



Illumination of War Memorial Recreation Ground trees

At the recent Christmas Lights Working Party meeting, there was recognition that the 11 ornamental trees on the southern boundary of the grounds had not received the desired sponsorship, or enquiries for such. This aspect had been offered for sponsorship for a number of years, but those organisations and companies engaged had channelled funds to the Station Road trees in the main.

If alternate trees were able to be illuminated this would not only benefit the Christmas Lights display but various events held during the year, giving an atmospheric entrance to the very centre of town and our prime event space. There is a 'missing' tree on the western side of the War Memorial and that will be replaced.

A known local contractor has been contacted and supplied the pricing below. An example of lighting type was provided noting that a change of colour would be preferable, include white and be a **stable single colour** once set. These would be mounted on a concrete pad to illuminate the southern face of the trees, and covered with a locked cage to prevent potential damage. This is a well used method to illuminate trees in public places.

Planning permission is expected to be required as the minimum illumination period is over 28 days per year, to cover the Christmas display. An enquiry has been submitted to New Forest District Council nonetheless.

WORKS REQUIRED

Extend feed from southern most power bollard along grass to a controlled bollard close to the main noticeboard. Loop from here to alternate tree, across to the far side of tree planted line. Lights to provide white / red / blue / green by selection.

Install lights and cages onto concrete pads. Lights on trees either side of War Memorial then alternate outwards.

Lighting products and fitting - £8,256.95 including VAT

Trenching works and backfill, concrete pad setting, cage fitting, plant and equipment hire for Estates & Facilities team - £1,000.00

Cage material and manufacture - £800.00

£10,056.95

Appendix 2



Afternoon All

The Lions and the Friends of New Milton Station are working on creating an Arts Trail around New Milton from 1st to 15th August. We hope this will promote both our local shops and our talented local artists. <https://www.newmilton.org.uk/arts-trail/>

We are asking local shops and venues to display a piece of art by a local artist either in their shop window or inside their premises. We will be printing a map which people can use to follow the trail and, of course, promoting it on social media, banners and posters. So far, we have some local shops, the Forest Arts, the Community Centre and the Memorial Hall interested in supporting the event.

The idea has come from the public consultations we undertook for the station buildings. We heard very clearly that people were interested in seeing more art in New Milton and also that local artists are crying out for space to exhibit. We are working on more ideas for art at the station but also would like to spread this out to the town.

We wondered whether the Town Council might consider displaying a piece of art in the Town Hall window? I think this is NFDC property so would welcome your ideas on who to approach about this. Also, if you have any thoughts and ideas on the project as a whole, please feel free to comment. It's a whole new initiative and we are open to all ideas!

Best wishes

