

Case Name: Blaxton War Memorial

Case Number: 1443441

Background

Blaxton War Memorial is being assessed for listing as part of Historic England's First World War Commemoration project.

Asset(s) under Assessment

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

Annex	List Entry Number	Name	Heritage Category	HE Recommendation
1	1453911	Blaxton War Memorial	Listing	Add to List

Visits

Date	Visit Type
none	No Visit / Data from other sources

Context

The memorial is situated within a small enclosed garden at the north side of Bank End Road. It is not within a conservation area. There are no known threats to the memorial.

Assessment

CONSULTATION

The owner, the local authority, the Historic Environment Record (HER) and War Memorials Trust were invited to comment on the factual details of the case as part of the consultation process.

The local authority replied to say they support the listing of the memorial as it is of the same special interest as other listed memorials in small villages within the Doncaster Metropolitan Borough. However, they state that the flagpole and the boundary wall and railings are not of special interest. The local authority also supplied evidence that the memorial had been relocated from its original position. This information has been reflected in the proposed List entry. No other responses were received.

DISCUSSION

War memorials attract considerable public interest and will warrant serious consideration for designating, especially during the centenary of the First World War. The Principles of Selection for Listing Buildings (DCMS, March 2010) sets out how the Secretary of State determines whether a building or structure is of special interest and merits listing. The Historic England Listing Selection Guide for Commemorative Structures (December 2017) states that, unless compromised by alteration or of little design interest, there is a presumption in favour of listing all war memorials.

This is a well-executed example of the obelisk type of war memorial. Prominently situated along the main road, this simple yet dignified memorial commemorates those from the local community who died in the First World War.

Following the Second World War, the dates of that conflict and the names of the casualties were included on the memorial and this adds to its historic interest.

Overall, it is considered that the memorial has special architectural and historic interest and meets the criteria for listing.

In recommending the extent of the listing, we have considered whether powers of exclusion under s1 (5A) of the 1990 Act are appropriate, and consider that they are which is clear in the proposed List entry.

CONCLUSION

After examining all the available records and other relevant information and having carefully considered the architectural and historic interest of this case, the criteria for listing are fulfilled. Blaxton War Memorial is therefore recommended for listing at Grade II.

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION DECISION

Blaxton War Memorial, which is situated on Bank End Road, is recommended for listing at Grade II for the following principal reasons:

Historic interest:

- * as an eloquent witness to the tragic impact of world events on the local community, and the sacrifice it made in the conflicts of the C20.

Architectural interest:

- * as a well-executed obelisk memorial.

Countersigning comments:

Agreed.
Paul Jeffery
19 March 2018

Annex 1**List Entry****List Entry Summary**

This building is listed under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 as amended for its special architectural or historic interest.

Name: Blaxton War Memorial

List Entry Number: 1453911

Location

Bank End Road, Blaxton, Doncaster, DN9 3AL

The listed building is shown coloured blue on the attached map. Pursuant to s1 (5A) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 ('the Act'), structures attached to or within the curtilage of the listed building (save those coloured blue on the map) are not to be treated as part of the listed building for the purposes of the Act.

The building may lie within the boundary of more than one authority.

County	District	District Type	Parish
	Doncaster	Metropolitan Authority	Blaxton

National Park: Not applicable to this List entry.

Grade: II

Date first listed:

Date of most recent amendment:

Legacy System Information

This section only relates to older records, created before the introduction of the National Heritage List for England in 2011.

Legacy System: Not applicable to this List entry.

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Asset Groupings

This List entry does not comprise part of an Asset Grouping. Asset Groupings are not part of the official record but are added later for information.

List Entry Description**Summary of Building**

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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. This was the result of both the huge impact on communities of the loss of three quarters of a million British lives, and also the official policy of not repatriating the dead which meant that the memorials provided the main focus of the grief felt at this great loss.

One such memorial was raised at Blaxton as a permanent testament to the sacrifice made by the nine members of the local community who lost their lives in the First World War. It was unveiled on 1 January 1920 by Brigadier-General Sir Alington Bewicke Copley.

Following the Second World War, a dedication was added to commemorate the three Fallen of that conflict.

The memorial has been relocated at least once since it was constructed. The Ordnance Survey map published in 1964 indicates that the memorial was positioned further west at the junction of Mosham Road and the A614. It is probable that the memorial was moved to its current position when the road was widened at the junction. The memorial was in situ by 1981.

Details

First World War memorial, 1920, with later additions for the Second World War.

DESCRIPTION: Blaxton War Memorial is located within a small enclosed garden at the north side of Bank End Road.

It is of York stone and takes the form of a small obelisk rising from a four-sided plinth. The plinth is surmounted by a four-sided, pedimented cap with moulded cornice beneath; to the centre of each pediment is a relief carved flower and foliate design. The plinth stands on a two-tiered moulded foot, which surmounts a narrow, square, single-stepped stone base. The dedication and names are in leaded lettering.

To the south face of the obelisk are the words THE/ GREAT WAR/ 1914 – 1918. Directly below, to the south face of the plinth is the dedication TO THE/ GLORIOUS MEMORY/ OF/ (9 NAMES). A further dedication is written on the south face of the upper-tier of the plinth foot and reads ERECTED BY PUBLIC SUBSCRIPTION/ IN GRATEFUL RECOGNITION OF THE SUPREME/ SACRIFICE MADE BY THE MEN OF BLAXTON/ NAMED ABOVE.

To the west face of the obelisk are the words SECOND/ WORLD WAR/ 1939 – 45. Directly below, to the west face of the plinth are the three names of the casualties from this conflict.

Selected Sources

Websites

Doncaster War Memorials, accessed 12 December 2017 from
<https://doncasterwarmemorials.weebly.com/blaxton.html>

War Memorials Online, accessed 12 December 2017 from
<https://www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/memorial/193369>

War Memorials Register, accessed 12 December 2017 from
www.iwm.org.uk/memorials/item/memorial/28079

Other

'Yorkshire News in Brief: Interesting Items from the Ridings', Leeds Mercury, (2 January 1920), pp4

OS Map 25" (1964 edn)

OS Map 25" (1981 edn)

Map

National Grid Reference: SE6721300408



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