

3. Ponteland Memorial Hall



The Ponteland War Memorial Hall was erected by public subscription on Darras Hall Plot no. 56 to commemorate the loss of many young men of Ponteland in the First World War. [1] Those lost in the Second World War were added later. Fourteen named dedication stones representing individuals and organisations that contributed towards the Hall are set into the walls inside the building. The Bowling Green and Tennis Courts were included as part of the initial project.

The Memorial Hall serves as a focus for annual commemorations on Armistice Day, as well as providing a venue for many public meetings and entertainments. Whilst a significant amount of internal refurbishment and updating of the facilities has taken place in the 21st Century, from the external appearance the Hall is not particularly impressive on the grounds of design or condition; it does, however, continue to occupy a central role in the life of the community and is a tangible and important witness to the debt that is owed to those who lost their lives in the 1914/18 Great War and the 1939/45 World War.

[1] "Pont Island News." 2005. ISSN 1468- 1390
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