

Hull People's Memorial - The Votes are in

The last of the votes have now been collated, counted and verified and we are proud to be able to announce the winning design for the Hull People's Memorial as Design C, the Ash Leaves, by Catrin Jones and Charlotte Raywood; students of the Hull School of Art and Design. The results of the voting were as follows:

Design C: The Globe	56%
Design A: The Tower	24%
Design B: The Figure	19%
Void:	1%

We would like to extend a very special thank you to everyone who took part or submitted a design candidate for the Hull People's Memorial.

The response to The Globe has been quite surprising with voters young and old agreeing that the design, although futuristic, is just what it needed to commemorate the civilians who lived through the war and remember those who lost their lives as a result of the bombings. Right from the start of the project we wanted input from the people of the city, young and old. We have been surprised at the number of wartime survivors who have said that the memorial should be modern, designed for the future and not the past. All have pleaded with us to finally raise a memorial to the people of the city, with remarks such as; "We have waited far too long for this." and; "It's about time too. People need to be told about what really happened in Hull."

Alan Brigham of Hull Remembers, the group behind the Hull People's Memorial, feels certain that the people of the city will pull together to raise the necessary funds in time for the memorial to be unveiled on 5th September 2014:

"The people of Hull very much want to see this memorial erected in the city centre. The enthusiasm of all that we speak to has been huge. The morale and the suffering of the people of the city during the Second World War was unmatched by anywhere else in the whole of the United Kingdom. Back then, as is still so often the case today, Hull was left to stand on its own two feet with national resources focused well to the south of the Humber. We were an anonymous 'north east town' to the rest of the world, but here in Hull the people knew exactly where the bombs were falling."

Group historian Charles Dinsdale continues to unearth more and more information about the suffering of the city during the Second World War. New reports are being discovered all of the time; but there are still many 'top secret' documents to be released that Charles is very eager to read:

"I am particularly keen to see the contents of the files of Churchill's advisors who visited the city and other less-bombed places such as Bristol, Birmingham and

Coventry. While hints and snippets have come my way from other resources in recent years, the contents of these particular files are what I desire to lay my hands on most of all.”

Charles continues by adding:

“We are currently working through records acquired from American sources which we shall be revealing in due course. I suspect that the people of Hull will love reading about the report which invites the Chairman of the Coventry Chamber of Commerce to visit Hull and discover what devastation *really* looks like!”

Right from the offset the Hull Remembers team have been aiming to fund the memorial by public subscription, firm in their belief that the Hull People’s Memorial should be funded, designed and built by the people of the city. To quote the team;

“The people of Hull should be the owners of the Hull People’s Memorial so that together we can pay our respects to those who lived through the war years, rebuilt our great city, and remember those who lost their lives during the bombing. Young and old are rallying to the call and one of the very first contributors was six-year-old Evie, in west Hull, who immediately handed over her £1.50 pocket money having been told about the appeal by her mum. If everyone in Hull was to make a similar donation we would have the monument paid for in no time!

Many local companies have also come on board with their support; designs of Sutton Fields, Fanthorpes in Hepworth’s Arcade, the Prospect Centre, Sovereign Signs of Hawthorne Avenue, The Hull Mail and BAe Systems of Brough just being a handful of our many supporters.”

The group have recently opened a small unit in Hull’s Trinity Market where a large number of images from the bombing of the city are being displayed. Visitors can also view the Hull bombing map and search for their own street using the Hull incidents book. The stall is open from 10am to 3pm, Tuesday to Saturday inclusive.

How to make a donation:

By Post: Cheques may be sent to: The Hull Peoples Memorial, 86 Rokeby Park, Kingston upon Hull, HU4 7QF.

In person: The Hull People’s Memorial, Trinity Market, Silver Street, Kingston upon Hull.

Online: Visit our web site www.hull-remembers.co.uk

EFT: Hull People’s Memorial, Sort Code 08-92-99, Account No. 65551358

Hull Remembers wrist-bands may be ordered from our Rokeby Park address, price £1.50 including postage.