



# CHORLEY REMEMBERS



## What do you think of our plans?

Chorley has a proud history of providing service men and women to take part in conflicts across the world, and we think it is only right that we improve the way we remember their sacrifices. Across the Borough there are numerous memorials but we want to make it easier for people to appreciate their local history and heritage and, more importantly, remember all the people who have lost their lives in conflicts - from the Boer War up to present day.

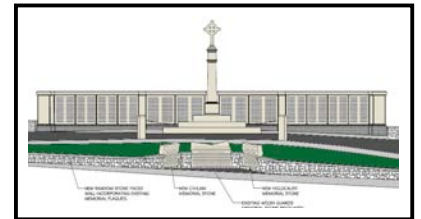
The unveiling of the Chorley Pals Memorial on the Flat Iron car park two years ago raised the question as to why the names of the fallen from the town were not recorded on the civic war memorial in Astley Park. Trustees behind the Pals project looked to address this omission and recently bid for and gained Lottery funding to make the improvements. Before we press ahead, we (along with Chorley Council who manage and maintain the remembrance assets in Astley Park) want to get the views of local people.



The overall project has four main elements in respect of capital works:

- Conserve the First World War memorial arch (at the entrance to Astley Park, off the A6 Park Road)
- Add the names of all the fallen around the existing civic war memorial (cenotaph) in Astley Park
- Create a new 'Remembrance Experience' by developing the memorial room at Astley Hall
- Enhance the area around the Chorley Pals Memorial

The most moving of these improvements is the proposal to add the names of the fallen around the cenotaph and we want to know people's views on what we intend to do. The plan is to create a new wall behind the existing Celtic cross to incorporate some 700 names of those from Chorley who have lost their lives in conflict. The existing 'conflict stones' and the memorial stone to Welsh Guardsmen who fell during the Falklands conflict would be moved to the front of the site. They will be joined by with two new memorials - a Holocaust memorial stone and a civilian memorial stone.



Mindful of cost and the amount awarded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, we have put together an affordable scheme that we believe represents value for money. Illustrated above (and larger over-leaf) is what the area around the memorial in Astley Park would look like.

We ask one simple question....

*Are you happy with the proposed layout around the war memorial in Astley Park?*

You can let us know by using the form in this binder, by calling the **CHORLEY REMEMBERS** project office on **01257 273621**, or by going to our website **www.chorleyremembers.org.uk** and using the reply facility there. Closing date for replies is Thursday, 1st March 2012.

**Y**ou can also check if a name is to go on the war memorial by viewing the list in this binder, by contacting the number above, or by going on our website.

Up-dates, news and full details of the project \* can be found at...

## www.chorleyremembers.org.uk

\* a **CHORLEY PALS MEMORIAL** project funded by



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Any additional comments / observations / questions?

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