

Oliver's Battery Parish Council

Draft Policy for discussion and approval – Memorial benches in Oliver's Battery

October 2025

Context

Oliver's Battery Parish Council occasionally receives a request to install a memorial to a former, deceased resident of the parish.

Benches on the Battery itself and at the Recreation Ground have in the past been used for this purpose.

Recent memorial benches were approved for local people who made a significant contribution to the life of Oliver's Battery.

Whilst it is recognised that many residents may have enjoyed happy times at the Recreation Ground, or on the Battery, or in the parish itself, the Parish Council has considered the potential issue of 'overcrowding' of memorial benches.

Recommendation

The Parish Council will make decisions on any application to place a new memorial bench after requests have been discussed at a full Parish Council meeting.

Applications should be sent in the first instance to the Clerk.

The Parish Council will use the criteria that new memorial benches are for local people who have made a significant contribution to Oliver's Battery when deciding on any applications.

(Suggestion: we label the two 'free' benches at the Rec as 'Memorial Benches', with words explaining that these have been nominated as an 'Everybody's Memorial Bench', that is, that the bench is in memory of all former residents of Oliver's Battery, who looked out at the beautiful views surrounding our very special Parish.....)

CML October 4th 2005