



The idea of a 'Memorial' was first raised in February 2001. It was recognised that employees who had died in the line of duty or passed away were usually remembered by their colleagues in various formats – benches, trees and located usually in their last workplace. Whilst not wanting to replace these memorials, it was agreed that a single point memorial available and accessible to all would provide an excellent tribute and facility.

With the full agreement of the Chief Fire Officer it was decided that the memorial would be a 'living, evolving' memorial in the form of a garden.

This would be a place where former employees could be remembered and their families and work colleagues would have access for thought and reflection. A Memorial Garden Committee was established and a detailed project plan was launched and a suitable site selected. The Chief Fire Officer cut the first sod of turf on 5 February 2002. The following months saw lots of hard work by employees who, with the much-appreciated assistance of a local firm of Landscape Architects (Hills), over 20 companies and numerous donations, helped transform the area completely.

This culminated in the formal opening of the Memorial Garden on 23 July 2002 by the Chief Inspector of Fire Services, Sir Graham Meldrum CBE QFSM, and dedicated by the Bishop of Stafford, The Rt Reverend Christopher Hill. The title of the garden also recognised Her Majesty The Queen's 50 years as sovereign.

This was just the beginning – today the Memorial Garden is becoming a well-known and well used facility, providing much comfort, peace and solace to many families and friends of former colleagues.

A Management Board has been established and in May 2003, successfully gained charity status that has a group of Trustees now overseeing the garden's upkeep.

Like any charity we firmly rely on your continued support which can now work to maximum benefit.

***For further information contact any of the following trustees:***

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Thank you.

## Membership Application

I/we wish to apply for membership of  
the Friends of The Memorial Garden.

I/we have no objection to the following  
information being stored electronically  
by the Memorial Garden Management  
Committee.

Please tick

FULL NAME (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
(2) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

POST CODE \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURES:

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete overleaf details of any relatives who are currently  
remembered in the Memorial garden or other interests or comments you  
might have.

If you are a taxpayer, use Gift Aid and you can make your donation worth  
more. For every pound you give us, we get an extra 28 pence from the Inland  
Revenue. Please tick the boxes which you require.

Individual Membership £10 per annum

Donation

Yes, I would like to Gift Aid my donations

I am a UK taxpayer and I note that I must have paid an amount of tax which  
at least equals tax deducted from this donation.

### ***Cheques payable to 'Fire Service Memorial Garden'***

Please forward to:

Lynne Rainford (Treasurer)

Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service HQ

Pirehill, Stone, Staffs ST15 OBS

**RELATIVE REMEMBERED  
IN THE MEMORIAL GARDEN**

Deceased's Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

First Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Death: \_\_\_\_\_

Entered in Book of Remembrance

Marker in Memorial Garden

Ashes Scattered

**OTHER AREAS OF INTEREST**

Donating Plants

Providing Advice/Guidance

Gardening/Working Parties/  
Nature Conservation

**COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS**

Large empty rectangular box for writing comments and suggestions.