

MEMORIAL BENCHES – FAQs

Island Roads administers applications for highway memorial benches on behalf of the Isle of Wight Council. The following summarises our frequently asked questions.

Do you cover the whole of the Isle of Wight?

No, Island Roads only deal with applications for benches on the public highway or 'project network'. This network includes most roads and pavements on the Isle of Wight but excludes parks, beaches, public buildings, footpaths and private roads. Please feel free to contact us to clarify if the area you are considering is included within the network.

What options are available?

There are two possible options:

- Installation of a new bench with engraved plaque.
- Installation of a plaque on an existing bench (subject to availability).

How much will it cost?

New Bench and Plaque

A new bench and engraved plaque costs approximately £2,500 (or £1,800 if the bench is located on an existing plinth). This includes:

- ❖ Site assessment.
- ❖ Liaison with the Isle of Wight Council.
- ❖ Bench.
- ❖ Plaque.
- ❖ Engraving.
- ❖ Delivery.
- ❖ Plinth (if applicable).
- ❖ Installation.
- ❖ Regular inspections.
- ❖ Maintenance until the end of March 2038.

Plaque on an Existing Bench

The cost of installing a plaque on an existing bench is £175. This includes the plaque, engraving, installation and maintenance until the end of March 2038.



Can a bench have multiple plaques?

No, we usually only permit one plaque per bench. However if a family already has a plaque we may be able to add a further inscription. Please contact us directly to discuss this option.

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Can a plaque be installed on any existing bench?

The bench will need to be the responsibility of Island Roads and free of an existing inscription. Also the design and material of some benches mean that they are not suitable for a plaque. Island Roads will be happy to advise on these issues.

What is the size of the plaque and what can be included within the inscription?

The brass plaque is approximately 200mm x 40mm with simple wording along the lines of 'In Memory of' followed by dates. We will liaise with you directly regarding your required wording.

What is the process?

Firstly we will need to know where you would like to place the bench/install a plaque. We will then check the location to ensure it is on our network and ask the local District Steward to visit the site to assess suitability. If this application is for a new bench we will also need to liaise with the Isle of Wight Council to gain their approval. Once we have completed this process we will ask you for the appropriate fee and required inscription.

How do I pay?

Payment is either by cheque (made payable to 'Ringway Island Roads') or card payment.

How long will the process take?

We can normally process plaques for existing benches within eight weeks of payment. New benches may require further investigation/works and can take up to six months.

Do you deal with other types of memorials?

Island Roads only deal with memorial benches. If you require other types of memorials we suggest you contact the Isle of Wight Council in the first instance (telephone 01983 821000).

How can I contact Island Roads?

Island Roads can be contacted via :

- ❖ Telephone - 01983 822440
- ❖ Email - info@islandroads.com
- ❖ Website – www.islandroads.com (use the 'report it on line' option)
- ❖ In person or post :
 - St. Christopher House
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- ❖ Opening hours 08:30 – 17:30 Monday – Friday.