



Nether Stowey Parish Council

December 2011

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The Chairman Reports

Tony Rich, Chairman of the Parish Council writes:

Since I became a Parish Councillor I have seen the workload of the Parish Council increase substantially and, as budget cuts at County and District Councils continue, I believe the demands on the Parish Council will increase even further in the future. I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank my fellow councillors for their input over the last year.

As you will know the work on the village clock and tower has been finished (*see article on page 2*) and I would like to add my personal thanks to John Ratcliffe, Mark Stacey and the late Phil Luther for their support without which the necessary works and renovation of our historic clock tower would have cost the village a very considerable sum of money.

Our local Fire Service has again done the community proud by volunteering help to erect the Christmas Tree and lights on the Cross and I thank them.

As you will see from the various items in this newsletter, 2012 promises to be a busy and challenging time for Nether Stowey. Please get involved with the various projects in the village.

On behalf of the entire Parish Council I hope you all have a very happy festive season and a safe and prosperous 2012.

Tony Rich

WE NEED YOUR VIEWS

Hinkley Point C On page 4 you will read about registering with the Infrastructure Planning Commission, to comment on the proposed new power station, and about a public meeting to discuss the project. It is very important that the Parish Council hears the views of as many people in the parish as is possible. Please either come to the meeting on 11 January 2012 or use the response slip on page 11 /12.

Stowey War Memorial Project On pages 13 to 15 you will find details about the proposed War Memorial on The Cross. Please let us know if you support this project and, if so, which of the options shown you prefer. Please use the response slip on pages 17 / 18. The deadline for these responses is Friday 6 January 2012.

Nether Stowey Library

Ian Clarke, Chairman of the Nether Stowey Community Library Steering Committee writes:

The Nether Stowey Community Library Steering Committee would like you all to know that the Library was saved this time by the Judicial Review. Hooray, we might hear you say - but in reality that only means for sure that our library stays open until 31 March 2013 – and then what? Because the County Council budget has to be finalised at this time of year, we are only safe until 2012-13. Effectively all is „on hold“.

During discussion with the Library Service managers, it was made clear that they are keen for us to work with them to make greater use of the building, by increasing opening hours and by organising a range of events not otherwise provided for in the community.

We are grateful for the interest and offers of support that have been made already. There will be a continuing need for volunteers and donations to carry on this work. We intend to disband the Steering Committee, which has achieved as much as it can, and create a new organisation, independent of the County and Parish Councils, which will be announced in the New Year. It will take the form of an unincorporated club (like Stowey Gardeners), run by a Committee elected from the members, who will pay a small subscription and have various benefits, such as advance booking for club events. If you would like to be kept in touch with developments, please fill in and return the slip on page 11.



Meanwhile, we are very keen to hear your ideas - a Suggestion Box will soon appear in the Library, and more information may be had from Mrs Norma Frod on 01278 733208 or by e-mailing kianhclarke@gmail.com. We hope to have a Facebook page shortly, too.

The Clock Tower

You cannot have missed the fact that since early September the Clock Tower has been sheathed in scaffolding and according to the clock, which has been strangely silent, it has been either noon or midnight for the last 3 months!



The reason is that the clock movement and tower have had a make over. The striking mechanism had worn and parts needed replacing - which is quite reasonable when you think the clock movement was made in c.1862 and in the intervening 149 years it has caused the bell to be struck over 8 million times! At the same time the weight cables were renewed, the wind-vane re-guided, the external timbers repaired and repainted and the festive lighting completed. The scaffolding was removed on 9 December, which allowed the Christmas tree to be erected and the lights switched on in time for the festive season.

The cost of these works was partly funded by very generous donations from John Ratcliffe and the estate of the late Phil Luther. Mark Stacey donated his services and provided new beams and an oak enclosure for the movement. The Parish Council would like to record its thanks to the above and also to Tim Stacey who did the external painting and Derek Buller and Andy Fish who undertook the electrical works.

Nether Stowey Village Hall

Barbara Rich, Chairman of the Village Hall Committee writes:

The Village Hall faces some very hard challenges over the next few years. The Hall is in need of major repairs and we need to raise funds to be able to undertake this work. The Hall is for the Village and the aim is to keep our Hall; however, if it does not get support, we could lose it.

