



Every Man Remembered Sculpture

Client: The Royal British Legion

Designer: Mark Humphrey

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Everyman Remembered – situated at Trafalgar Square during Remembrance Sunday before embarking on a 4 year tour of the UK.

Bay Plastics were approached by artist Mark Humphrey to design, manufacture, and install a 7 meter high obelisk and its functionality to compliment his bronze sculpture of the Centenary Soldier as part of the Royal British Legion Everyman Remembered project. The soldier stands in a field of poppies, the poppies flutter up and softly fall, paying tribute to each and everyone for their sacrifices made.



Inspired by a 14 year old girl scout following a battlefield tour of France and Belgium and because of her incredible compassion towards the 1,117,077 Commonwealth Service men and women who lost their lives during the First World War, the Everyman Remembered project is a very special project that Bay Plastics Ltd are honoured to have been a part of.

Utilising extensive plastics expertise gathered over twenty five years in business, 20mm Clear Cast Perspex® Acrylic sheet was chosen as the ideal material for the project due to its clarity, impact strength and excellent fabrication properties.

At over 7 metres high, structural integrity was required to accommodate wind loadings and adverse weather conditions, so Bay Plastics teamed up with a local steel fabricator Motech Engineering Ltd. The decision was taken, in order to enable transportation and portability, to construct the obelisk in 3 sections using stainless steel box section and angle to produce a skeleton framework onto which the Perspex panels were fixed.



Extensive research was then required to establish the mechanism by which the poppy petals would be circulated around the statue. After much experimentation, the correct combination of fans and sequencing was achieved resulting in the magnificent spectacle that is the Centenary Soldier.

Transport, logistical and installation support was provided by another North East company, Vanguard 2001 whose experience and professionalism proved invaluable in the delivering of the project.



Bay Plastics Managing Director Michael Currell commented “We are proud to have contributed to this marvellous piece of art which so poignantly honours the fallen. We have worked with Mark on previous projects and had no hesitation in offering our support and expertise. We encourage everybody to get involved in the Everyman Remembered project”.

In this centenary year The Royal British Legion and The Commonwealth War Graves Commission are working to keep alive the memory of those who fell in the First World War. The aim is for every single man and woman from across the Commonwealth who fell to be individually commemorated by those alive today.

To take part in a truly historic and incredibly significant act of Remembrance, visit <http://www.everymanremembered.org/> to make your donation.

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