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Dear Councillor Evans,

On behalf of Halifax Civic Trust I wish to express our firm support for the campaign initiated by the Friends of West View Park for the restoration of the Boer War memorial there. For some time now HCT has been concerned by the theft of bronze plaques and the damage caused by vandals to this and other similar memorials. Civic Voice, of which we are a member, is encouraging civic societies throughout the country to take an interest in the recording and repair of war memorials, some of which have been sadly neglected over the years.

We were therefore very pleased to receive a well-researched presentation by Ian Hey on the history of this memorial and to receive details of the efforts made by the Friends to obtain funding for the surprisingly high cost of the work needed. We appreciate the importance of retaining such monuments in situ wherever possible as they represent a valuable record of the past which deserves to be preserved for future generations.

We hope that this scheme will have a successful outcome and look forward to seeing the results of your efforts in due course.

With best wishes from Halifax Civic Trust.

Yours sincerely,

June Paxton-White

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