

Park Road Cemetery**Ceremony to Present WW1 Tank Replica to Reddish Detachment Greater Manchester Army Cadet Force.**

Presentation – Col Irvine ACF, C/Sgt Woodward, Cadets Williamson, Munro & Heacock, Apprentices B Murray, Thomas Cairns & Aaron Gilbert.

The above ceremony took place at the ATC Centre, South Reddish, on Thursday 15th June 2017.

The tank was made by the apprentices of Stockport Engineering Training Association (SETA) for the 100 year Commemoration Ceremony of the introduction of the first tanks into the British Army Battle of the Somme 1916 at Willow Grove Cemetery on the 12th November 2016. Details on this year's event on pages 3 and 4.

Before the ceremony, members of Cheddleton, Staffordshire branch of Royal British Legion visited Willow Grove Cemetery to pay homage to all the soldiers buried within.

During autumn and winter, Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council (SMBC) carried out planting in a couple of sections within the cemetery, with the aim of providing an attractive year-round focal point while minimising weed growth and reducing the need for maintenance and associated costs.

In April FOSC assisted by of volunteers from Cheadle Civic Society and with support from SMBC re-stocked the rose beds at the cemetery's main entrance and enhanced the area by planting spring-flowering bulbs.

Cheadle Area Committee have funded a new bench, which will be placed on the main pathway, just past the turning circle.



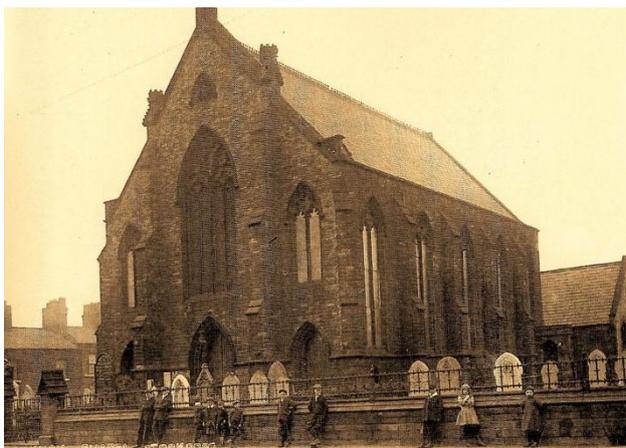
Brunswick Wesleyan Chapel – grave yard/cemetery.

This small chapel stood on what is now the centre of Portwood Roundabout, from 1848 until 1955; today, only its walls remain, encircling the graves of those who were laid to rest there (including five soldiers from the Great War) over two centuries.

The footprint of the chapel has now been located and Reddish Army Cadets have been helping FOSC to clear and restore the site which, on completion of the project in 2018, should become a more interesting and attractive place for passersby, while an information/interpretation board will provide an insight into the chapel's history.

We hope to complete in 2018.

[Reddish Cadets Stage Clean-up of Brunswick Cemetery | News ...](https://armycadets.com/.../reddish-cadets-stage-clean-up-of-brunswick-cemetery/)
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FOSC invited to Westminster Abbey

A service of thanksgiving to celebrate The Centenary of The Commonwealth War Graves Commission was held at Westminster Abbey in May.



FOSC members Hazel Batchelor & Sheila Robins outside the Abbey

For more information and pictures of the service please see link below.

[Westminster Abbey » Commonwealth War Graves Commission ...](#)

www.westminster-abbey.org/.../commonwealth-war-graves-commission-marks-centenary



Future FOSC meetings

Monday 7th August 2017
at 7pm

Offerton Fire Station,
Lisburne Lane, Offerton

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Remembrance in Reddish
Centennial Commemoration
Event
&
Remembrance Sunday

This year in November we are going to remember and honour Joseph Lister, recipient of the Victoria Cross who was awarded this highest of awards for gallantry at the Battle of Paschendaele, a conflict which took place from July to November 1917.

Joe as he was affectionately known to his family and friends hailed from Salford but lived in Reddish for most of his life and was laid to rest in Willow Grove in 1963.

The first of three commemorative events for Sergeant Lister will take place in Langemark, Belgium at the site of the pill box where he risked his own life to save those of his comrades and is being organised by Michael Handley, a relative of the Lister family.

The second event will be in Joe's native Salford on the 6th October and the third will be at Willow Grove on Saturday 4th November. The annual remembrance parade will follow on Sunday 12th November. More details can be found on the next page,

FOSC have secured funding for a blue plaque to be placed on Joseph Lister's former home in Reddish, while a Government –funded commemorative stone will be placed in Salford, a duplicate stone will also be placed in Willow Grove Cemetery.

Langemark Belgium June 2017



Michael Handley standing on one of the three pill box sites on the farm in Langemark, Belgium.



Michael Handley and Jean-Marie Vermeulen with the man who now farms the land where the pill boxes were sited.

Any one wishing to donate towards the monument in Belgium to honour Joseph Lister should follow the link below

[Fundraising for the Lister VC Memorial for The Fusilier ... - BT.com](https://mydonate.bt.com/events/listervc/33370)

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Event details Fundraising for the Lister VC Memorial. We are raising money to build a monument to honour Lister VC. It will be in Belgium on the site where he won ...

Centennial Commemoration of the Great War 1914 -1918

Willow Grove Cemetery

4th November 2017

10.00 Stockport Silver Band

10.30. Arrival of Mayor of Stockport

10.40 Arrival of Deputy Lord Lieutenant

10.50. Parade by serving, ex-service and cadet forces

11.00 Last Post – reveille – blessing

Mayor's Speech

11.20 Unveiling of the Commemorative Stone

11.30 Military Trail Walk

11.45. Refreshments at the Cadets' Headquarters

Remembrance Sunday Parade Sunday 12th November 2017

10.30 St Mary's Church Service

12. 30 A parade will be led by Belle Vue Brass Band to the Cenotaph and on to Willow Grove

12.30 Parade will leave St Mary's Church for the Cenotaph

12.50 Service at the Cenotaph

1.00pm Proceed to Willow Grove Cemetery

1.05pm Service at the Cross of Sacrifice

Special thanks again to Forever Manchester for the funding received to hold both these events

Events of Interest

Battle of Britain Parade

Sunday 17th September 2017

2.15. For service commencing at 2.30 St George's Church, Heaviley, Stockport.

3.30 Parade leaves St Georges Church for Stockport

Trafalgar Day

Sunday 29nd October 2017

St Peters Square – Stockport

A parade to Stockport Town Hall will leave St Peters Square 11.30.

More details of the above events to be published nearer the dates.

Willow Grove Monumental Inscriptions & Burial Register Transcriptions



FOSC have distributed sets of four books containing the memorial Inscriptions from Willow Grove to the office of Stockport Crematorium, Buxton Road, Stockport Heritage Library on Wellington Road South and Stockport Cemetery Services.

A further set of six books, containing a transcription of all the burial registers for Willow Grove, have also been placed with Stockport Crematorium. Both sets of records have also been made available in digital format.