



WINDFALL FOR BRIDGE OF ALLAN

The £405,000 raised from the sale of the Museum Hall is to be spent through a Common Good fund for the benefit of the people of Bridge of Allan - see inside for a report about the Council's deliberations on the matter.

The question now is, "How should such a sum be spent?"



Depending on where we live, we might have our own ideas - a decent road surface on Forglen Road down to the Primary School to improve on its present Third World condition; a supplementary budget to help restore the Pullar Park gardens to their former state; or repairs to the War Memorial (see opposite), etc.

Perhaps the money should be used to back the idea of a Civic Trust, or invested in providing a Heritage Centre, similar to that in Doune.

The *Times* sees this as an opportunity to have a permanent impact on Bridge of Allan, and so we would encourage residents to express their views through the Community Council.

So please make your voices heard on this subject - remember, it's Bridge of Allan's cash.

Read more on the cash windfall on page 4.

A Century Ago in Bridge of Allan

Throughout this issue we have reprinted some of the stories appearing in the local newspaper, the *Stirling and Bridge of Allan Reporter*, in May to July 1907. We hope you find them both interesting and amusing. Here is a report from May 25th of that year:

The Scots Greys

On Tuesday morning last [May 21] about 10 o'clock, the Glasgow Squadron of the Scots Greys passed through the village en route for Blair Atholl. Long before the troops were in sight the inhabitants of the village began to crowd the streets with the view of seeing our only Scottish cavalry regiment. As the troops passed along the streets Mr James Spittal, tobacconist, with his usual generosity, handed the men packets of cigarettes, with which the troopers enjoyed a pleasant smoke.

Race is on to save war memorial

The Community Council continues its funding efforts towards renovating our War Memorial. Remember, professionals have examined the structure and found it is structurally unsound due to cracking and water ingress.

Unless remedial action is taken, the structure will eventually collapse - a catastrophe in terms of Remembrance of Our War Dead. We wish to replace the central pillar, retain the top piece bearing the military heraldic crests and, most importantly, save, refurbish and refit the bronze commemorative plaques. All this work has and is being undertaken with the advice of an architect, structural engineer and clerk of works.

The current projected costs are in the region of £27,000, the work being of an extremely specialised nature requiring skills of a high degree. A great start has

been made to raise the necessary funds and contributors include local government, local businesses and especially the children of Bridge of Allan Primary School - in particular Primary 7.

They have organised exhibitions and raised some £1000, a truly remarkable effort and highly responsible action from our young people.

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