

Covid – 19 Memorial Progress Update

Progress update in respect of the Council ambition to *‘take the lead in creating a lasting Covid Memorial to be sited in a prominent location in the City’*.

The Ecclesiastical Insurance and Financial Services company have offered to provide funding for the Covid – 19 Memorial project, and we have agreed a location and concept for the memorial.

Proposal

It is proposed that the memorial will consist of a circle of stones (height and shape to be determined) to be erected in Gloucester Park opposite the Spa Road entrance gate.

Each of the stones will represent one of the groups of key workers providing essential services throughout the pandemic.

- Health and Social Care
- Key Public Sector
- Local and National Government
- Education
- Food
- Police and National Security
- Transport
- Utilities

The provisional title for the monument is ‘We Stood Together’ and signage will be provided to explain its symbology.

It is hoped that local stone can be sourced for the monument. The memorial will be relatively maintenance free and vandal resistant. There is also good lighting in that area identified for the sighting of the memorial and it would be very visible to anyone visiting the park.

Ecclesiastical Insurance work closely with local stonemasons and have suggested that they could be involved with the project. It is hoped that their expertise can be utilised to advice on the most suitable type of stone, and any potential engraving work.

It is intended that benches will also be provided for quiet contemplation.

Once suitable stone has been identified it is intended that a design will be drawn up which will be distributed for consultation.