We would welcome volunteers for the committee or people who are just willing to help. If you have practical skills for maintenance jobs, or could just help with any functions that we may have please contact us. Most of all we need fund raising ideas, and perhaps support to help to make them happen. If you are interested please contact us on 01278 734825 or by email at nsvh@yahoo.com

The Village Hall Committee appreciates that at times parking in the village can be difficult but we would like to remind everyone that the Village Hall car park is for Hall users only. The Hall is in use both during the day and the evenings and it causes problems if our users cannot park at the Hall when they have hired it - and we cannot afford to lose any of our business. Thank you for your co-operation.



As from February 2012 all our Committee meetings will be open to the public and you are welcome to join us in the Club Room on 7 February at 7.30pm.

Nether Stowey Recreation Ground Update

Adrian Fuller, Chairman of the Recreation Ground Committee writes:

We are making progress with the Regeneration Project. The next step is a pre-planning application face to face meeting with the Planning Authority which is imminent. We are also taking the first small steps of our long fundraising journey and are submitting grant applications. Initially we are focussing our grant

WANTED

Secretary to help with the Regeneration Project paperwork. All meetings are informal and the duties can be tailored to the time you have available.

If you would like to help please contact us.
stowerg@gmail.com

or contact Adrian on
01278 732259

Thank You

applications on the children's play area and we have been assured that we already have some funding ring fenced. In order to ensure that it contains what the children want a specialist, with a proven track record, will be working with the local school children to design the new play area.

Unfortunately during the last week in November someone took a fancy to the Playing Field George Forman Grill that we used to provide refreshments to the Junior football teams, any help in replacing it would be very gratefully received. Please pop into the Parish Council Office if you can help.

Remember Race Night for the Playing Field will be held in the George Hotel, Nether Stowey on **Saturday 21st January 2012**, we hope to see you all there.

Hinkley Point C

On 31 October 2011 EDF Energy submitted an application, for a Development Consent Order for the construction of Hinkley Point C nuclear power station, to the Infrastructure Planning Commission (IPC). If it goes ahead Hinkley Point C will be the largest project ever undertaken in this area.

The IPC has invited interested parties to register to put their case about the proposed development to the commission. Interested parties have until 23 January 2012 to register with the IPC. Nether Stowey Parish Council has been identified as a statutory consultee by the IPC and will be making detailed representations about the potential impact on Nether Stowey to the IPC. However, it is very important that local people also register and give their views direct to the IPC. The Parish Office can give advice to anyone who wishes to register with the IPC.

Remember if you do not register by the 23 January 2012 you will not be able to give your views to the IPC at a later stage. To register simply go to:

<http://infrastructure.independent.gov.uk/projects/south-west/hinkley-point-c-new-nuclear-power-station/>

Nether Stowey Parish Council made a formal response to each of the pre-application consultations undertaken by EDF and held a public meeting about the project in January 2010. Whilst the Parish Council has broadly welcomed the proposed development it has concerns about a number of potential impacts on the village and is currently working with the neighbouring Parish Councils in the Quantocks and Sedgemoor District Council to ensure that our concerns are known to the IPC.

Before it finalises its submission to the IPC the Parish Council wishes to hear the views of local people and to this end it has arranged a public meeting which will be held on Wednesday 11 January 2012 in the Village Hall. Please come along to the meeting and give us your views.

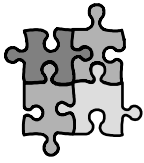
HINKLEY POINT C PROPOSED NUCLEAR POWER STATION PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday 11 January 2012
at 7pm

Nether Stowey Village Hall

The Parish Council has called the above meeting in order that local residents can hear about and give their views on the possible impacts, on Nether Stowey, of the proposed development of Hinkley Point C and to discuss the forthcoming Parish Council submission to the Infrastructure Planning Commission.

If you would like more details about the proposed development or wish to make any comments but are unable to attend the meeting please contact the Parish Office.



CANS - Proposed Village Lottery

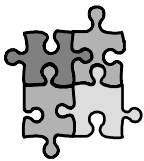
At the CANS meeting on 10 November 2011 it was proposed that a village lottery was started along the lines of the successful lottery used to raise funds for the Community Pavilion Project. The idea is that such a lottery would raise funds for local facilities such as the Village Hall, Recreation Ground, Library Project.

The Pavilion Lottery was largely organised and run by the Parish Office. Due to impending changes in the office the Parish Office would not be able to run the new lottery so the new lottery would have to be run independently of the Parish Office, although the office would still be able to provide technical advice, train the organising team and print tickets etc.

