



## MEETING PAPER

Subject: Alternative options to memorial benches and trees

Meeting: Assets, Inclusion and Development Committee

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### Background/Introduction

Lowestoft Town Council receives numerous applications for memorial benches and trees in its public parks. Whilst the Council appreciates that the applications have arisen as a result of people's strong personal attachment to these public spaces, many of the parks now have a plentiful supply of seating and an abundance of trees.

### Details

As the Committee which consider applications for memorial benches and memorial trees, the Assets, Inclusion and Development (AID) Committee has noted that several of its parks are reaching capacity in terms of the number of benches they can accommodate. Similarly, several parks have a good stock of well-established trees, making it difficult to find a suitable location for new memorial trees, and difficult for young trees to establish.

The AID Committee has asked the Project and Committee Clerk to explore alternative options to memorial benches and trees.

The following suggestions are presented to the Committee for consideration:

### **Memorial wall**



The above example shows a painted wall with individual granite butterflies affixed to it. Applicants can purchase a butterfly and have it engraved with the name of their loved one and a short message. I have raised an enquiry with the company who produces the granite butterflies for further information and an indication of the cost.



The above image shows an alternative butterfly wall design, with additional decorative granite features. A central decorative feature could be inscribed with a short message to explain the purpose of the wall and the Town Council's contact details for further information.



The above image shows another variation on the memorial wall theme, with shaped metal plaques which can be purchased by the applicant and inscribed with their loved one's name and a short message.



STEVEN  
TEAGLE  
D.A. 1980  
"REMEMBERING THE MAN  
WHO GOT THE STARS"  
LOVE, STEVEN  
MELISSA & RANDY JJ

ATOMIC &  
BOMB & BOMB  
"WOULD YOU LIKE  
TO GET THE STARS"  
WALL & BOMB  
BOMB & BOMB  
BOMB & BOMB  
BOMB & BOMB  
BOMB & BOMB



## Memorial towers



These again could make an attractive central feature of an ornamental garden and they can accommodate more plaques than the memorial carvings. I have requested more information from the supplier and an indication of cost.



### Wall mounted memorial tree



This idea would comprise a wooden or metal tree shape, with individually affixed metal leaves, which applicants can purchase and have inscribed with their loved one's name and a short message. If the Committee were potentially interested in progressing this idea, we should be able to find a local business who can design and create this.

### Recommendations/Decision

The Committee is asked to consider the above suggestions and indicate whether it would potentially be interested in progressing any of them, or provide a direction as to the type of memorial it would wish to consider as an alternative to individual memorial benches and trees.