



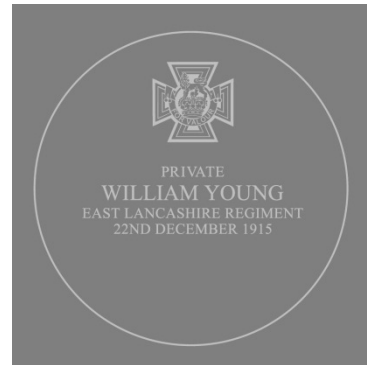
## Department for Communities and Local Government

### Victoria Cross Commemorative Paving Stones Guidelines for Councils

#### Specifications of the stones

Weight: 46 kg  
Material: York Stone Scoutmoor  
Exact measurements: 600 mm x 600 mm by 50 mm deep  
Mounting fixtures: None

Each stone will include the name of the individual, the rank and regiment of the individual (at the time the VC was awarded) and the date of the action for which the VC was awarded.



#### Choosing a site for the stones

The decision about the location of the stones is taken by the relevant local authorities. Councils should, where relevant, consult with communities and relatives to decide an appropriate location. It is hoped that the stones will be sited somewhere that would have had resonance with the VC recipient, such as outside a house that they lived in or near an old school, although this may not always be possible. Most importantly, the stones should be part of the community and sited in a position where they will be visible to members of the public.

#### Timing and events

The intention is that each stone is laid on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the action for which the VC was awarded. In this way, each event will be specific to the individual being commemorated and the events around the country will be spread across the four year period of the centenary. Each stone will be delivered at least one month before the anniversary.

Councils have discretion about any event that they choose to organise for the unveiling of the stone. Nevertheless, it is hoped that any event will be respectful and reflective but also inclusive, in order to bring this aspect of our shared history to a wider audience. Councils may wish to include local community groups, relatives of the individual, current and former members of the armed forces, young people and local dignitaries.

#### Added Impact



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We are encouraging councils to consider how they can increase the impact of the stone so that more people are able to learn about the community's shared history. One way to do this could be through producing QR Codes that can be displayed nearby and that can be used by smart phone users to link to websites with information about the VC recipient. QR Codes are easy to create using free online software or apps such as QR Reader. Councils are also encouraged to upload the locations of stones along with details of the VC recipient to [www.historypin.com](http://www.historypin.com) a site that allows communities to upload content and to engage with shared local history.