

Black Torrington Parish Council

War Memorial Policy

In 2014, to mark the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War, Historic England embarked upon a five-year project to add 2,500 war memorials to the National Heritage List for England. As a result of this in December 2017, Black Torrington's War Memorial became Grade II listed.

Black Torrington Parish Council own and maintain the War Memorial and surrounding land. The Council is aware of the importance of the War Memorial to the local community and local sensitivities surrounding the placing of objects, and in particular Christmas trees, within the confines of the War Memorial site.

Black Torrington Parish Council has a public duty to ensure that any items placed on the War Memorial are not only safe but do not cause offence to the wider community and to the families of those who gave their lives in service of their country.

With immediate effect, aside from the placing of Remembrance Wreaths or similar remembrance articles, the placing of any holiday display, signage, Christmas tree, or any other similar structure on the War Memorial located on Broad Street, Black Torrington, is permitted only with the prior approval of Black Torrington Parish Council.

To obtain approval, a written application must be submitted to the Parish Clerk via e-mail or post at least six weeks before the intended placing of any such article. Any application must include:

- What is intended to be placed
- Whether the article is to be lit, whether by mains or solar battery power
- Where exactly is/are the article(s) to be placed on the War Memorial
- Dates for which the display will be erected and then removed
- A copy of the applicant's public liability insurance (if appropriate)
- A completed risk assessment

Any article placed on the War Memorial must comply with current Health and Safety legislation. For any lit article, consideration must be given to the impact on adjoining neighbours.

The application and supporting documents must be sent to either:

- Parish Clerk, Black Torrington Parish Council, Leasefield Farm, Beaworthy, EX21 5XU
or,
- clerkblacktorrington@outlook.com

Please note: Non approved items will be removed without consultation.