If it is to work the lottery will need someone to act as the "promoter" to be responsible for the administration and record keeping and the issue of tickets. The various groups mentioned above have offered to provide teams of collectors who will be responsible for selling tickets and collecting payments. The promoter will need to have good organisational and computer skills (particularly in the use of MS Excel) and have several hours per week available to run the lottery.

In order to take the idea forward representatives from various local groups will be meeting shortly to discuss how to get it started. If you would like to be involved in running the new lottery please contact the Parish Office or complete the reply slip on page 11.

This is an exciting idea, a successful village lottery has the potential to raise much needed funds for local facilities; in three years the Pavilion lottery raised over £20,000 for the regeneration of the Recreation Ground!



Nether Stowey May Fair 2012

Mary Roberts, Chairman of CANS writes:

For the last 4 months the **CANS** committee have been working hard laying the foundation for next year's Nether Stowey May Fair, which marks the 200th anniversary of our local school built by Thomas Poole. We have been booking street entertainment and responding to requests for stalls. So far the responses have been enthusiastic and we look set for another successful fair on **Saturday 5th May 2012**, however the day is only made possible by the volunteers who help make the day safe and enjoyable for all.

Although most people's thoughts at this time are about Christmas and all that entails, if you feel you would like to be part of the May Fair festivities by being a volunteer please let us know. You can contact the organisers, Mary Roberts or Martin Carpenter via the Parish Office (01278 733779) or by email at mayfair@netherstowey-pc.gov.uk

We look forward to your support to enable us to build on previous years' success.



Nether Stowey
Parish Council

QUANTOCK ACTIVE LIVING



Somerset
Active Living

2012 PROGRAMME

*The Fourth Thursday of the Month
At the Church Centre from 2pm till 4pm*

Thursday 26 January _ _ _ _ **Beauty Consultancy For Every Age**
Catherine Perkins

Thursday 23 February _ _ _ _ **Secret World**

Thursday 22 March _ _ _ _ **Wiltshire Farm Foods**

Thursday 26 April _ _ _ _ **Burnham-On-Sea Hovercraft**
Roger Flower

Thursday 24 May _ _ _ _ **Fun Day**

Thursday 28 June _ _ _ _ **Red Cross—Home from Hospital**
Wendy Banks

Cost £2.00 per person

(including tea/coffee, a slice of homemade cake and a raffle ticket)

For further information please contact any of the following:

- Margaret Harris 16 Pooles Close Tel: 734613
- Margaret Hogg 4 Audley Close Tel: 733040
- Pat Pardoe 19 Castle Street Tel: 733151
- Margaret Wells 40 Mount Road Tel: 732609

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee - June 2012

Next year marks the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The Queen came to the throne on 6th February 1952 and her coronation took place on 2nd June 1953. She celebrated her Silver Jubilee (25 years) in 1977 and her Golden Jubilee (50 years) in 2002. The only other British monarch to celebrate a Diamond Jubilee was Queen Victoria in 1897.



This is a state occasion and in celebration there will be a long Bank Holiday weekend (Saturday 2nd June to Tuesday 5th June 2012). On Monday 4th June it is planned to light 2012 beacons across the country.

Whilst the Parish Council does not have the resources to organise any celebrations it does wish to support residents of Nether Stowey celebrate this historic occasion and has agreed to make a grant of £600 available to assist in the organisation of any celebrations. For example it has been suggested that a village street party could be organised, probably in the vicinity of The Cross. For the Millennium and Golden Jubilee celebrations a beacon was lit on the Castle Mount and this could be repeated in June.

It is suggested that a **Diamond Jubilee Committee** be formed to progress these ideas, and any others that may be suggested.

If you would like to become involved in this please contact the Parish Office or send in the reply slip on page 11.

Parish Plan & Affordable Housing

Parish Plan

In 2007 the Parish Council commenced work on the production of a Parish Plan. This will set out the priorities and aspirations of the village and will be used by the Parish Council and other public authorities to assess any proposals for public services and new developments in the parish. Work on the parish plan was held in abeyance whilst Sedgemoor District Council completed the adoption of the new Sedgemoor Core Strategy (the replacement for the Local Plan) which sets out the planning policy framework to 2028. The Core Strategy, which has now been adopted, gives more weight to the wishes of local communities as does the Localism Act which was enacted last month. Accordingly the Parish Council now wishes to complete the Parish Plan without undue delay. To this end a public consultation will be held in **Nether Stowey Village Hall** on **Saturday 25 February 2012**. At the event you will be able to see and comment on ideas for the future of Nether Stowey. This is a very important consultation and will be preceded by a special Parish Council Newsletter which will outline the issues under consideration.

