



18th October 2021

Dear Sarah,

Thank you for speaking with me a few days ago, relaying the council's decision regarding my request for a memorial bench for my late husband David Hughes.

I must confess that I am most disappointed that the council won't consider proper, comfortable benches for Hurstpierpoint's community after creating Hurst meadows which is such a lovely space and is much used and enjoyed by everybody.

I have spoken to a number of my friends about my idea and everybody responded positively about it and many said that they often wished there were more proper benches in the meadow when they have been for long walks and longed for a comfortable sit down. The very few perch benches are not really restful and whenever I had been for a walk and wanted to sit down, they were all already occupied.

My late husband has lived in Hurstpierpoint virtually all his life, we both did a lot for the Hurstpierpoint community for the past 50 years and for many years David was treasurer of the Hurst Festival. He arranged the floats for all the events and organised the distribution of the festival brochures throughout the village.

My proposed spot is somewhere along the hedge that divides the Millennium path and the meadow, with a view to the College, where David had worked for over 50 years.

Please, Sarah, could you urge the council to re-consider my suggestion. I would choose a nice looking, comfortable bench, in keeping with the rustic look of the meadow. I would have it erected and pay for it, which would not cost the council anything and I know that it would be appreciated by many in our village.

Kind regards