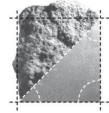
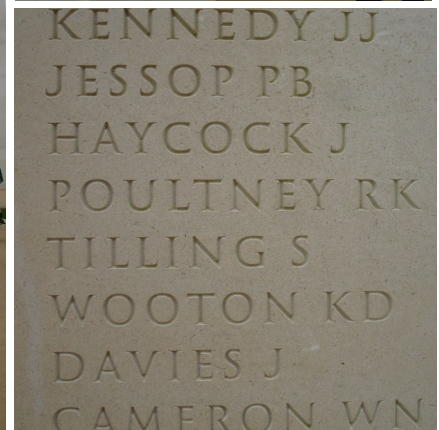


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The National Memorial Arboretum, Staffordshire



Architect/Designer:
Liam O'Connor Architects

Client:
The Armed Forces Memorial Trust

Main Contractor:
Osbourne

Location:
Staffordshire

Portland Stone:
Bowers Basebed

Scope of Project:
Large memorial for the Armed Forces.

The Memorial is located at the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire, where there are already a number of Service-related memorials.

The Memorial itself is a stunning piece of architecture being formed of a circular structure 43 meters in diameter formed by curved Portland Stone walls, which sits on a 6-metre high earth mound in the form of a barrow or tumulus.

Together with McConnells, Albion Stone assisted Liam with costings and the design of the stonework through the successful competition process, and onto the construction phase.

Albion provided over 250m³ of the finest quality Portland Bowers

Basebed for the panels. To meet Liam's design criteria these panels all needed to be 1,125mm and 1,350mm high, which involved opening a new section of the quarry to ensure we kept a consistent supply of high blocks.

These blocks were slabbed at Albion's factory ready for shipment to McConnell's works in Northern Ireland for letter carving. This was done by computer controlled machines and proved a complicated process to ensure a consistent depth to the individual letters on the curved sections of the stone.

This project received 'Award' for the category 'Design and Technology Innovation' at the Natural Stone Awards 2008.

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