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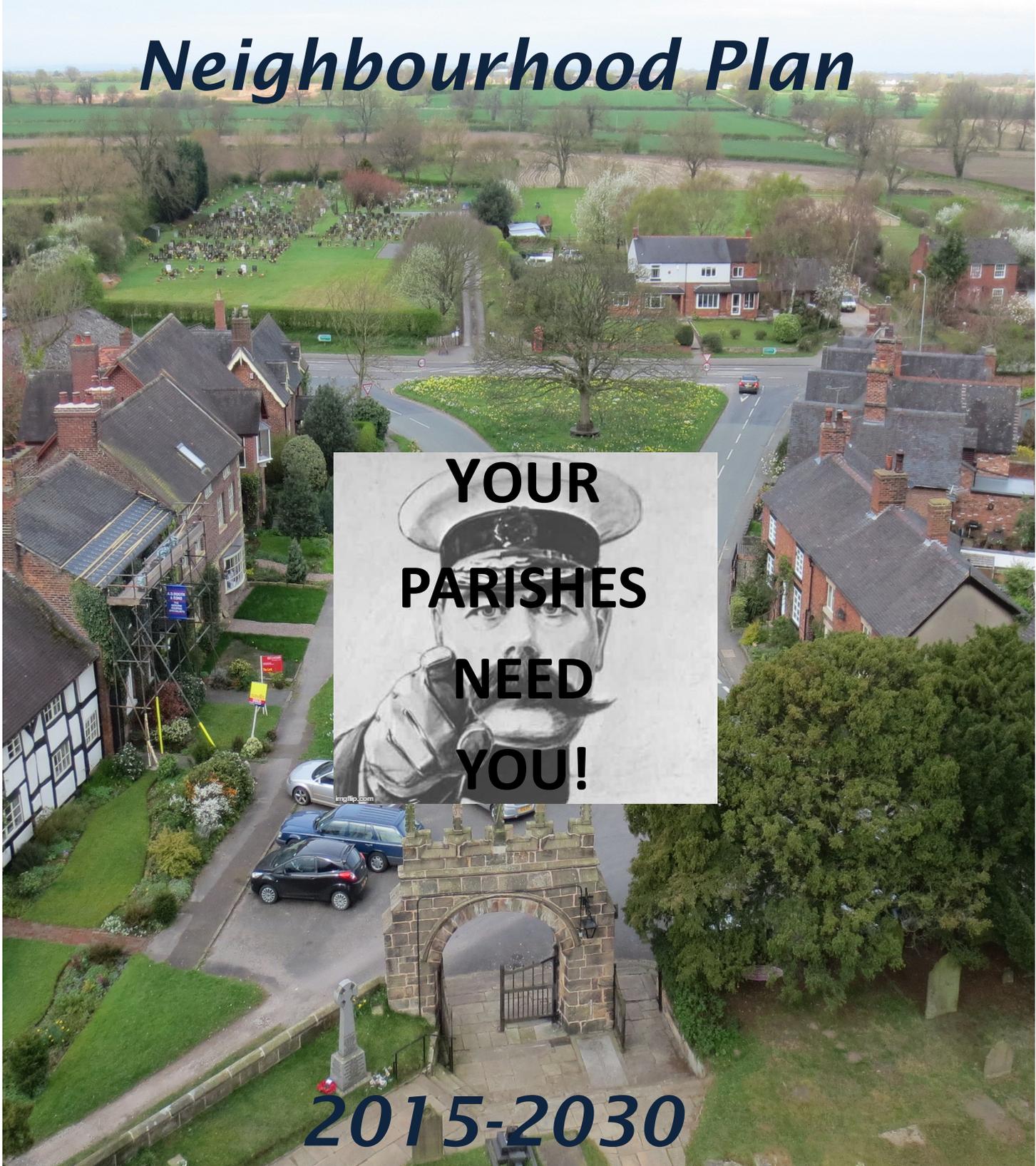
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# ***Astbury + Moreton Neighbourhood Plan***



**YOUR  
PARISHES  
NEED  
YOU!**

**2015-2030**

**The Astbury & Moreton Neighbourhood Plan is now about to reach the final Parish Referendum Stage for adoption having been approved by HM Planning Inspector, Mr. Andrew Freeman MRTPI.**

**Cheshire East Council will be organising the date, polling locations and announce details in the next few weeks.**

**Full details of the development trail of the Neighbourhood Plan and Planning Inspector's Report can be found on the Parish Council website. Briefly the Inspector supports the proposed plan and considers it appropriate for this rural area and in accordance with Residents' wishes as set out in the Consultation Statement.**

**The Referendum and adoption of the Neighbourhood Plan represents an opportunity for the Parish to exert control over the extent and type of development within its boundaries until 2030, both to encourage modest small scale residential, commercial and recreational activity but at the same time prevent harmful damaging, excessive exploitation and urban encroachment into the countryside by protecting the landscape and heritage in accordance with Parishioners' wishes expressed in the various surveys and meetings undertaken during the Plan's preparation.**

**The Referendum represents YOUR chance to vote to take control over the future environmental quality of life in the Parishes from now until 2030.**

**PLEASE SUPPORT THE  
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AND  
VOTE FOR ITS ADOPTION.**

Continuing the remembrance of two more of the men who laid down their lives for their country and whose names are on the War Memorial in Astbury Churchyard.

