

RE-ENGRAVING OF LLANTWIT MAJOR CENOTAPH



The pictures above show Llantwit Major War Memorial prior to 2011. In this year Llantwit Major Town Council embarked on a project to refurbish the War Memorial. The first work undertaken was the professional cleaning of the Monument to remove all the biological growth that had formed on the Cenotaph and the book.

In December 2013 Llantwit Major Town Council resolved to apply for grants to look at re-engraving the letters on the Cenotaph and the Book as some of the letters have started to fade. It was hoped to get the work completed in 2014 to commemorate the World War 1 centenary.

The history of this war memorial dates back to October 1921 when the Memorial Cross was unveiled to commemorate all those fallen in World War 1.

The Cross was erected with the permission of the Marquis of Bute. The base is the only surviving part of the Town's ancient preaching cross which it is claimed was destroyed during the Reformation or by Cromwell's men. The residents of Llantwit Major raised the sum of £700 to pay for the Memorial Cross from the sale of china, a drawing competition and from subscriptions.

At the end of World War II residents again gave a shilling towards the further refurbishment of the Cross and the installation of the Memorial Stone Tablet.

Grants for the re-engraving the Cenotaph was generously received from the **War Memorial Trust** and **Cadw**. Work commenced in October 2014 on the hard carving of the lettering. Approximately 142 words were re-engraved. Pictured below is the work in progress.



All project work was completed in time for Remembrance Sunday on 9th November 2014. Pictures below show the fully restored Cenotaph in the centre of the historic town of Llantwit Major.