Affordable Housing

In 2009 the Parish Council commissioned the Community Council for Somerset to undertake a Housing Needs Survey. The survey indicated that the village needed at least a further 20 affordable homes for rent. We are very close to achieving this and it is planned to launch a public consultation on the detailed proposals for these homes at the event next February. At the same time we will be launching a housing needs assessment to update the 2009 survey. If you have a connection with Nether Stowey and are seeking an affordable home in the village it is important that you attend this event.



Bank Holiday Household Recycling & Refuse Collection Day Changes for 2011/12

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR 2011/12

Usual Collection Day/		Revised Collection Day	
Friday	23 December 2011	No Change - usual collection	
Monday	26 December 2011	Tuesday	27 December 2011
Tuesday	27 December 2011	Wednesday	28 December 2011
Wednesday	28 December 2011	Thursday	29 December 2011
Thursday	29 December 2011	Friday	30 December 2011
Friday	30 December 2011	Saturday	31 December 2011
Monday	2 January 2012	Tuesday	3 January 2012
Tuesday	3 January 2012	Wednesday	4 January 2012
Wednesday	4 January 2012	Thursday	5 January 2012
Thursday	5 January 2012	Friday	6 January 2012
Friday	6 January 2012	Saturday	7 January 2012

No change to subsequent dates, all collections resume on usual days

Garden waste collections are suspended from Monday 26 December 2011 and start again on Monday 9 January 2012 on usual days.

Clinical waste will be collected on revised collection days as above.

Natural Christmas trees under 6ft can be collected. If you pay for garden waste collections you can put them out on normal garden waste collection days for composting. Otherwise, take to Recycling Centre or put out the tree on your normal refuse collection day between 9 and 20 January 2012 for disposal. Place the tree next to your bin or sack. **Remove all decorations.**

During periods of severe weather, please check our website or local radio for service updates.

Somerset Waste Partnership manages waste and recycling services on behalf of
Mendip, Sedgemoor, South Somerset and West Somerset District Councils,
Taunton Deane Borough Council and Somerset County Council.

www.somersetwaste.gov.uk

Waste and recycling collections Severe weather guide



In severe weather, recycling and refuse crews will try to keep collecting if it is safe.

If your collection is missed, please be patient; we will try to return once conditions improve, working late and on Saturdays to catch up. Please put out recycling and refuse by 7am for the next three working days; if we have not been back by then, please take it back in and put out by 7am on your next usual collection day.

If your collection is delayed, extra amounts of regular waste will be accepted: please put rubbish in black sacks, recycling in carrier bags and food in covered buckets or in black sacks with other rubbish.

In very bad conditions, we may have to suspend collecting garden and bulky waste to give priority to the main services. If our clinical waste service is interrupted, we will get back as soon as possible.



Recycling is not just good for our environment, it also saves us all money.

If you do not separate out things like kitchen scraps, paper and cans, they end up in landfill. Over £5million a year of your money currently has to be spent on landfill; money that would be better spent maintaining public services.

Every extra bottle, jar, can or piece of cardboard you recycle does make a difference.
The best thing you can fill your bin with is fresh air!

For help with how and where to recycle and information on collections during severe weather, go to:

- Website - www.somersetwaste.gov.uk
- Facebook - www.facebook.com/somersetwaste
- Twitter feed - @somersetwaste
- Local radio and local council customer services



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DECEMBER PARISH NEWSLETTER RESPONSE SLIP

Nether Stowey Library Group (see page 2)

If you would like to be kept in touch with developments please tick here []

Hinkley Point C (see page 4)

If you have any comments about Hinkley Point C please write them here.

Village Lottery (see page 5)

If you would like to help with the proposed Village Lottery please tick here []

Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations (see page 7)

If you would like to help with the Diamond Jubilee Committee please tick here []

If you have any suggestions for Diamond Jubilee celebrations please write them below.

Please complete your name and address overleaf and return this slip to the Parish Office.

You may use the other side of this slip to comment on anything in this newsletter.

Please use the response slip on page 17 /18 to comment on the War Memorial proposals.

