

Featherstone Town Council

Regenerating, Supporting & Caring for our Community

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Dear Supporter

A PLACE OF PEACE TO BE TOGETHER

Since the anniversary of the start of WW1 the Town Council has been working with various groups such as Featherstone Historical Group who created our booklet Featherstone in the First World War, Mr Roger Parkinson BEM Chairman of Wakefield Tree Warden Voluntary Group who arranged for 353 trees to be donated by the Woodland Trust and supervised planting them with the help of the four local junior schools.

The Town Council has worked together with Friends of Mill Pond Meadows who have supported the Council with their attendance at project meetings, and Beam who have helped to secure the artists and an Arts Council England Lottery grant award to enable Cod Steaks to engage local schools and design a new commemorative feature 'War Horse': 'A Place of Peace to be Together'. Also Wakefield Council which has allocated a space at Mill Pond Meadows for the trees and the significant art work.

We are now at a stage where we are seeking your help and support by creating evidence to submit to WREN for the funding in order that Cod Steaks can construct and install their beautiful design. (Please see attached).

The Council would be very grateful if you would sign the bottom of this letter and return this to us by 10th February 2017. (Please return by email, post or by hand to the Old Town Hall).



Ms Sue Coles MILCM
Town Clerk

We the undersigned fully support the Town Council in its request for Wren funding to create War Horse: 'A Place of Peace to be Together' where we can stay, enjoy, relax and remember.

Signed:
Address:

Thank you for your help.



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War Horse

...a place of peace to be together



The vast framework of WAR HORSE will be constructed in steel to ensure its longevity that will, in turn, support the intricately woven willow & finer sculptural detailing of the 'skin', really bringing it to life. The images below show similar construction techniques from our most recent public artworks, THE BRISTOL WHALES, which we will be using for Featherstone's WAR HORSE.

Concept image - approx. scale



Cod Steaks

WAR HORSE

in place of peace to be together

Following several months of research it is with great pleasure we present our concept for the forthcoming public artwork in Featherstone: **Wan Horse**.

Standing majestically at the edge of Mill Pond Meadows, by the convergence of the in-roads to Featherstone, War Horse will stand as a proud testimony to local heroes whose lives were lost in WW1. Moreover it will mark a sense of place in the meadow where people are drawn to meet, spend time in reflection or simply to enjoy the artwork's surroundings.

Designed and built by Cod Streaks, the artist will ensure the community in Featherstone makes its mark on the sculpture by involving local groups and schools through a series of hands-on workshops. Participation is welcomed and encouraged to ensure people feel a sense of ownership and pride in the artwork, and to celebrate the incredible community spirit that binds the people of Featherstone.

Wall Horse will be sculpted in steel, featuring recognisable machinery and artifacts, and clad in a woven skin of locally-grown willow. The imposing, dynamic artwork will be instantly recognisable from a distance, with even more to discover on closer inspection.

Standing at a striking 20ft tall, War Horse will be of a scale that enables visitors to walk underneath. Beautiful wild

to walk underneath. Beautiful wild poppies and French Bluebells will be planted symbolically around its feet to complement the recent tree planting by local school children, and integrate it seamlessly into the meadow.

This iconic, moving and visually stunning artwork can be enjoyed and read on many levels and, most importantly, will be accessible to all. We're thrilled to be working with Featherstone Town Council and the local community to bring this concept to life, and look forward to meeting you in the coming months. We hope you find this leaflet to be informative but if you have any queries we'd love to hear from you.

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for contact details)

