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Dear

### **Eccleshall War Memorial**

The Eccleshall War Memorial includes the names of 47 individuals who gave their lives in the Great War. Research conducted on behalf of Eccleshall Historical Society discovered that, for various reasons, the names of a further 17 Eccleshall-born men - all of whom died for us - were not engraved on our Memorial. The Society and others are determined to correct this.

Work is well in hand to gain the necessary permissions and the plan is to arrange for the necessary masonry work to be completed in the coming months and to hold a special ceremony, in the presence of the Bishop and the Lord Lieutenant of Staffordshire, on Sunday 24th June 2018, at the conclusion of Eccleshall Festival week. The Memorial will be blessed and re-consecrated.

Close examination of the Memorial has revealed that it is in need of specialist cleaning and some repairs. The cost of engraving the names of the additional 17 men on our memorial, carrying out the necessary specialist cleaning and repairs and the occasion of the blessing ceremony will be in the region of £2500.

An application to the War Memorials Trust for grant assistance towards the cost of this project has been unsuccessful. The application fulfilled all the criteria for such assistance and we were complimented on the quality of our research and submission but the Trust has advised us that it has insufficient funds to support such projects.

The Memorial was erected in 1921 by public subscription and we are hopeful that the people of Eccleshall will, once again, demonstrate their generosity so that the 17 men who went to war and died with Eccleshall in their hearts will not be forgotten.

Eccleshall Parish Council acts as custodian of the Memorial on behalf of us all. Any monies raised towards this project will therefore, in due course, be managed through the Parish Council. At this stage we are not asking for money. Instead we were asking for pledges from groups and individuals who feel they would wish to offer their financial support for such a worthwhile cause. These promises will provide the

confidence to proceed.

We hope that you will feel able to make such a pledge. Please be as generous as you are able. Any amount, large or small will be appreciated. Our target amount is not huge and it would be wonderful if the work could be commissioned in the confidence that, through the generosity of Eccleshall people, the names of all our dead will be properly remembered, forever.

Please complete the tear-off slip below and to return it to me as soon as you can.

Thank you

Yours sincerely

Peter Chamberlain

Dr Peter Chamberlain  
Treasurer  
Eccleshall Historical Society

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I/we wish to pledge £\_\_\_\_\_ in support of the project to add the names of the 17 Eccleshall-born men who gave their lives in the Great War but were not included on the Eccleshall War memorial, and associated costs.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
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