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Fetcham War Memorial



The Fetcham War Memorial dedicated to those who had given their lives in WWI was erected in 1919 once stood at the junction of River Lane and Cobham Road. Following the Second World War the Memorial was dismantled and re-erected near the church in the area now known as the Memorial Gardens.

In the concluding months of WWII a fund was inaugurated by Fetcham Residents' Association for returning ex-servicemen and it soon topped the £1,000 mark. This fund was to help those in the war to settle into civilian life and to provide support for them. After the benefit payments were met, the remaining funds were used to inscribe on the War Memorial the names of those who did not return and had been killed in action.

On the 2nd November 1948 at a meeting of the Leatherhead Urban District Council General Works Committee a question was raised as to the present position regarding the Scheme for the removal and re-erection of the Fetcham War Memorial.

On the 30th November 1948 arising out of the Committee minutes the engineer and surveyor submitted a scheme for the layout of the Garden of Rest - The Ridgeway. The scheme was duly approved.

On the 25th January 1949 the engineer and surveyor reported that pursuant to the standing orders and the eight tenders received the estimate by Franks Harris Bros of Sutton of £1,649.19s.6d was accepted.

We shall remember them and also those who have since given their lives in subsequent conflicts.

Goff Powell - With grateful thanks to Janice Steele and her husband for supplying much of the material above - For further information on the local War Memorials go to www.leatherheadlocalhistory.org.uk



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