**Arthur** Ball, (born early 1890), weighing 126 pounds and of a height of 5 feet 9 inches, signed up in Congleton as Private 26511 of the Cheshire Regiment, just after his 25th birthday, on the 25th May 1915. He described himself as living at Astbury Marsh, a carter and as being unmarried.

**Arthur's** parents, Samuel Ball (born 1857 in Congleton) and Annie Ball nee Beckett/Sanderson (born 1857 in Smallwood) had married 7 years earlier on the 27th. May 1883 at St. Peter's Church in Congleton. Samuel's father Henry was a silk weaver and Annie's father (William Sanderson) was a farmer. On his marriage certificate Samuel states that he was a shoemaker and this follows on all the census returns, where he is described as a shoemaker, cordwainer or boot and shoe maker. When he got married Samuel was living with his parents in Spragg St. Congleton. When he married Annie they set up home at 19 Union Street, Congleton and by 1901 they had moved next door to number 17, where **Arthur** was still living on the 1911 census. (shown below)

Marriage was soon followed a few months later by the first child, William Henry, baptised 31/10/1883, at St. Peter's, Emma Elizabeth baptised 23/9/1885, St. Peter's, Frank 31/8/1887 St. Peters. I have been unable to find a baptism of **Arthur** born 1890, or his younger siblings Albert born 1893 and John Thomas, born 1896, (but buried 10 months later on 4/7/1897 at St. Peter's.) **Arthur's** parents sadly didn't live long enough to know about the First World War, or the fact their son would sign up and unfortunately be killed, as Samuel was buried at St. Peter's 29/10/1902 aged only 46, and Annie was buried at the same place aged 52 on 13/4/1910.

**Arthur** served in the 10th. Cheshire Regiment and was wounded in action (no details) on 13/7/1916. He was promoted to Lance Corporal on 24/9/1917. He appears to have been a machine gunner. Sadly he was killed in action on 22nd. March 1918 and is remembered at the Arras Memorial. The ARRAS MEMORIAL commemorates almost 35,000 servicemen from the United Kingdom, South Africa and New Zealand who died in the Arras sector between the spring of 1916 and 7 August 1918, the eve of the Advance to Victory, and have no known grave.



Arras Memorial

BALL, Lce. Cpl. Arthur, 26511. 10th Bn. Cheshire Regt. 22nd March, 1918. Age 28. Son of Samuel and Annie Ball, of 17, Union St., Congleton, Cheshire.

1911 Census: 17, Union Street, Congleton, Cheshire.					
Name	Relationship	Condition	age	Where born	Occupation
Emma Elizabeth BALL	Daughter	Single	25	Congleton, Cheshire	Cigar sorter
Frank BALL	Son	Single	23	Congleton, Cheshire	Foreman cigar maker
ARTHUR BALL	Son	Single	21	Congleton, Cheshire	Painter's labourer
Albert BALL	son	single	18	Congleton, Cheshire	Cotton towel weaver

**Walter Mellor**, 26 years old, was killed in action on 10th April 1918, or 20th April 1918 (the date seems to be uncertain, as unfortunately his body was not recovered) He was the only son of Frederick and Annie Mellor of Pot Bank House, Astbury. He was Private 59523 of the 11th. Battalion of the Cheshire Regiment. He enlisted in Poplar, London whilst he was a member of the Metropolitan Police Force.

**Walter's** parents married at Astbury Church on 13/4/1891. His father Frederick Mellor, was 28 a farmer of Astbury (his father was James, a miner) and Walter's mother was Ann Booth, 20 of Astbury (her father was William, also a miner) **Walter** was baptised in Astbury church on the 11th October 1891, followed by his siblings; Ellen M baptised 29/10/1893 at Astbury and Beatrice Annie baptised 15/2/1899 at Astbury. He also had an older sister Florence who was baptised as Florence Mellor Booth on the 17th December 1889 also at Astbury.

**Walter's** grandparents James and Leah Mellor (nee Chaddock, married in Biddulph in 1861) are shown on the censuses as living on Mow Lane (1871-1891) where James is a coal miner. By the time of the 1901 census, they were living at Brick House farm, near to Astbury school. James is also there in 1911, but sadly Leah has passed away at this point. On that census, **Walter's** mother, Ann is shown as living at Brick House farm (with daughters Florence and Beatrice), as housekeeper to her aged father. **Walter** is still living at home and assisting his father Frederick, who was running a coal merchant's in Newbold Astbury. At some point after this **Walter** must have moved south to join the Metropolitan Police Force. His other grandparents William and Martha Booth are living on Mow Lane, where William is shown as a miner or farmer. On the 1901 census they are at Holly Wood Farm near Edge Hill, Newbold.

**Walter** is remembered on the TYNE COT MEMORIAL which bears the names of almost 35,000 officers and men whose graves are not known. The memorial, designed by Sir Herbert Baker with sculpture by Joseph Armitage and F.V. Blundstone, was unveiled by Sir Gilbert Dyett on 20 June 1927.



Tyne Cot Memorial

MELLOR, Pte. Walter, 59523. 11th Bn. Cheshire Regt. 20th April, 1918. Age 26. Only son of Fredrick and Annie Mellor, of Pot Bank House, Astbury, Congleton, Cheshire. A member of Metropolitan Police Force.



**Walks and Wildlife**

South of Congleton



**With this Newsletter we are including your free copy of Walks around the area. We hope you enjoy it!**

**Parish Council Meetings 2017:** July 12th./August 9th./ September 14th./October 12th/November 8th.

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We meet in Astbury Village Hall on the 2nd. Wednesday of every month at 7.30 pm. Please feel free to come along.

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