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**Subject:** Tutbury Village Website - Wreath Holders

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**Attachments:** image003.jpg (6.6 KB) [2] Wreath Holder Design V5.pdf (1390.8 KB) [3] Poppies - front - 2015-08-19 14-59-37 crop.jpg (1579.2 KB) [5] War Memorial Garden V3.pdf (63.4 KB)

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I am writing about the item on the Village Website concerning the proposed Wreath Holders.

The website states:

*Tutbury War Memorial Preservation Committee are proposing to erect a steel wreath holder around the existing war memorial at St Mary's.*

At no time has the Committee ever proposed to erect anything "around" the War Memorial. In the Email sent to Tutbury Parish Council on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2015, outlining the function and design of the Wreath Holders, we explicitly stated:

.....many Memorials have small fences that provide such a facility but St. Mary's does not and such a fence would not be in keeping with the Memorial

The Email went on to say:

Based on what we learnt from the prototype, the proposed solution will provide two custom made Wreath Holders. They will be placed either side of the Memorial but to the rear so that they will not visually intrude on the Memorial (see attached plan diagram).

At our meeting with the Parish Council on this topic on 19<sup>th</sup> October, a Councillor also asked why we were putting a fence around the Memorial and this erroneous view was corrected at the meeting.

The documents previously provided to the Parish Council (and resupplied above) clearly show that each Wreath Holder is approximately 2.5m (8' 4") wide (attachment [2]) and placed well to the rear of the Memorial (attachment [5]) to ensure no visual impact on the Memorial nor any access restriction (which could be inferred from the Village Website statement).

Also, the use of the phrase "steel wreath holder" provides a misleading image – the Wreath Holders will indeed be made of steel, but then galvanised and then painted – a better simple description would be to use the generic term metal. If something similar to the Wreath Holder design was put in the garden of a house, it would be described as an ornamental wrought iron fence.

The Committee would appreciate it if you could correct the statement on the Village website as soon as possible so that people in Tutbury do not get the wrong impression of the Committee's intentions.

Best regards

Rick Nuth  
Chairman - Tutbury War Memorials Preservation Committee

Patron - the Bishop of Stafford - the Rt Revd Geoffrey Annas

[www.tutburywarmemorials.org.uk](http://www.tutburywarmemorials.org.uk)

*2015 – 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battle Ypres*

*2015 – 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Britain*

*2015 – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the death of Winston Churchill*

“Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.”

George Santayana - *The Life of Reason* (1905-1906) Vol. I, Reason in Common Sense