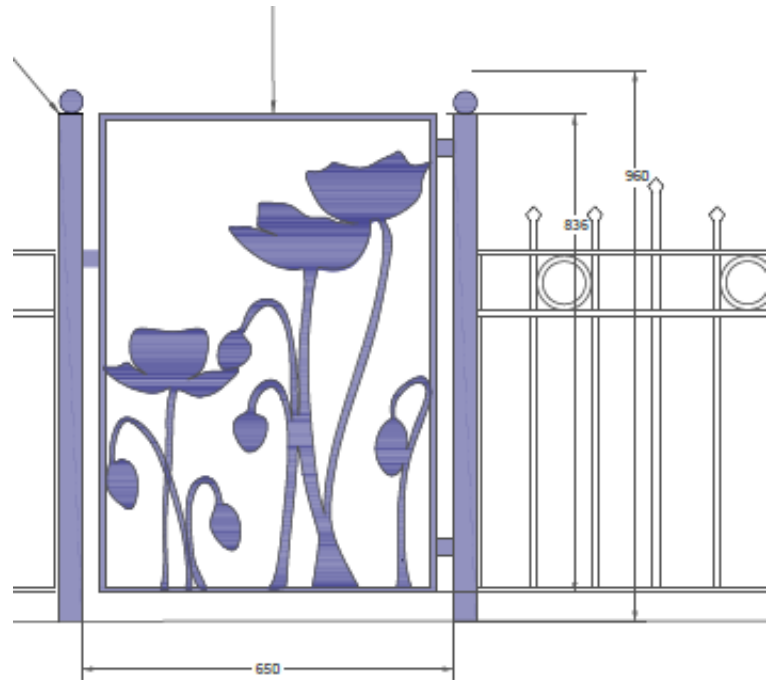
The proposed new gate will feature a poppy design as shown here and on dwg no EMS\_10A.

A poppy theme was requested by the Town Council as an appropriate subject for the war memorial location.

The gate infill panel would be laser cut mild steel set into a steel bar frame. New posts of 40 x 40 SHS mild steel, set in concrete foundations, with gate furniture to suit would replace the original posts, to provide secure gate hanging.

All the metalwork will be galvanised, treated and powder coated. Final coating to be RAL 5008 blue grey.

The railings would be re-painted in the same colour. Panels will be removed for repair and repainting in factory conditions and then refixed in original positions.



All other features of the war memorial will remain as existing