



STONE PARISH CHURCH
~ St. Mary the Virgin ~

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Dear Robin,

Please accept and pass on to the directors of Land Logical my sincere thanks for and appreciation of what you have done in sponsoring and enabling the restoration and rededication one hundred years on of the memorial cross that was the parish's original war memorial.

In the first place you have lifted the shame that hung over Stone for the vandalised state in which that cross was allowed to fall. Secondly you have taken responsibility for a piece of our heritage and succeeded when other initiatives to restore or relocate the memorial failed and you have given it a landscape setting that justifies the decision of the original war memorial committee to place the monument in such an unusual position. It was always meant to be by the road, pointing the way towards the battlefields where so many fell. And thirdly you have filled in the story of how it was created with that informative history using the materials preserved in the community by different individuals.

Thank you for allowing me to take part in the position of my predecessor, Roger Dalison, and for acknowledging his financial input! And for inviting the others and entertaining us so royally. It was for us who were privileged to attend an immensely fulfilling occasion, and so blessed by a string of meaningful touches, not least the guard of honour on the horizon provided by your digger drivers. Please do share this expression of thanks to all concerned.

In the years to come and as the landscape settles into its new shape, I trust that all of Stone's parishioners may benefit from the work that was dedicated yesterday, and that you also may take pleasure and pride in contemplating the old Stone war memorial as the crown in a career of many achievements, whereby you have restored honour to a whole community.

Yours sincerely,

KW CLARK