

RBL “Silent Soldier” Initiative 2018

A Centenary of Commemoration

Your Parish Council has signed up to participate in this year’s Centenary Commemoration of the sacrifice made by all those involved in, or affected by, the First World War

Through the Shropshire County Branch of the Royal British Legion we have purchased a life sized black silhouette “Tommy” figure which is to be displayed in a prominent location in Church Aston village. The figure provides a powerful reminder of the sacrifices made by service personnel of Britain and the (former) Empire during World War One.

Nearly 1.1 million British and Empire service men and women were killed during WWI before the guns finally fell silent on Armistice Day – 11 November 2018.

Church Aston Parish Councillors are especially keen to support the Shropshire Branch of the RBL who particularly want to acknowledge the contributions of the people of the county and adjacent communities.

The soldier is “silent” in remembrance of those who lost their lives, and “silent” in respect of those who returned to their homes having suffered life changing physical injuries and / or emotional trauma.

At the time of drafting this information a specific location for siting the “Silent Soldier” had not been confirmed however it is likely to be within an area defined as the village centre somewhere in proximity of St. Andrew’s Church, the village and church halls, and along the route of our local bus service.

The life-sized figure comprises a stiffened plastic shape on an angle iron frame with fixings to secure to street furniture. Total costs for purchase of the figure are £250 with £150 going directly to service charities supported by the RBL.

For more information please contact the Parish Clerk via email: churchaston@gmail.com