

*Haughton remembers the men of Haughton who are commemorated on the
War Memorial*

The Redferns

Private John George Redfern – 9445 – B Company, 1st Battalion – North Staffordshire Regiment

Killed in action by a shell at Ypres on July 9th 1915, aged 21

Son of John and Jane Redfern, who were living in Booden Cottages, Haughton in 1911

Buried at Potijze Burial Ground Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium and commemorated on Haughton War Memorial and on a plaque, plaque and Roll of Honour in the Church of St Giles, Haughton

Company Sergeant Major Alfred Redfern DMC – 8555 – 1st Battalion – North Staffordshire Regiment

Died at the Battle of Loos on November 26th 1916

Son of John and Jane Redfern, who were living in Booden Cottages, Haughton in 1911

Married Hattie Bancroft of Haughton on January 27th 1916

Commemorated at the Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, on Haughton War Memorial and on a plaque and Roll of Honour in the Church of St Giles, Haughton

Sergeant William Gordon Redfern – 86 – Royal Army Medical Corps attached to 29th Royal Field Artillery

Killed in action on April 25th 1917, aged 30

Son of John and Jane Redfern, who were living in Booden Cottages, Haughton in 1911

Buried at Hervin Farm British Cemetery, St Laurent-Blangy, France and commemorated on Haughton War Memorial and on a plaque and Roll of Honour in the Church of St Giles, Haughton

The Butlers

Lance Corporal William Henry Butler – 18909 – 8th Battalion – North Staffordshire Regiment

Died at the Battle of the Somme on July 3rd 1916, aged 23

Son of Charles and Lucy Butler of Allimore Green, Haughton

Commemorated at Thiepval Memorial, on Houghton War Memorial and on a plaque and Roll of Honour in the Church of St Giles, Haughton

Rifleman Thomas Butler – 6529 – 1st/8th Battalion – West Yorkshire Regiment

Died at the Battle of the Somme on September 24th 1916, aged 36

Son of Charles and Lucy Butler of Allimore Green, Haughton

Commemorated at Thiepval Memorial, on Houghton War Memorial and on a plaque and Roll of Honour in the Church of St Giles, Haughton

Private Frank Abberley – 23895 – 1st Battalion – Gloucestershire Regiment

Died at the Battle of the Somme on September 9th 1916, aged 29

Son of Thomas and Charlotte Abberley of Booden Cottages, Haughton

Buried at Delville Wood Cemetery, Longueval, France. Commemorated on Houghton War Memorial and on a plaque and Roll of Honour in the Church of St Giles, Haughton

Lance Corporal Frederick James Elton – 25798 – 18th Battalion – The King's Liverpool Regiment

Killed in action on April 9th 1917 whilst leading forward his section at the Casualty Clearing Station at Santy in Artois

Buried at Neuville-Vitasse Road Cemetery, Pas de Calais and commemorated on Houghton War Memorial, on a plaque and Roll of Honour in the Church of St Giles, Haughton and on a plaque at King Edward VI Grammar School Hall, Stafford

Born in 1894. Son of Frank and Mary Jane Elton of Haughton Old Hall, Haughton. Uncle of Ivor Elton and great-uncle of John and Mark Elton (still resident in Haughton). Bank employee at Barclay's Bank, Liverpool

Grave visited by Mark Elton and poppy left. Memory honoured by Fred's name read out at Tower of London 2014 and ceramic poppy purchased – 'Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red' commemoration

Carpenter's Crew William Fowell – M/24212 – Royal Navy – HMS Pembroke II – Royal Naval Air Station, Eastchurch, Sheppey

Died of illness at Chatham Hospital on December 17th 1917, aged 23

Married to Lucy Ann Fowell, Park Head, Haughton

Buried in St Giles Churchyard, Haughton and commemorated on The Royal Navy Roll of Honour, on Houghton War Memorial and on a plaque and Roll of Honour in the Church of St Giles, Haughton

