ASHINGTON MEMORIAL GARDEN

The project has been developed and financially supported by Ashington Town Council working with key partners including the Ashington Branch of the Royal British Legion, the Western Front Association, local schools and historians.

At the centrepiece of the Garden, designed by Hugh Mossey Architects, is the War Memorial incorporating the ‘Unknown Soldier’ created by Tom Maley in 2001. A new Memorial recognising conflicts after 1945 is also centrally located next to the War Memorial.

Over 1,000 people from the Ashington community gave their lives in the World Wars. Extensive research by local historians enabled the development of new plaques for the War Memorial. This corrected significant omissions and errors and the plaques now fully recognise those from the town who made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of their country.

The Ashington Memorial Garden provides an area for quiet reflection recognising the service given and sacrifice made in times of conflict by the Ashington community.

Ashington Town Council has worked with local schools to develop military themed information boards placed within the Garden that provide some background to the impact of conflicts on Ashington.

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