



New information board unveiled in Bushey



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A new information board commemorating the spot where an RAF Bomber crashed during the Second World War was unveiled yesterday (Thursday 2 September) in Bushey, on the anniversary of the crash.

Local resident and retired geologist, Dr Nigel Moore, contacted Hertsmere Borough Council about erecting a sign informing the local community and visitors to Bushey that the site marks the spot where a RAF Bomber crashed, tragically killing the five crewmembers on board, and as a memorial to the aircrews who died during the war.

Together with Hertfordshire County Council, who own the site, a display board has been installed providing background to the crash.

Cllr Meenal Sachdev, Portfolio Holder for Community, Leisure, Culture and Health at Hertsmere Borough Council, said: "We are delighted to be able to unveil this information board and to discover more of our local history. It is important that we remember the sacrifices our service men and women have made throughout history fighting for our country.

"The RAF Bomber crashed in Bushey during the crew's final operational training before being deployed. The navigational exercise was to simulate an attack on a British target using searchlights. Unfortunately, during evasive action manoeuvres the pilot lost control and crashed killing all five crewmembers."

Dr Nigel Moore, local resident and volunteer researcher for the International Bomber Command Centre (IBCC) in Lincoln, said: "I became aware of the crash a couple of years ago when reading a one line entry in the appendix of a book. I set off on a research trail involving the National Archives, reference websites, books and the Watford Observer. However, that still didn't feel enough as every time I walked by the site I was aware it was 'missing history' insofar as no-one else knew of the tragic incident that happened there, hence my approach to Hertsmere.

"It is extremely fitting that the unveiling of the information board took place on the 78th anniversary of the crash. When I started my research work for the IBCC in Lincoln five years ago I did not expect to find a bomber crash site just 600 yards from my house in Bushey."

The information board has been installed near the footpath at Finch Lane in Bushey.

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