

Relocation of Bishopstoke War Memorial

It is proposed that the Bishopstoke War Memorial, previously situated by the Bishopstoke Memorial Hall, be relocated to Old St Mary's churchyard.

This document shows the suggested location and how the area would be completed.

There is a gravel path which runs from the Coach House on Church Road, along the southern boundary of Old St Mary's, and up to join the pathway from Oakbank Road at the entrance to the river footpath.

There is evidence that another path used to cross Old St Mary's from south to north. The faint evidence of this path can be seen in Image 1. There is a bench directly adjacent to this old path, also shown in Image 1. This old path would be reinstated as part of the proposal for the War Memorial.



Image 01

It is proposed that bench in Image 01 be relocated to the gap between the two trees to the left of the bench in the image and in its place a wall be built to which the plaques will be attached. This wall would be similar to the original wall by the Memorial Hall (see Image 02) but would require new bricks for its construction.



Image 02

There would be no rail for the new wall as experience has taught us that when poppy wreaths are placed against the wall they scratch the plaques and can leave some names difficult to read.

On the opposite side of the path the original paving bricks from the existing War Memorial will be re-laid to provide a surround for a new plinth, similar to the original shown in Image 03.



Image 03

The War Memorial will then be restored to its place on top of the plinth, as in Image 04.



Image 04

Note the original rails for poppy wreaths were on three sides of the plinth, but covered up the Millenium 2000 brick shown in Image 03. If rails are installed around the new plinth they would again be on three sides but would ensure that the Millenium brick is visible. Alternatively there may be no rails around the plinth as rails could be installed on three sides of the wider paved area.

Possible additional works could include a planted flower bed on the bank behind the plaque wall, and benches installed around the wider paved area for those for whom standing during the Armistice Day service is difficult, and also for those who wish to sit and pay their respects or simply pass the time of day in peace at other times of the year.

Image 05 shows the outline of the path and rough location of the wall and memorial with respect to Old St Mary's churchyard and Church Road.



Image 05

Image 06 includes the potential flower bed, rails around the paved area and surrounding benches. These additions would improve the comfort of those attending Armistice Day or Remembrance Sunday services and events, and would also enhance the general amenity value of both the War Memorial itself, and Old St Mary's churchyard, by providing seating in a peaceful environment, and appropriate planting to increase the visual attraction of the site and provide an improved environment for local insect life.

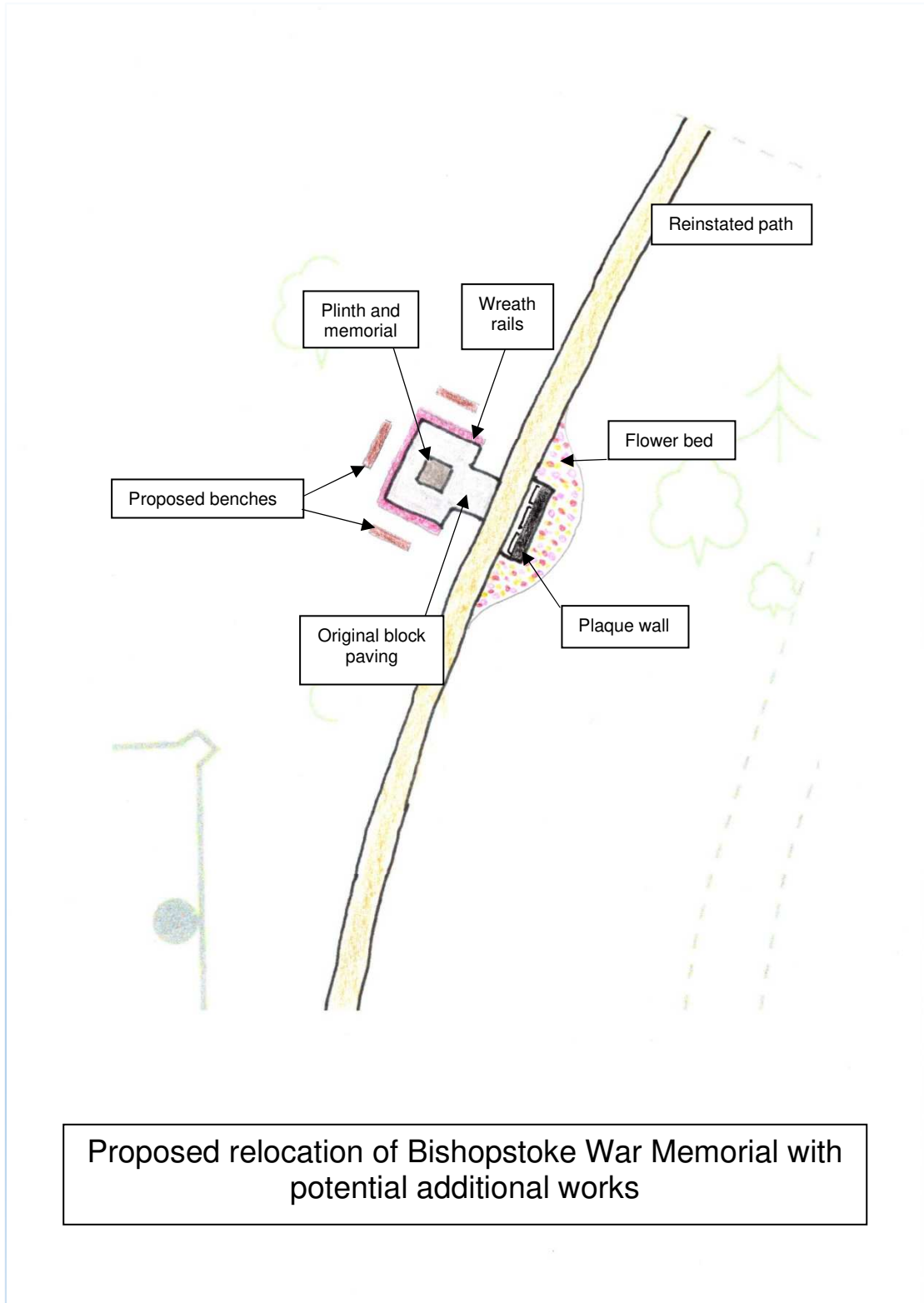


Image 06