



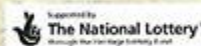
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Poppy Tree

at Fatfield War Memorial

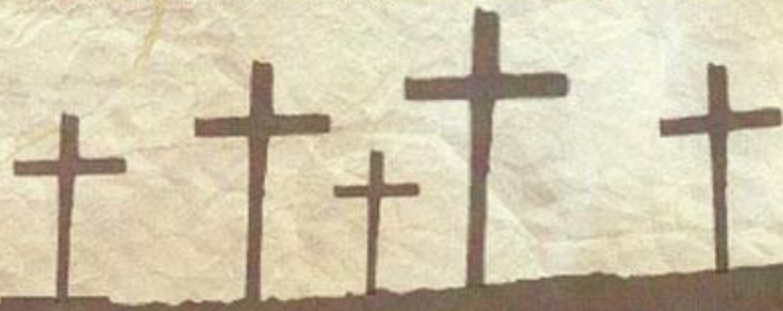
Many thanks to all who made woollen poppies and helped to decorate the tree.

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Wor Poppy Walk



Washington

Produced by Wessington U3A





Wessington U3A

Wessington War Memorials Group has existed under the banner of the U3A for some 5 years but research started about 12 years ago.

The idea was to find out about the **383 men (and one woman)** named on the village war memorials at Fatfield, Washington and Usworth. In order to commemorate the centenary of the outbreak of war a scheme was devised to mark houses and buildings, from which men left and to which they did not return, with a bronze-resin poppy.



Designed and made by local artist and sculptor, **Allan Scott**, 76 of the poppies were funded by **Sunderland City Council** and 24 by **Heritage Lottery Fund**. Householders have each been given an individual, hand-painted In Memoriam card with details and photographs of the man who lived in their house.



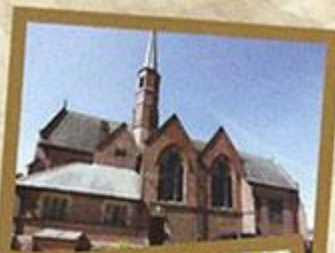
The walk has been devised to follow a route which crosses Washington, connecting the three memorials and telling the stories of around 30 of the men who are commemorated. It is, of course, possible to follow many different routes since there are 100 poppies to locate. Details of any of the men so commemorated are available by accessing wwmp.weebly.com or the website for Wessington U3A.

Find our map on the centre pages of the booklet to follow **Wor Poppy Walk** and use this booklet to find more about each of the bronze-resin poppies marked along the route.

The Poppies

1. St George's Church, 4 Vigo Lane, Washington NE38 9AH

Find the poppy on the inside of the right hand arched gatepost. Inside the church is a marble plaque listing **93** men who died. However, there are **102** great war names on Harraton Memorial. St George's also has a roll of honour naming those **410** who fought. There is a stained glass window in the church and there is a table in memory of **Fred Nicholson**.



2. Fatfield House Vigo Lane, Washington NE38 9AA

Find the poppy in the driveway on a stone with a horseshoe beside it in memory of **Gunner William Taylor Dunn, RFA, 23/1/18** buried at Nine Elms. He was appealed for by the farmer of Fatfield House and given a stay but then had to enlist. He was a horse-man at the farm.



The poppy at
Fatfield House

3. River Bar Bonemill Lane, Washington NE38 8AJ

Co-op as was, is now the River Bar. The poppy is on the wall to the right of the entrance. **Fred Nicholson**, died of wounds, **11/5/17** at Etaples, was manager of the drapery department in the Co-op. **Wallace Layfield**, killed **24/9/18**, buried at Trefcon Cemetery, also worked there, lived at Biddick Terrace, and is listed on Harraton and Washington Memorials.



Fred Nicholson



by
the National Lottery



Wallace Layfield

4. Harraton War Memorial

Bonemill Lane, Washington

There is no bronze-resin poppy here, but the stone that stood on top of the block is at the back, having been replaced by a new Celtic Cross in 2012. The memorial has various features worth noting; eg. not all the names were incised at the same time.

