

Foundation Adoptiongraves Nederweert War Cemetery started

After months of preparation, we are proud to announce that the new adoption register will replace the old register. With the permission of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, the aim is to provide all graves in the future with an adoptor.

Adoptors wanted

In the Second World War the liberation of the municipality of Nederweert was a fact in mid-November 1944. Many British soldiers who fell in Nederweert and surroundings and then on their way to Venlo were buried in the British Military Cemetery, Mgr. Kreijelmannsstraat in Nederweert. Many crews who died in plane crashes also found their final resting place here. They came from the United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland) and from countries of the British Commonwealth (Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and India). A total of 363 graves remind us of the sacrifices made for our liberation. After the liberation, an adoption register was established. This "old" register is now being digitally renewed.

Renewal of old adoption register

Have you already adopted one or more graves in the past? Please send us a message via adoptiegravennederweert@gmail.com We will contact you as soon as possible.

Do you want to adopt a grave?

Then fill in the registration form at the SIGN UP page on our website <https://adoptiongravesnederweert.com>. After allocation you are asked to make a one-off payment of 10 euros. You will receive a certificate of adoption and the house rules. For Dutch adoptors it is a requirement to visit the adoption grave and lay flowers between 10 am and 12 noon before the annual november commemoration and, if possible, to be present. This commemoration is always held on the Saturday which is closest to november 11. This year the memorial will take place on november the 14th at 3 p.m. A misunderstanding is often that maintenance must be carried out by the adopter. This is certainly not the case. The maintenance of the cemetery is taken care of by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Tribute

This new initiative is a tribute to those who had the courage to fight for the freedom and rights of their fellow human beings. The freedom and rights that our society sometimes nonchalantly deals with today. The initiative is supported by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, the Bond van Wapenbroeders dept. Ospel, the Municipality of Nederweert and is already finding widespread interest among the residents of Nederweert and far beyond.

The patron of the foundation is mr. Hubert Mackus, Provincial Executive in Limburg and the patroness is mrs. Julia Wells-Harden (daughter of Henry Eric Harden - holder of the Victoria Cross).

The board consists of:

Niek Hendrix - chairman, Wiel Mackus- secretary - treasurer, Jermain Nicholls - board member and Marcus Vankan - board member.

Working Group on Adoption Graves - Jermain Nicholls and Engelbert van Essen

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