The Moulds

Private John Thomas Mould – 115815 – 55th Battalion – Machine Gun Corps

Died May 6th 1918, aged 19

Son of William and Rose Mould of Long Lane, Haughton

Commemorated on the Loos Memorial, France, on Haughton War Memorial and on a plaque and Roll of Honour in the Church of St Giles, Haughton

Private William Mould – 29317 – 1st East Lancashire Regiment

Died on December 9th 1918 at Schreidemult Prison War Hospital Section, Plottkerstrasse (City/Town not known) Germany

Husband of Emily Frances Mould of Haughton

Buried in Berlin Southern Cemetery, Germany and commemorated on Haughton War Memorial and on a plaque and Roll of Honour in the Church of St Giles, Haughton

Shoeing Smith Arthur George Parker – 66578 – 153rd Field Company – Royal Engineers

Died June 5th 1919 aged 29

Son of George and Annie Maria and husband of May Parker. Native of Birkenhead

Buried in St Giles Churchyard, Haughton and commemorated on Haughton War Memorial and on a plaque and Roll of Honour in the Church of St Giles, Haughton

Haughton remembers those of our families and friends from other parishes

Private Tom Jackson – 50644 – 2nd/5th Battalion – Lancashire Fusiliers

Two young friends, Albert Lockley (from Woodseaves) and Tom Jackson (from Seighford), enlisted on the same day to serve their country together. Both joined the North Staffordshire Regiment. Unfortunately, Tom was transferred to the Lancashire Fusiliers, where he paid the ultimate price and was killed in the Flanders conflict on April 26th 1918. Albert came home and later married Tom's sister, Mabel Jackson. Tom's name can be seen on the memorial inside Seighford church. He lived at Laundry Cottage, part of the Seighford Hall estate. This dwelling was later demolished to accommodate the airfield. Tom's mother was in service and did all the laundry for the Dobson family of Seighford Hall.

The Sharmans

James Sharman was the son of Henry and Mary Sharman who moved from South Luffenham, Rutland to Stonebroom in Derbyshire in the 1870s. They lived in Chapel Street. Mary died in 1891 and Henry married Eliza, who became Sidney's mother.

Lance Sergeant Sidney Sharman – 2206 – 1st/6th Battalion Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment (The Sherwood Foresters)

Sidney was the younger half-brother of James Sharman. He was born in Stonebroom in 1895, worked as a coal miner, and married at the age of 19. Sydney enlisted voluntarily in Clay Cross and arrived in France in February 1915. He was posted missing on July 1st 1916 and was killed in action on that day during the Battle of the Somme. He was 21 years old. He is remembered on the Thiepval Memorial in France, on Tibshelf War Memorial and on a plaque in the church of his home village. His widow, Sarah, remarried 5 years after his death.

Private James Sharman – 887393 – 15th Battalion – Infantry (Central Ontario Regiment)

James grew up in the small Derbyshire village of Stonebroom, beginning his working life as a pony driver in a coal mine. In 1911, at the age of almost 24, he emigrated to Saskatchewan, Canada, going ahead to set up a new life as a farmer, where his fiancée, Ethel, would join him. War intervened, James enlisted in the Canadian Army in January 1916, returned to England in October 1916, married Ethel, and was posted in the following spring to France. He was there for four months before he was killed in action on the first day of the Battle of Hill 70, August 15th 1917. At first he was reported as 'wounded and missing'. He has no known grave and is remembered on the Vimy Memorial, Pas-de-Calais. Ethel never remarried and remained a widow in her home village for more than 50 years.

The Nunneys

These men were all great-grandsons of James and Jane Nunney, who moved from Filkins in Oxfordshire to Hazleton in Gloucestershire in the 1820s.

