

The 'Old' Gosfield war memorial

1927 – 2019

The War Memorial, which stood in the exact same spot as the one you see today in Church Road outside the village hall, was erected at the request and expense of Mrs Louisa Ruth LOWE of Gosfield Hall in 1927.

Mrs Lowe was the adopted daughter of Samuel and Ellen Courtauld who owned the Hall and surrounding estate in Gosfield, When Samuel died in 1881 Lousia inherited the estate. She married Colonel Arthur Swann Howard Lowe in 1865. Throughout her life she was a philanthropist with a passion for the village and was very much loved and respected.

The original memorial is built into the wall inside St Catherine's Church opposite the main door where it can be seen today, this is made from grey granite and was by kind subscription of the members of the Parish of Gosfield in commemoration of the fallen of the Great War.

The 'new' memorial was constructed out of oak, some of which came from an old navy sailing ship which was, in its later years, a training ship which saw future kings of England amongst its crew. Mrs LOWE was very much of the opinion that the village should have a memorial in a central location that would be seen by everyone and where on the 11th of November, Armistice Day, the village could gather to pay their respects to the men who gave their all in the ultimate sacrifice for king and country.

