

Memorial Square and the Memorial Clock Tower facts and figures

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Memorial Clock Tower - key facts

The Memorial Clock Tower was unveiled on 31 October 1925.

The Clock Tower base is approximately **4 metres wide**.

It stands **21 metres** above the pavement level.

In **1987** a radio-controlled clock replaced the original electric clock.

The Clock Tower still has the original clock dials on each side and the original bell which chimes on the hour.

The Clock Tower has a concrete base and is built with **54,000 bricks**.



Above: 50th Anniversary Memorial
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There is a total of **seven commemorative tablets** with soldier's names on the Memorial Clock Tower and the wing walls

On three sides of the Clock Tower there is a tablet with the names of those from the Coalville Urban Area who gave their lives in the First World War.

On 24 September 1950 additional tablets were added on each of the four wing wall to commemorate those service men who had died in the Second World War.

In April 1996 a commemorative stone that marks the **50th anniversary** of the end of the Second World War was installed by the Whitwick Branch of the Royal British Legion.

In 2014, two new granite blocks and plinths were installed for those who have given their lives since the end of the Second World War.

There are two more tablets on the Clock Tower on either side of the door which state:

This tower was erected by the inhabitants of the district.

In memory of the men who went from the Coalville Urban Area.

Memorial Square

Memorial Square was created when the Clock Tower was constructed in 1925. At this time the Memorial was located in the middle of a kerbed island with Yorkshire crazy paving.

By 1947 Memorial Square had been redesigned to include a large traffic island and a flower bed to the north of the Tower that was bounded by a hedge and known as the Garden of Remembrance.

Prior to 1984 the hedge was removed and replaced with a wall.

In 2000 the road to the east of the Clock Tower was pedestrianised.



Above: East side of Memorial Square
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Protected by law

In April 2010 the Memorial Clock Tower was listed as Grade II by Historic England; this means that it is protected by the law and it can't be altered in any way or demolished without permission.

In June 2014 Memorial Square and the Memorial Clock Tower also became recognised as part of the Coalville Conservation Area. This means that they get special care from North West Leicestershire District Council because they are important for remembering those who died in the two World Wars, as well as being an important architectural structure.

The Clock Tower and Memorial Square are also included in the Coalville Conservation Area because they are in viewing range of the old Snibson Colliery, the remains of the old railway station and because it can be seen from each of the four roads coming into the town.

Finally, it is a significant public space, where people can meet, sit and contemplate.

Glossary

Commemorative / commemorate	Acting as a memorial of a person or event (to commemorate)
Conservation	To care for and protect something, which is often important to our history
Plaque	An ornamental tablet fixed to a wall to commemorate a person or event
Plinth	An ornamental tablet fixed to a wall to commemorate a person or event
Pedestrianise	Close off a street so that people can only walk down it