Any Other Comments:

PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR NAME & ADDRESS BELOW

Name:

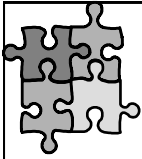
Address:

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THANK YOU

Please return your completed response slip to:

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Tel: 01278 733779 E-Mail: clerk@netherstowey-pc.gov.uk

**CANS****Community Action for Nether Stowey**

Stowey War Memorial Project

The Project So Far

Earlier this year **CANS** established a project group to consider the erection of a War Memorial in the centre of the village and to establish if there was public support for the idea. The project group consists of local residents and businesses, together with representatives of the local branch of the Royal British Legion and St Mary's Church.

The initial public consultation was carried out at the 2011 May Fair when some 140 people indicated their support for the project. This was followed up by a leaflet drop carried out by Little's. To date the project group has received 227 responses and of these 205 (90.3%) indicated support for the idea of a War Memorial on The Cross. Over Stowey Parish Council has also offered its support for the principal of the project.

The project group have considered a number of options and following consultation with Planning and Heritage officers at Sedgemoor District Council and others have concluded that the best option is a free standing memorial on The Cross.

It has been assumed from the outset that the project will be funded by public donations and will not be a charge on the Parish Precept. It is estimated that the project will have to raise about £10,000 to fund the construction and installation of the memorial and provide an endowment to fund future maintenance.

The project was considered at the CANS meeting on 10 November when it received overwhelming support. The Parish Council considered the project on 14 November 2011 and agreed that the project be pursued and also agreed to, in due course, assume ownership of the War Memorial with the proviso that the cost of commissioning, installing and maintaining the memorial should be wholly funded by public and other donations and not be a charge on the Parish Precept (Council Tax).

The Next Steps

The project group aim to have a Memorial in place by 11 November 2012.

The next step is to ensure that the project has widespread public support and to agree the design for the Memorial.

When this has been agreed it will be necessary to gain the administrative consents needed from Somerset County Council (Highways) and planning permission from Sedgemoor District Council.

On the next pages are details of three possible designs for the Memorial and three options for the inscription to be carved on it. You are invited to indicate on the response slip on pages 17-18 whether or not you support the idea and if you do which design and which inscription you prefer. If there is support for the erection of a War Memorial the project group will proceed with the necessary applications based on the most popular design and inscription. You are also invited to indicate if you would be willing to make a donation towards the cost of the Memorial if the project proceeds. The results of this consultation will be considered by the Parish Council at its January meeting.

The deadline for responses is **Friday 6 January 2012.**

Location



It is proposed to locate the Memorial about 2 metres to the left of the Clock Tower as shown above. The Memorial would be freestanding but close to the wall. The existing notice-boards on the wall would be relocated closer to the telephone box and the waste bin next to the Clock tower removed.