5. South View

Fatfield, Washington

There are 5 bronze-resin poppies in South View **Dr Anderson, Michael Kelly, John William Noble and A Brown**. Dr Anderson lived in one property and owned another so it is actually only four soldiers.



6. Wormhill Terrace

Fatfield, Washington

At number 24, **Ernest Smith** killed 7/9/17, aged 19, buried at Mendinghem and at 30, **Fred Nicholson** (see Co-op).



7. North Biddick Lodge

Biddick Lane, Washington

This is the **Lodge of Cook's Hall** and the poppy is on the front wall beside the door. It can be seen from the pavement. At least 9 men from Cook's died in the Great War, these included **Norman Hall, Robert House, Stephen Mills, Richard Drummond, Alfred Braban, Robert Gould, George Smith, Charles Smith, John F Potter**.



Lodge of Cook's Hall



Washington tribute and usworth Tribute Medals



8. 22 The Parade

Washington NE38 7DP

There is a bronze poppy beside the front door to remember **Joseph Humble 10/1/16**, commemorated on Thiepval.

9. Emmerson Terrace

Washington NE38 7LN

There are poppies at numbers 9, 11 and 15. **Hugh Gardner 11/1/16**, Menin Gate, lived at number 9, **George Forster 16/8/17**, Arras Memorial at 11 and **Sam Baggott 26/3/18**, Pozieres Memorial at 15.

10. Westwood Club

Washington NE38 7LN

The club is opposite the houses named in Emmerson Terrace. The Club's poppy is just to the left of the front door. Inside the Westwood Club there are 2 memorials - one is specifically about the Great War and lists the 35 members who were killed and all those who served. The other refers to the Great War but includes only one or two men who actually fought in that war and the rest are men who served in WW2.

11. Etherlea House / 3 Model Dwellings

Washington NE38 7AS

Etherlea House is down the street opposite the school. **Stephen Charles Self** lived there and died 9/4/18, as a Prisoner Of War in Germany. Buried in Berlin South West Cemetery.



The Poppy Fixers



From top:
Joseph Humble
George Forster
Berlin South West Cemetery

12. Glebe Crescent

Washington NE38 7AW

There are 4 poppies in Glebe Crescent. **Richard Jameson 22/12/17**, Kantara Cemetery, was a Science Teacher at Washington School and lived at number 5. There was a memorial to him in Washington School. **Thomas Wiseman 31/12/15**, buried at Houplines, lived at 11 and **Richard Laws 15 DLI, 1/7/16**, Thiepval at 45. **Ernest Coxon**, a sailor, 17/10/17, Chatham Naval Memorial, HMS Mary Rose sunk by German cruisers off Norway, lived at 55. Each poppy is beside the front door of the house.

13. Washington Old Hall

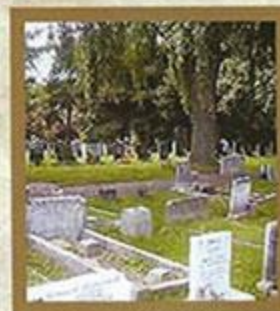
The Avenue, Washington NE38 7LE

William Robinson, a cartman, killed 4/12/16, when his spade detonated a grenade, lived in Orchard House. Commemorated on Thiepval. **Hugh Gardner** lived at Northampton House (see 9 Emmerson Terrace) and **John McLahaney, 15 DLI, 1/7/16**, Thiepval, lived in the Old Hall, then tenements and somewhat run down. Each of the families would have been awarded a tribute medal by the Parish. It bears the Washington coat of arms.

14. Washington Cemetery

Glebe Crescent, Washington NE38 7AW

In the cemetery find: **RT Simm**, **John T Douglas** (wounded and his case discussed by CLS RDC,) **John Bannister**, **George Golden**, **Robert Jefferson** - all of whom died at home.



15. Washington Village War Memorial

The Green, Washington

The war memorial was opened in June 1920 by Earl of Durham. There are 179 names from Great War.

16. Village Lane

Washington

Ralph Hopson 16 Northumberland Fusiliers, 1/7/16, Thiepval, his poppy is on the wall beside the archway leading to Number 14. Upstairs is a private snooker and billiards club called The Farmer's.

