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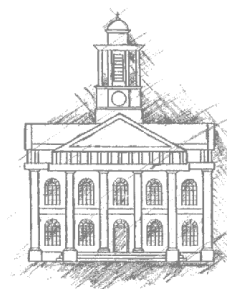
We'll get in touch if you've made a pledge after the auction. If you've made a donation and we are unsuccessful you can opt to have the money returned or it can be used towards other future acquisitions.

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Urgent:
To be sold at auction
Thursday 24th July

Urgent Appeal: Help us buy a rare local bravery award



**The rare Edward Medal to Police
Sergeant Thomas Coppard
awarded for his bravery in 1917.**

Help us buy a rare local bravery award

This coming Thursday, 24th July, the Silver **Edward Medal** awarded to Police Sergeant Thomas Coppard for his gallant conduct on the occasion of a fire at the White Lund Munitions Factory, Morecambe in October 1917, is being auctioned in London.

Lancaster City Museum is hoping to bid for this medal – and we are asking for your help. The top estimate is £1,800 but we feel sure it may well go for much more than that.

Two versions of the Edward Medal, introduced in 1907, were awarded for bravery in “Mines” and “Industry” – with each type having a Silver and Bronze version. Of the 188 Industry medals awarded, only 25 Silver awards were made between 1907 and 1949 – four of which for the explosion in Morecambe. The medal is rarer than the Victoria Cross!

The White Lund Munitions Explosion took place on the evening of the 1st October 1917, the cause was never established, but 10 men were killed, mainly those involved in the fighting of the fire. Whilst the explosion itself was felt as far away as Burnley, shrapnel travelled as far as Quernmore and Scotforth, and windows in both Morecambe and Lancaster were blown in.

Very little remains of the Munitions works today – but it is featured in the permanent displays of the City Museum.

Four Silver Edward Medals were awarded for the White Lund explosion:

Engine Driver Thomas Kew - who shunted 49 ammunition trucks holding 250,000 live shells out of the danger zone.

Thomas Tatterstall – works Fireman for bravery.

Abraham Clark Graham – munition worker for bravery.

Police Sergeant Thomas Coppard, for saving a number of lives when fire and explosions occurred.

"As recently elected Chair of the Friends, I am pleased that my first official duty is to support this fund raising effort. The explosion of 1917 was a major event in the wartime history of our district and the opportunity to add the medal to our museum's collection relating to the event should not be missed."

Cllr J R Mace, Chairman

How you can help:

The Museum is going to bid for Thomas's Edward Medal, using money from its acquisition fund, but is asking for donations and pledges in order to boost the bid.

The Friends of Lancaster City Museum are assisting with the bid, both with a grant and also to raise more money. Donations and pledges to the Friends in support of the bid can benefit from Gift Aid which increases a donation made by tax payers by 25%.

