

Westhill / NASACRE Award

Staffordshire SACRE: A sense of place

Staffordshire SACRE successfully bid for a Westhill/NASACRE award. The project, *A Sense of Place*, is an exploration into the National Memorial Arboretum based at Alrewas in Staffordshire.

Created in 1997 the National Memorial Arboretum is a special place where current and future generations can wander and wonder, reflecting on the abundance of symbolism present. Covering 150 acres the Arboretum really does have something for everyone. Due to the scale of the place and the wealth of amazing memorials that exist there, it was initially a difficult task to select just a small number to focus our project on. In doing so however we believe we have made the Arboretum more accessible for teachers by providing a start point whilst exemplifying the scope that exists to take their exploration even further.



The Staffordshire bid was created in partnership with the education team at the Arboretum and is based around the production of a DVD and a resource pack for use with young people in key stages 3 and 4. Students from two high schools in Staffordshire have been filmed embarking on a journey through the Arboretum exploring aspects of PEACE, JUSTICE and RECONCILIATION. The students gain an understanding of why remembrance is such a powerful shared experience for us all sharing their thoughts and reflections throughout their learning journey.

We are part way through this project and are in the process of developing the resources to accompany the DVD but once the project is completed, it will be distributed to high schools throughout Staffordshire. It will also be used by the Arboretum education team during school visits. The DVD and resources will then be made available to everyone via the NASACRE website so watch this space!

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