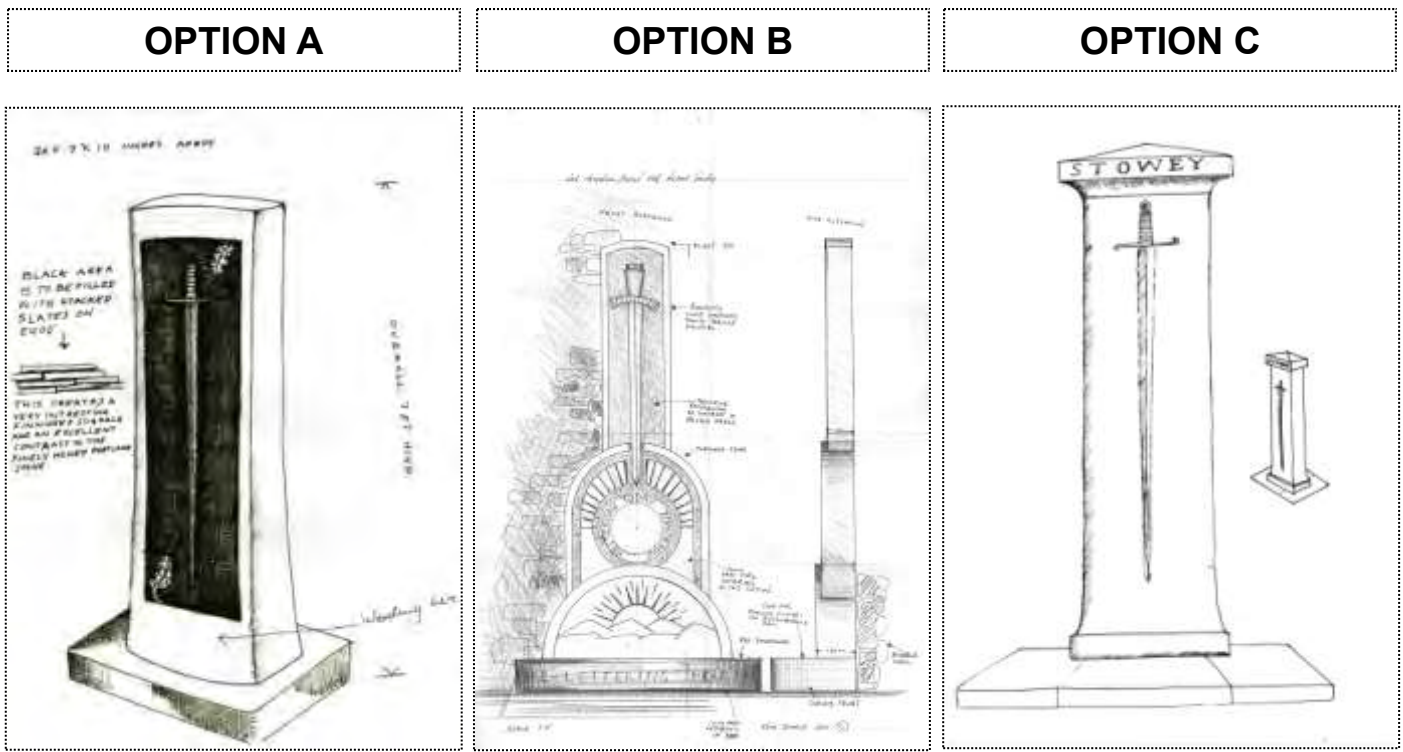
The Inscription

<p>OPTION 1</p>	<p>REMEMBRANCE</p>
<p>OPTION 2</p>	<p>In memory of the people of Stowey who have given their lives in service to their country and in honour of those who serve today. We will remember them.</p>
<p>OPTION 3</p>	<p>In memory of the people of Stowey who have given their lives in service to their country and those who may give their lives tomorrow. Today, Tomorrow and Forever We will remember them.</p>

Above are the three selections of words for the Memorial inscription.

Any of the above could be placed on any of the three memorial designs shown on page 15.

Memorial Designs



With the guidance of District Council Heritage and Planning officers, the three War Memorial designs shown above have been selected as being suitable for the site at The Cross in Nether Stowey.

All three designs are about seven feet (2.1 metres) high and would be carved from Portland stone. Each design incorporates the sword, representing war, and a base to receive wreaths on Remembrance Sunday. All three are designed to be free standing but close to the wall of the Clock House.

Design Option A

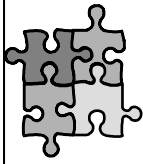
This is a simple design with an elegant shaping to the whole. The centre section is made up of slate tiles stacked and smoothed to give a fine finish. The inscription would be placed beneath the slates.

Design Option B

This is made up of three sections. The top section incorporates the sword, the central section would take the inscription whilst the bottom section shows a sunset/sunrise with the hills representing Stowey's position on the Quantocks and the sunset for remembrance or sunrise for hope, it can be read either way.

Design Option C

This is a simple, classical statement in Portland Stone. The inscription would be placed beneath the upturned sword, representing sacrifice, which would be shortened as necessary.



CANS

Community **A**ction for **N**ether **S**towey

**Stowey War Memorial Project
RESPONSE SLIP**

THE PROJECT

1. Do you support the creation of a War Memorial on The Cross? *Please tick relevant box*
- Yes []
 - No []

THE MEMORIAL

2. Which Memorial design do you prefer? *(please see page 15)* *Please tick relevant box*
- Option A []
 - Option B []
 - Option C []

THE INSCRIPTION

3. Which Inscription do you prefer? *(please see page 14)* *Please tick relevant box*
- Option 1 []
 - Option 2 []
 - Option 3 []

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

4. Would you be prepared to make a donation to the cost of the memorial?
- Yes []
 - No []
5. If so how much? **£.....**

PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR NAME & ADDRESS BELOW

Name:

Address:

.....

THANK YOU

Please return your completed response slip to The Parish Office (2A Castle Street)
by **Friday 6 January 2012**

Comments

Please use this space if you wish to make any other comments

About The Project

About The Memorial Design

About The Inscription

Any Other Comments

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