17. The Black Bush

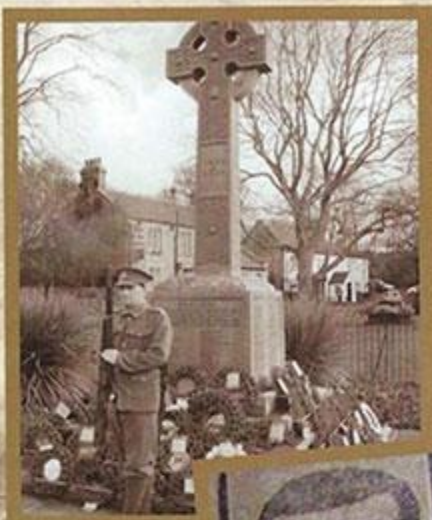
Washington NE38 7HY

The pub has a poppy to the right of the left hand door, entrance into the bar **William Mason, 15 DLI, 8/10/18**, Vis-en-Artois Memorial and his cousin, **Edward Thompson 1/10/16**, Becourt, lived there. There is a wall display in the bar.

18. Musgrave Terrace

Washington NE38 7HR

There are 4 poppies in Musgrave Terrace. At 24, Roseworth House, home of **William J Marley, 9/6/18**, Pernes. At 17, **John Bannister** - he died of tuberculosis at home and is buried in Washington Cemetery, **Robert Thompson 26/9/15**, Noeux les Mines, lived at number 15 and **Bartholomew Redhead Varley, 16/3/16**, Ration Farm Cemetery, son of Washington Cemetery Superintendent at number 10.



Village War Memorial &
Edward Thompson



Robert Thompson



William J Marley



Bartholomew Varley

From top:
Richard Laws
Thomas Wiseman
RT Simm
Washington Cemetery

19. Council Terrace, Spout Lane

Washington NE37 2UD

Robert H Ross, 29/9/17, Mendingham, **Irish Guards**, lived at **85 Spout Lane**, the poppy is on **83A**. On the other side of the street **John T Sandy** lived at **3 Council Terrace**, died of wounds, **4/7/16**, buried at Daours Cemetery.



20. Washington School

139 Spout Lane NE37 2AA

Richard Jameson (see Glebe Cres) taught Science here. The poppy is on the old wall before you reach the school's current entrance.

21. Old Police Station

Spout Lane, Washington NE37 2AA

This was the site of the Miners Welfare. There are no poppies on these buildings but is worth a mention.

22. Holyoake Terrace

Washington DH3 1AB

Robert Stanners, Gunner, RHA, 6/6/18, Marfaux Cemetery, lived at **6 Holyoake Terrace** and walked to work at the Co-op which is 30 yards along the street. There is a poppy beside the front door of **6 Holyoake Terrace** and another on Washington Co-op. On the Co-op the poppy is just to the right of the main front door, outside.

23. Miners Memorial

Victoria Road, Concord.

Around 71% of men from Washington were coal miners, the same figure applied to Harraton but in Usworth around 80% of those killed were miners.



Miners Memorial



Robert Stanners



Washington School

Robert Ross
John Sandy

24. The 'F' Pit Memorial

Washington "F" Pit NE37 1BN

Walking up Blue House Lane you come to the roundabout at the end of Pit Road. F Pit Museum now houses the memorial to the **64** employees of that pit, killed in the Great War. Several men are not named on the three local memorials.



25. Thomas Henry Cann Aged Miners Homes

Blue House Lane, Washington NE37 2TL

Messrs Lomax (Rector of Holy Trinity) and **Begg** (Rector of Usworth) are among the worthies named on the plaques on these cottages.



26. Usworth Rectory

Well Bank Road, Washington NE37 1NW

This was the home of **Alexander JB Begg, 22nd Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Scots)** missing from **March 21st 1918**, Thiepval. Several letters from his father, asking for confirmation and details of AJB's death, are available from the latter's service record. The poppy is on the right stone gatepost outside.

27. 3 Stone Cellars Road

Washington NE37 1NS

Isaac Ellwood, Royal Naval Division. Killed at Gallipoli **4/6/15**, Helles Memorial.



