

Falkirk Iron Company WAR MEMORIAL



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In February 1921 the Falkirk Iron Company opened Ashwood Convalescent Home in Ferntower Road, Crieff, to be utilised as a house for invalid workers in the service of the company. This, both management and the workforce believed, would be the finest type of memorial to commemorate the sacrifice of the men connected with the works who fell in the Great War.

The Works already had a Benevolent Fund to make provision for ordinary cases of sickness and accident. It had sufficient credit to cover the initial expense and the directors of the Company added a contribution towards the cost of furnishing and maintenance. The Fund had previously sent recuperating patients to Kilmun. Ashwood would be open all year round and was put under the charge of a resident matron.

Robert Kidston, general manager of the Company, unveiled a memorial tablet in bronze at the building bearing the following inscription:

"Ashwood House – Purchased in 1920 by the Employees of the Falkirk Iron Company, as a Convalescent Home, in remembrance of their fellow workmen who laid down their lives in the Great War, 1914-1919."

The House is situated in the high part of Crieff, near the Hydropathic, in the shelter of the Knock. It contained three public and seven bedrooms, and offices, in half an acre of ground.