

Extracts from *Deddington Deanery Magazine* (1919-22) relating to the War Memorial

Deddington Parish War Memorial is not on the village green but is located in the lower churchyard.¹ The minutes of *Deddington Deanery Magazine* record the lengthy process of erecting the Memorial.

- May 1919** At a public meeting on 31 March it was decided to have a monument in the church or in the church porch.
- June 1919** At a specially convened meeting on 20 May, it was decided that the Memorial should be in the churchyard.
- August 1919** The Memorial would be designed by Mr Smithin. It would be twelve feet 6 inches high, executed in Portland Stone and cost about £230.
- January 1920** An apology for the delay.
- March 1921** A brass plaque commemorating those who died was erected through the instrumentality of Miss Ellen Bessie Hands.
[This plaque hangs inside the church to the right of the East door and is reproduced on the facing page. The names are the same as those later inscribed on the War Memorial.]

Sunday 6 August 1922

The War Memorial was unveiled by Major General Sir Robert Fanshawe KCB DSO.²

Dedicated by the Vicar of Deddington, Reverend Thomas Boniface and the Assistant Clergy and Reverend T Buckingham (Wesleyan) and Reverend J Carter representing the Congregationalists.

Wreaths were placed by relatives and friends of the Fallen, also by The Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars and Ex-Servicemen of the Parish of Deddington.

A muffled peal was rung at the conclusion of the service.

The Memorial was executed by Messrs. Smithin and Cambray

¹ The War Memorial is actually in the New Churchyard which is an extension to the east of the original one.

² Major General Sir Robert Fanshawe (1863-1946) had commanded 48th (South Midland) Division on the Western Front and in Italy from 1915 until June 1918.



Brass plaque donated by Miss E B Hands in 1921