



Newton's
Heritage Art
Project

Thames Memorial

To lives lost in the River Thames

Currently no remembrance structure exists for mourners who have lost their loved ones in the River Thames. Now, a small group of sympathisers have gathered together with the aim of creating a remembrance structure as a point of focus where people can remember loved-ones who have perished in the river.

According to Wapping Police records, an estimated number of 5,000 people have died in the Thames since WW2. Even today, it is estimated an average of 50 lives are lost in the Thames every year, leaving behind many bewildered, grieving loved-ones.

Five years ago Val Hill was informed that her son, Daniel had been found dead in the Thames at Westminster. The family were traumatised by their loss. Val struck a chord with the retired police officer saying "When you have suffered a bereavement, you look for comfort and anything that will bring you closer to your loved one, but when that person has lost their life in the river there is no one place of focus where a grieving person can go to remember a loved one....There is nothing at all"..... And so the idea was born.

The Thames Well Wishing Memorial will be created by Newton's Heritage Art Project and has led to the launching of a new initiative within the capital. The aim of this unique project is to erect a new memorial in Central London, dedicated to every victim.

Creative Organiser **Clare Newton**, a local artist who has already achieved many outstanding large community-engagement projects for the Olympics and East London, and Ex-River Police Officer, **Rob Jeffries**, are heading up the project and managing the many public events to raise funds and seek a permanent site for the Memorial.



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How we are doing: Rob Jeffries Project coordinator

“When the project started, I little realised what complications would lie ahead, but together with our project leader, Clare Newton, we have managed to secure enough funding now to actually design and manufacture a memorial tablet in stone with the possibility of inseting with glass or enamel for the river if we raise more.

Excitingly, we have now gained an agreement that our memorial tablet will be erected in All Hallows by the Tower Church at Tower Hill within the City of London. This is a wonderful location which will provide security and easy access to the memorial in a prestigious location, close to the river. Also the Curator at Southwark Cathedral offers to hold an annual service for all victims who have died in the river.

However we need to secure a further £2,000 to complete our ambition and erect the memorial within the church.

Our Activity plan to once more be inviting donations for refreshments when the Thames Police Museum opens its doors (between 11am and 5pm) to take part in **London Open House on Saturday and Sunday 17th and 18th September.**

But also urgently need YOUR SUPPORT with any small donations.

People who are interested in finding out more about the Memorial Project can view images and videos <http://thamesmemorial.wix.com/fund>

OR find more information regarding **make a DONATION to** memorial by e-mailing : **robertjeffries@aol.com**

Thank you we are very grateful for your consideration