



Chairman:
HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR OF DERBY

" THE WAR MEMORIAL VILLAGE DERBY

(REGISTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WAR CHARITIES
ACT 1940 AND THE NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948)

A MODEL VILLAGE FOR THE DISABLED

Registered Office:
THE MAYOR'S PARLOUR
THE COUNCIL HOUSE
DERBY

Hon Secretary:
MR. JOHN HILL
Tel.: Derby 2477, Ex. 4



28th April, 1952.

Dear Mr. Benzeval,

As you are probably aware, the first instalment of sixteen Houses and four Bungalows has now been completed at the War Memorial Village in Sinfen Avenue, Allenton, and all are occupied by 100% disability Ex-Servicemen and their Families.

On Saturday, May 10th, a most interesting and unique Ceremony will be held when twenty Donors who have contributed £1,250 to cover the cost of building each House will meet the Tenants and officially open and inspect their donated House before inspecting the layout of the Village and grounds, and the planting of a Tree by Lt.-Col. Carter of the 18th Parachute Regiment, who has given a number of Trees for planting in the Village in memory of his Comrades who fell in the War.

As a War Memorial this Village, which is costing £100,000 and towards which we have so far received £70,000, is the only one of its kind in the Midlands and, I believe there is only one other of a similar nature in the Country, namely, at Lancaster.

The Members of the War Memorial Council and I feel that this great work being undertaken in appreciation of the Services rendered by Members of the Armed Forces and Industry, and as a Memorial to those who gave their lives in the War, is something of which to be proud and an example which might be followed by other Towns and Cities throughout the Country, and with this in mind I was asked to write to you and solicit your support as to the possibility of the Ceremony being filmed by Pathe News, and your help in this direction will be deeply appreciated.

I may say that the Foundation Stone of the Village was laid by Her Majesty The Queen, then Princess Elizabeth, who was accompanied by H. R. H. The Duke of Edinburgh on 27th June, 1949.

I enclose herewith a copy of the order of proceedings, a copy of the Annual Report for 1951, and a reprint from the Derby Evening Telegraph of the 26th November, 1951, which may be of interest to Pathe News.

Yours sincerely,

Mayor.

Chairman of the War Memorial Village Derby.

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Enclosures.