



## King Edward VII Memorial Gate

Report 7<sup>th</sup> October 2017

The necessary funds to commence the project have now been raised and we are currently working with the Parks and Playgrounds and the Procurement departments of Harrogate Borough Council to obtain tenders for the work on site. If all goes according to programme we hope to have tenders returned on 30<sup>th</sup> October. Thereafter we should be able to appoint a contractor within two to three weeks and it is hoped some preparatory works can be completed on site before the long Christmas shutdown which construction companies traditionally enjoy.

The two cast iron gates are currently being restored in advance of the main works on site by Kendrew Architectural Metalwork in Harrogate. The work is very nearly complete but some new cast iron rosettes are required to replace the ten or so original rosettes which have cracked and broken. We believe the damage was done when the gates were left in contact with the ground after their removal from King's Road and corrosion over twenty years has taken its toll. Replacement rosettes are being re-cast at a foundry in Scotland and we hope they will be delivered towards the end of October so that the gate restoration can be completed.

As well as the restoration of the gate we are redesigning and replanting the two rose beds to create a Peace Garden which will commemorate the centenary of the armistice of the First World War in November 2018. Design work is currently ongoing by the Friends in conjunction with HBC.

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