



HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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Applicant's name:	AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL: HASLEMERE GROUP
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Name of person/group for dedication:	AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL: HASLEMERE GROUP
* Wording for the dedication	
Preferred location:	TOWN MEADOW
Preferred style of bench:	N/A
Please indicate if you are happy with a plaque installation only	PLAQUE ONLY

I agree to adhere to the specifications memorial bench policy as set out by Haslemere Town Council when purchasing the bench and will use an installation contractor who has been approved by the Council prior to the installation.

Signed: M.E. Monteath

Date:

Please return completed page 3 of the application to:
Haslemere Town Council, Town Hall, High Street, Haslemere GU27 2HG
deputy.clerk@haslemeretc.org

* DEDICATED TO ALL PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE
AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL: HASLEMERE GROUP

Haslemere Amnesty Group application for a plaque on an existing bench

Background information:

Following a plea for more trees to be planted in Haslemere after the 1987 storm the Haslemere Amnesty Group planted a swamp maple in Town Meadow in 1988. It was dedicated to 'All Prisoners of Conscience'. Over the years it became a focal point for various events including celebrating the group's 40th birthday in 2016.

Last year the group were planning a celebration to mark the release of Nazanin Zaghari Ratcliffe, the British/Iranian hostage, as the group had campaigned on her behalf for many years. This would have included rededicating the tree and replacing the plaque which had been discovered to have been broken. Unfortunately, at this time we discovered our tree had died and began to research the costs of replacing it. We also contacted the Town Hall to enquire about procedure, luckily Deputy Town Clerk, Pippa Auger, was on hand who told us that the tree had already been felled but as it no longer had a plaque the Town Council were unaware it was the local Amnesty group's tree.

Pippa outlined the procedure and responsibilities of planting a new tree as well as potential future plans for improving that area of Town Meadow in which a new tree would not be helpful. The group concluded that the responsibilities associated with planting a new tree would be rather onerous for an ageing group and began to investigate the possibility of a memorial bench instead. Having been supplied by Pippa with all the information re that procedure the group realised that it would require more funding than was available so are now applying for the addition of a plaque to an existing bench.

Application details:

- The group would prefer the plaque to be attached to a bench in Town Meadow, preferably bench No 2 as it would be nearest to the previous site of the tree but are open to other suggestions.
- Our preferred dedication would be the same as the plaque we formerly had by our tree:
Dedicated to all Prisoners of Conscience
Amnesty International: Haslemere Group
Again, we realise this is outside the norm for memorial benches and are open to discussion.
- Currently the requisite brass plaque could be made for us by 'The Shoe Box', in West Street. We are always keen to support local business but realise the Town Council may use an alternative source.
- As yet, we have no information as to who might attach the plaque or what that cost might be.

Maggie Monteath

Secretary

Amnesty International: Haslemere Group



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MEMORIAL BENCH POLICY

Introduction

1. Haslemere Town Council supports the needs and principles of allowing memorial benches within the Parish and is mindful that these facilities are enjoyed by a wide range of people. Therefore, the Town Council will ensure that the issue is managed and regulated for the mutual benefit of all.
2. It is the intention that the policy only covers broad common issues and is not meant to be exhaustive. The content of this policy will be revised as necessary to meet changing circumstances.

Locations

1. Memorial benches are considered at all suitable locations on land owned by Haslemere Town Council (see Appendix 1).
2. The style of bench should be in keeping with others at the location (see Appendix 1).

Application terms and conditions

1. All applications for memorial benches should be completed on the official request form. Such applications will be held on file for the next available bench adoption or replacement.
2. Should an application for a replacement bench be approved we will charge a fee of £75 to cover administration and insurance costs. This fee will need to be paid prior to installation of the bench.

Specification




1. Memorial benches should be ordered and paid for by the applicant to the specification agreed by the Town Council.
2. Benches should be in keeping with others in the location (see Appendix 1).
3. Memorial benches will be installed to the Town Council's specification and paid for by the applicant, following advice from its grounds contractor (see 4 below).
4. On a case by case basis it may be advised that a concrete base on which the bench affixes to has to be laid for safety reasons and stability of the bench.
5. If a concrete base has to be laid it will be in keeping with the footprint of the bench, and to a depth that takes into account ground erosion caused by users, and no thicker than 100mm.

6. The applicant will arrange for the installation of the bench, and laying of the concrete base where required.
7. Any memorial plaque is to be 100mm x 50mm and of brass colour. Memorial plaques fitted to benches shall fit in the centre of the upper most lath of the back of the bench.
8. Memorial plaques inscription limited to name and dates.
9. If there is no requirement for a new bench or replacement bench, a memorial plaque fitted to an existing bench will be considered.

Maintenance and Damage terms and conditions

1. The Town Council will notify the applicant in the event the memorial bench is damaged.
2. The applicant should ensure that the Town Council is in possession of current contact details.
3. The Town Council reserves the right to remove any memorial benches that have been damaged and are beyond economical repair.
4. Minor damages should be repaired by the applicant/owner of the bench and if this is not possible the Town Council may consider repair at their expense.
5. The Town Council accepts no replacement liability for the plaque or the bench at the end of its useful life and will dispose of any such bench. Any replacements of benches or plaques will be the responsibility of the original applicant.
6. Any maintenance carried out by a third party will be in strict agreement with the Town Council and by appointment only.



- Parish
- Benches
-  Picnic Table
 -  Recycled Plastic Bench
 -  Disabled-Adapted Picnic Table