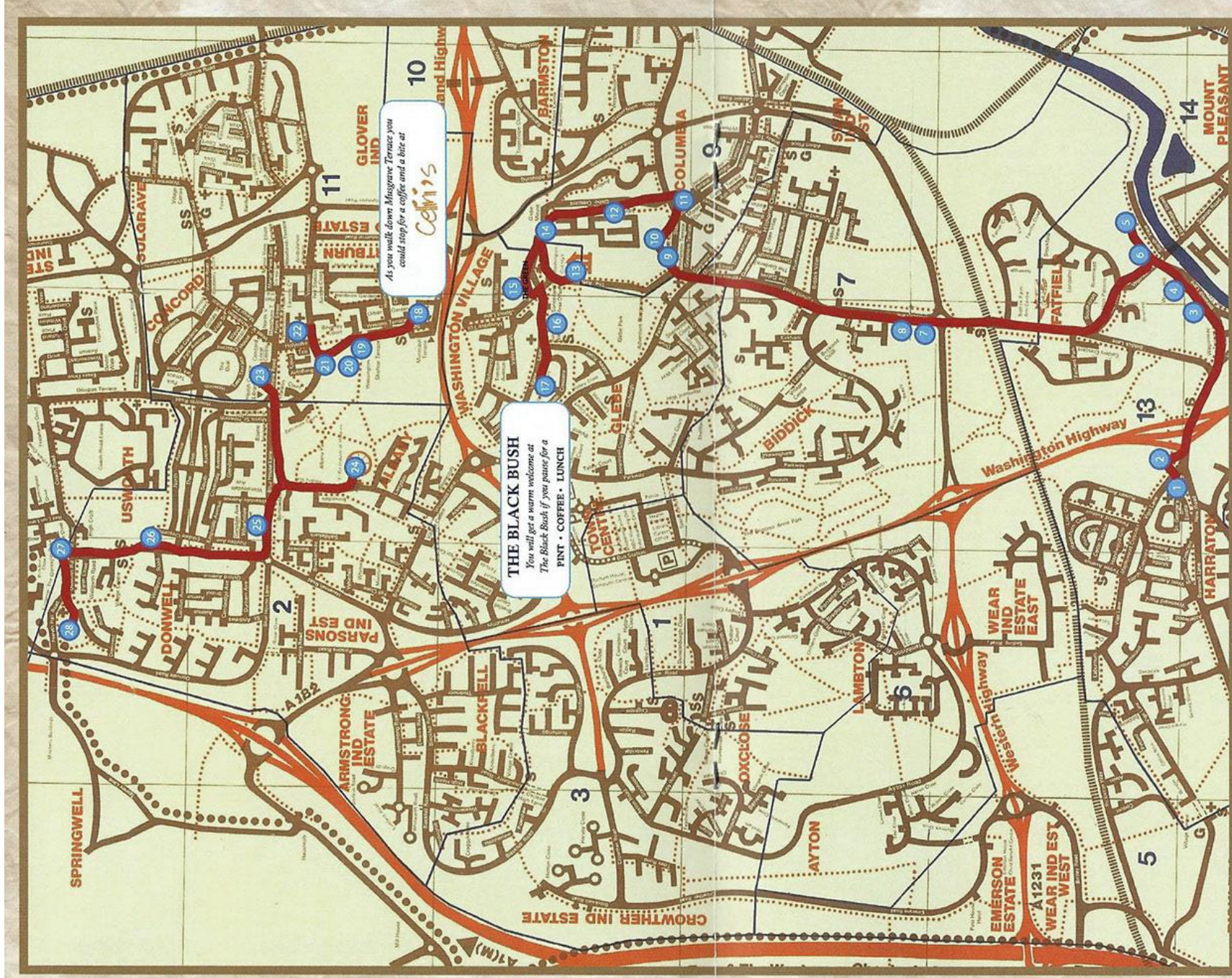
Isaac Ellwood at Helles Memorial

28. Holy Trinity Church

Pearreth Hall Road, Washington, NE37 1NR

Inside is a bronze plaque detailing the **121** men from Usworth killed in the war. The memorial was unveiled in **February 1922** by Bishop of Durham.

From top:
F Pit Memorial
AJB Begg



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