

Dear Sir, / Madam,

As a veteran I am contacting you today to respectfully request if consideration might be given to the possible installation of a Commemorative plaque for veterans of Market Drayton who have sadly been left injured with either or indeed both psychological and physical injuries as a result of their service.

I know that the possible introduction of this type of plaque for those wounded is a complex issue with emotional and political dimensions to consider. However, I believe that there is a real opportunity here to formally recognise the full scope of the sacrifices made by veterans and help to foster a more open dialogue about mental health. Psychological injuries as a result of war have for a long time not been fully recognised or indeed understood but a plaque such as this would acknowledge that PTSD and other serious mental health struggles are very real and could help to ensure that there is a more compassionate approach to veteran care. Historically lack of support and stigma have prevented many veterans from seeking help. Publicly commemorating this struggle could encourage more veterans to come forward and seek help.

A plaque such as this would serve as a symbol of national and local gratitude and publicly honour the sacrifices made by those who fought and were injured both psychologically and physically and ensure that their suffering is never forgotten. This could provide a healing effect for veterans and their families helping them to process the trauma of war and hopefully provide a sense of closure. In addition, it would also provide a place for reflection which would ensure that their sacrifice is not forgotten for generations to come which is just so incredibly important. As you know there are numerous memorials for those who sadly die as a result of war but there are fewer which address veterans who have suffered devastating physical or psychological injuries as a result of serving their Country. A plaque specifically for the wounded would be a natural extension of these efforts and help to provide a more complete picture of the sacrifices that were made.

I know that these two types of injuries can often be life changing which requires veterans needing a great deal of help every single day of the year often for the rest of their lives from family members (who sadly never seem to receive any recognition) and professionals.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to your reply.

Kind Regards