

Avonbridge WAR MEMORIAL

(SMR584)



Location: (NS 9108 7265) Originally on a small natural knoll beside the River Avon at the end of Blackston Road, on ground given by Charles Forbes of Callendar House. It was moved in 1964 to the junction of Main Street and Slamannan Road, where it was thought that it would be less prone to vandalism.

Description: An Ionic Cross of Aberdeen granite set on a rustic cairn. The cross-head has a simple interlace design and the shaft carries a sword. The inscriptions are confined to panels set into the cairn. That on the front commences "Erected to the memory of our lads who fell in the Great War 1914-1918". Later on a third panel was formed on one of the sides "Also of our lads who fell in world war 1939-1945".

Cost: £367 was collected, but the monument only cost £260.

Unveiled by: Mr Robert Forrester on Saturday 24th October 1920 and dedicated by Rev J R Garvie.

Names of the Fallen:

First World War: 33 men.

Andrew Baird, John Barr, Thomas Binnie, Robert Borthwick, Alexander Copland, Hamilton Dobbie, Andrew Duncan, Thomas Elliot, David Frickeleton, John Gilchrist, Thomas Hunter, John Kelso, William Kelso, David Lamond, John Lamond, Charles Main, Malcolm Marshall, John McDonald, Robert McDonald, Alexander McEwan, William McKechnie, Murdoch McKenzie, John Reid, James Reid, John Robertson, Peter Russell, James Thomson, Neil Thomson, George Wallace, John Watson, Davie Wilson, Peter Wilson, William Wood.

Second World War: 6 men.

George Wright, John Reynolds, John McFarlane, Joseph Williams, Robert C Taylor, Ninnian Y Clifford.