

TIVERTON MEMORIAL GARDEN

PHOENIX LANE

Earlier this year a public consultation was held on designs for a new memorial for all those from Tiverton who have fought and died in war. At that time it was going to be erected on the triangle of land at the top of Angel Hill. Most people liked the idea of a new outside memorial space but some didn't like the location. We listened to your feedback and concerns about car noise and lack of tranquility and moved the project to the west side of Phoenix Lane.

The new project location means that we can incorporate more planting and create a 'pocket park' for this part of Tiverton. We can also keep the existing London Plane trees, although they will need to be pruned under the supervision of our tree officer. The idea is to create a peaceful memorial garden. Planting will be herbaceous and perennial beds with all year colour and structure. We want to incorporate roses too, to reflect the existing small garden on the east side of Phoenix Lane where the Burma Star memorial is now.

In the new memorial garden will be the relocated Burma Star memorial stone, a new piece of memorial artwork by Charles Gurrey and also a commemorative slab for Private Thomas Sage who was awarded the Victoria Cross for his gallantry during the First World War during October 1917. There will be paths and benches and a large circular area for commemorative events and larger gatherings. Access up Phoenix Lane will remain as it now is.

Please consider the designs displayed. We would value your views about this revised project idea. Please fill in one of the comment forms near this exhibition, or write or email to:

Catherine Marlow, MDDC Conservation Officer

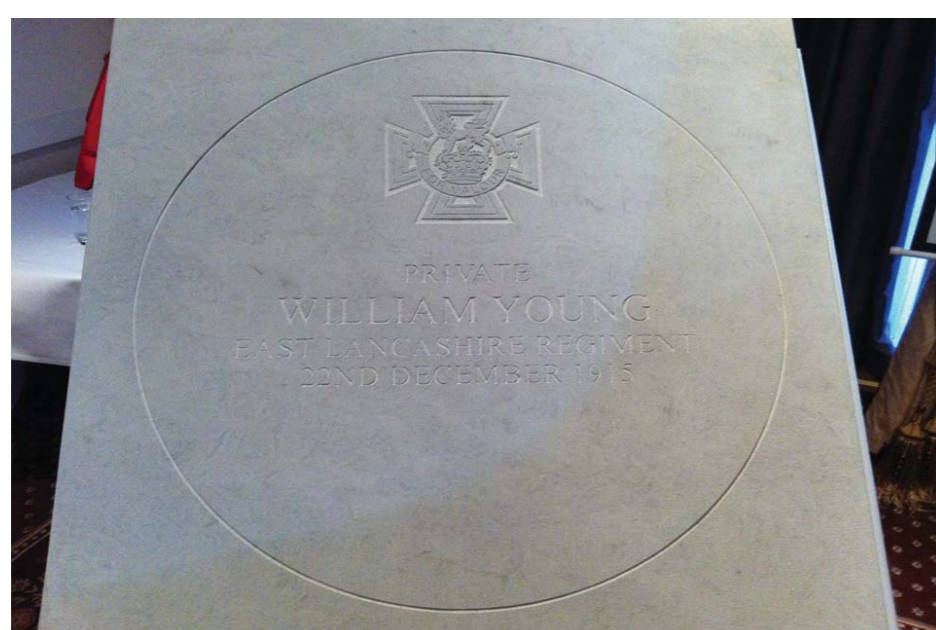
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THOMAS HENRY SAGE VC 1882 – 1945

Thomas Henry Sage VC was 34 years old, and a private in the 8th Battalion, The Somerset Light Infantry (Prince Albert's), British Army during the First World War when the following deed took place for which he was awarded the Victoria Cross.

On 4 October 1917 at Tower Hamlets Spur, east of Ypres, Belgium, Private Sage was in a shell-hole with eight other men, one of whom was shot while throwing a bomb which fell back into the shell-hole. Private Sage, with great presence of mind, immediately threw himself on it, and so saved the lives of several of his comrades, although he himself was severely wounded. Private Sage returned to live in Tiverton until his death in 1945.



COMMEMORATIVE PAVING STONE SCHEME

The commemorative paving stones will be set in over 400 communities across the United Kingdom to commemorate those First World War soldiers who were awarded the Victoria Cross for valour 'in the face of the enemy'.

The stone was designed by Charlie MacKeith and has a circular central design with the name of the VC recipient inscribed on it.

