

Item 17 Request for a Memorial Bench/Plaque installation

Email from Parishioner (Personal details redacted):

Dear Mark Ramshaw,

I am writing to the Parish Council for West Rainton and Leamside for you to consider a request for a memorial seat/plaque in memory of my uncle Eric Embleton who was born in West Rainton.

As many residents of the area will have known my uncle. Throughout his life he always helped the locals by clearing snow from drives and paths, also he would plant flowers around West Rainton to make the village a welcoming happy place.

I am certain that you will have known my uncle who previously lived in Woodland View then in later life Burns Close.

I would like to propose options below for the parish to consider and possibly approve.

1. A memorial bench next to Burns Close made by Saint Margaret's in Durham City.
2. A plaque on a existing bench in and around West Rainton of the Parish choice.

The plaque would be, In memory of Eric Embleton who made the village a happier place.

These are my proposals.

I am aware of the memorial heart's in the cemetery which I have considered but that would be going against everything our Eric loved. He wasn't a religious man and always told me, "please never put me in the cemetery".

His word's were, "don't worry be happy".

I'm sure the residents would like what I've proposed.

My contact details are the email address above.

Thank you very much for taking time to consider this and I await your response whatever decision you may make.

Kind Regards

Clerks note: The Parishioner has advised that if the Parish Council is unable to fund the request then they would fund it themselves.