

Case Name: Suffolk War Memorials: Felixstowe War Memorial

Case Number: 1453472

Background

The war memorial in Felixstowe, Suffolk is being assessed for listing.

Asset(s) under Assessment

Facts about the asset(s) can be found in the Annex(es) to this report.

Annex	Name	Heritage Category
1	Felixstowe War Memorial	Listing

Visits

Date	Visit Type
none	No Visit / Data from other sources

Annex 1

The factual details are being assessed as the basis for a proposed addition to The National Heritage List for England.

Factual Details

Name: Felixstowe War Memorial

Location

Promenade, Under Cliffe Road West, Felixstowe, Suffolk, IP11 2AF

County	District	District Type	Parish
Suffolk	Suffolk Coastal	District Authority	Felixstowe

History

The aftermath of the First World War saw the biggest single wave of public commemoration ever with tens of thousands of memorials erected across England. One such memorial was raised at Felixstowe as a permanent testament to the sacrifice made by the 163 members of the local community who lost their lives in the First World War. The memorial was unveiled on Sunday 15 August 1920 by Sir Courtenay Warner.

The names of the 111 parishioners who fell during the Second World War were subsequently added to the memorial.

Details

A war memorial of 1920 date.

MATERIALS: constructed of Portland stone with a bronze sculpture of a dove.

DESCRIPTION: comprising a tall Corinthian column surmounted by a carved stone urn, on top of which is affixed a bronze dove facing out to sea with its wings extended. The column is set atop a large square plinth and the whole stands on a three-stepped base.

The main inscription is mounted on a stone tablet affixed to the south-east face of the plinth and reads: ERECTED BY THE/ PEOPLE OF FELIXSTOWE/ TO THE MEMORY OF THEIR/ MEN WHO WERE KILLED IN/ ACTION OR DIED OF WOUNDS/ OR DISEASE IN THE SERVICE/ OF KING AND COUNTRY/ DURING THE GREAT WAR/ 1914–1918. The names of the First World War fallen are listed on tablets affixed to the north-east and south-west faces of the plinth.

The north-west face of the plinth bears a tablet with the inscription: THE SUM OF £1000 WAS/ ALSO SUBSCRIBED BY/ THE TOWNSPEOPLE AND/ GIVEN TO THE ENDOWMENT/ FUND OF THE FELIXSTOWE/ COTTAGE HOSPITAL FOR/ THE ALLEVIATION OF/ HUMAN SUFFERING.

Four reclining stone tablets of black marble were subsequently set centrally against the steps on each side of the base. Each tablet is headed with the dates 1939–1945 and lists the names of the Second World War fallen in whitened incised lettering.

Selected Sources

Websites

UK National Inventory of War Memorials Felixstowe, accessed 11/11/2019 from
<http://www.iwm.org.uk/memorials/item/memorial/5309>
War Memorials Online: Felixstowe, accessed 11/11/2019 from
<https://www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/memorial/161409/>

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