Private Ernest Victor Stephen Nunney – 16068 – 10th Battalion – The Gloucestershire Regiment

Ernest was born in Pamington, Gloucestershire, the only child of James Nunney and his second wife Helen, and grandson of John and Sarah Nunney. Ernest's father was a railway worker who was killed by a train in 1906 when Ernest was 12. Ernest worked on the railway, too. He was killed in action at the Battle of Loos on September 25th 1915. He is commemorated on the Loos Memorial, on Ashchurch War Memorial and on a plaque in Tewkesbury Methodist Chapel. A newspaper report stated that he was a widow's only son, a Wesleyan and a Sunday School teacher. He was 21.

Driver James Sydney Nunney – 14th Reserve Battery – Royal Field Artillery

James Sydney was born in Up Hatherley, Gloucestershire, the son of James and Sarah Nunney and grandson of Isaac and Sarah Nunney. His family were farmers and James Sydney had worked on his father's farm in Badgeworth and as an under groom. He died of illness, at the age of 22, on January 30th 1915 at Portsmouth, where he was buried in Highland Road Cemetery. He is commemorated on the Roll of Honour in Holy Trinity Church, Badgeworth. His brother Harry's name also appears on the plaque, but he appears to have survived the war and was Commemorated in Error.

Private Alfred George Nunney – 44777 – 75th Company – Labour Corps

Alfred was born in 1897 in Cinderford. He was the son of Arthur and Charlotte Nunney and grandson of Frederick and Hannah Nunney of Abinghall. He enlisted in Hereford. He died on September 22nd 1917 and was buried at Vlamertinghe New Military Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. He is remembered on the War Memorial in Cinderford.

Petty Officer 1st Class Sidney Stratford – RFR/CH/A/1663 – 142720 – HM Trawler 'Alberta'

Sydney (his usual and birth spelling) was brought up in Poulton, near Fairford, one of the large family of Henry and Susannah Stratford. The family were mainly farm labourers, but Sydney moved north and became a Royal Navy coastguard rather than work on the railways when agricultural work became scarce. He married his wife, Elizabeth, in Grimsby in 1899. The trawler 'Alberta' was requisitioned by the Admiralty and converted for minesweeping. Sydney was in command when it hit a mine and was lost off Grimsby with all 7 crew on April 14th 1916. His body was recovered and he was buried in Scartho Road Cemetery, Grimsby. He is remembered on the Roll of Honour in the Church of St James, Grimsby and on Poulton War Memorial Cross. He died a few days after his 45th birthday.

Lance Corporal Walter Ashley – 242041 – 2nd/5th Battalion – The Gloucestershire Regiment

Enlisted in Leek

Died at Amiens on March 31st 1918

Commemorated on Pozieres Memorial, Somme, France and on the Nicholson Memorial, Leek

Private William John Wallace – Military Medal
3rd Battalion of the Australian Infantry
Died 23rd August 1918 aged 23

William was born in Liverpool, but family legend says that he stowed away to Australia to start a new life when he was only 15 years old

Medal Citation

Taken from the Commonwealth Gazette No189 (8 November 1917)

“At Bullecourt, France, Pte Wallace was in charge of a Lewis Gun team assisting a bombing attack. He bombed a party of the enemy and drove them back in order to get a good position for his gun. He then brought up his gun and supported the bombers with splendid results. Later during enemy counter attack, he kept his gun in action until it was blown out by a bomb”.

Active Service

July – December 1916 – Battle of the Somme

March – May 1917 – Battle of Arras – Wounded and awarded MM

April – August 1918 – Battle of the Lys / Battle of Amiens / Battle of Albert – William was killed in this battle near the village of Cappy

Great Uncle to Suzanne Beatty and Great Great Uncle to
Poppy, Edward and Lawrence Beatty

Private William Harry Davis – 235602 – The King’s (Liverpool) Regiment

Enlisted in Northampton

Died March 5th 1919

Buried at Dallington Cemetery, Northampton

Tom and Len Hooper

Lost in the Somme

Always in our hearts