

British Army Flying Memorial

- a fitting tribute for current and future generations

Property Services



Location: Hampshire's Museum of Army Flying, Middle Wallop near Stockbridge

Client: The Museum of Army Flying

Value: Phase One £350K Museum Fundraising

Completed: Phase One: September 2017

Specialist Teams:
Design: HCC Property Services, Heritage Architects

The Museum of Army Flying serves as the regimental museum of the Army Air Corps and is home to a unique collection of aviation history including over 35 historic aircraft which tell the story of British Army flying. It is currently undergoing a £2.5 million redevelopment and reinterpretation.

Phase one of the project, costing approximately £350,000 was to design and build a Memorial to act as a focus for remembrance for local, veteran and serving communities and the general public, commemorating those who have died in the service of British Army Flying since 1912.

A location was selected that would create a secondary destination for visitors and that would not impact on use of the area for events. The innovative design of the Memorial replicates the circular form of tumulus, creating a focussed space for quiet contemplation, offering only a view of the sky. The Memorial lists 5127 names of every life lost and its entrance is precisely rotated in order to align with the sun at 11am on 11 November - Remembrance Day - resulting in direct illumination of the central key stone.

“ *This Memorial is the only one of its kind to commemorate all members of the British Army flying community who have lost their lives in active duty. From the many who lost their lives in the Royal Flying Corps in the First World War through to the contemporary losses in the modern Army Air Corps, the Memorial will provide a focal point for remembrance and will also help the general public learn more about the sacrifices made by these brave soldiers.*

Chris Munns, CEO of the Museum of Army Flying ”

“ *I do congratulate you and your Committee for masterminding from idea to fruition the British Army Flying Memorial. I thought the Memorial was so impressive and so sobering. I was so impressed with the design of the Memorial. To me it was just perfect - a place for quiet reflection. I congratulate you all and I salute you.* ”

General Sir John Learmont, KCB, CBE former Colonel Commandant Army Air Corps

