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NEW MEMORIAL GARDEN HONOURING 281 GODALMING WW1 MEN

Work has been carried out over the summer months by the Godalming Joint Burial Committee to build a new memorial garden in the Victorian Nightingale Road Cemetery. As part of the commemorations over the weekend of the 100th anniversary of the Armistice, Councillor Nick Williams, Mayor of Godalming, will officially open the newly created Memorial Garden at 11.00am on Saturday, 10 November.

Based on an idea from Councillor David Hunter, the memorial garden will serve to honour the 281 men from Godalming who died in the Great War, together with all those in the Godalming community who were affected by the war.

The garden has been designed by Michele Clackson who won a competition organised by the Godalming Association's Godalming in Bloom Committee with the support of the Godalming Joint Burial Committee who constructed the winning design. The garden design brief included the necessity to provide a garden of interest for visitors throughout the year and a space for peace, relaxation and contemplation whilst remembering the sacrifices that were made by the local community during the First World War. The Godalming Joint Burial Committee hopes people will enjoy the peace and tranquillity within this garden and wishes to invite members of our community, especially those connected with the 281 fallen of Godalming, to join them at the official opening.

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Notes to editors:

Entry requirements and brief on the Godalming in Bloom Garden Design competition can be found at <http://www.godalming.org.uk/index.php?page=godalming-armistice-memorial-garden>

