

## Heath Charnock Parish Council- Gateway Stone Unveiling Service

Heath Charnock Parish Council invited guests and Parishioners to formally unveil the Parish Gateway Stone and commemorative plaque on Sunday 11 November at 11am at Skew Bridge, Heath Charnock.



The unveiling was to mark the Centenary of the end of World War 1 and for the first time to specifically honour the men from the Parish who lost their lives due to this conflict.

In a short ceremony, the Chair of the Parish Council, Councillor Graham Ashworth said, "There are a number of secular memorials around Adlington, Anderton and Heath Charnock, but none that is dedicated to our Parish.

We hope this goes some way to correct this." Cllr Ashworth did admit that the Parish Council encountered some difficulties in bringing a list of Parishioners names together and in not being allowed

to have the names displayed on the stone. This is because the land is within highway verge.

Instead the Parish Council agreed to have a 'Gateway Stone' and a commemorative plaque at Skew Bridge as the main route into the Parish and as a way to honour the fallen from Heath Charnock Parish.



**The Commemorative Plaque**



The Chairman, Cllr Graham Ashworth with the Vice Chairman's wife, Mrs Vivien Oakes

The Parish Council is very grateful to John Garwood, a resident in the Parish, who has researched and compiled the list of men from the Parish who lost their lives due to World War 1. John is a local military historian and a Trustee of the Chorley Pals Memorial Trust.

The following page contains the names of Parishioners who died due to World War 1 as compiled by John Garwood.

**Further Information or additional names to included in the list:**

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Mr John Garwood reading out the names of the men from the Parish who died due to World War 1

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## Residents from the Parish of Heath Charnock who lost their lives due to World War 1

Heath Charnock Parish Council is very grateful to John Garwood, a Parishioner, a Trustee of the Chorley Pals Memorial Trust and a local military Historian. John has kindly researched and compiled the names below using various sources: local papers, census records, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC), Lancs BMD, Ancestry, and information passed directly to him. The list includes men who were born in Heath Charnock, who lived in the Parish, and/or whose address at death was in Heath Charnock.

Name	Regiment/Role	Reason for (KIA=Killed in Action) and date of death
John William Baines	Loyal North Lancashire	KIA 22/12/1915
Edward Berry	Loyal North Lancashire	KIA 10/7/1916
Edward Berry	Lancashire Fusiliers	KIA 23/1/1917
Thomas Berry	East Lancs Chorley Pal	KIA 1/7/1916
Nathan Birchall	Loyal North Lancashire	KIA 10/7/1916
Thomas Birchall	Loyal North Lancashire	KIA 22/5/1916
James Bretland	Loyal North Lancashire	KIA 23/11/1916
Hugh Gordon Charnock	Royal Army Medical Corps	Died of Pneumonia 8/11/1918
John Fairclough	Border Regiment	KIA 1/7/1916
Robert Isaac Fairclough	Loyal North Lancashire	KIA 8/10/1918
Walter Fairclough	Royal Welsh Fusiliers	KIA 16/5/1918
William Farnworth	Royal Navy	Drowned at sea 11/3/1915
George Edward Foy	Royal Engineers	Discharged sick in 1916 and died 01/02/1920
Benjamin Graves	Loyal North Lancashire	KIA 17/10/1918
John Ellis Harvey	Lancs Fusiliers	KIA 25/2/1918
Herbert Hitchen	Loyal North Lancashire	KIA 25/8/1916
John King	Royal Lancaster's (Kings Own)	Pneumonia 22/9/1918
Asa Leadbetter	Loyal North Lancashire	KIA 10/7/1916
Fred Lee	Army Service Corps	Died September 1918
Harold Lowe	Loyal North Lancashire	KIA 22/12/1916
Fred Mayoh	Royal Navy	KIA 23/10 1918
John Henry Norris	Royal Engineers	Died of wounds 20/3/1917
Fred Parker	Medic Naval Division	Died from fever 5/11/1915,
James Schofield	Lancashire Fusiliers	KIA 25/8/1916
Thomas Seddon	17 <sup>th</sup> Bn Welsh Regiment	KIA 23/08/1918
John Shaw	Loyal North Lancashire	KIA 26/10/1917
James Smith	Royal Lancaster's (Kings Own)	KIA 8/5/1915
Thomas Smith	26th Bn. Queensland and Tasmania Australian Infantry, Australian Imperial Forces	KIA 2/9/1918
George Henry Tapping	Loyal North Lancashire	KIA 31/7/1917