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A NEW BATTLE OF BRITAIN MONUMENT Want to help us build it?

('Us' being the Battle of Britain Historical Society). You may be aware that six years ago we built an iconic monument that is now a striking feature of the Victoria Embankment, directly opposite the fabled 'London Eye'. However, as we know from letters and emails, schools in the North, the Midlands, Scotland and Wales consider it too far, and therefore much too expensive, to send parties of children to pay it a visit. So, we have now decided to do something about it, which means that next year we shall be building

ANOTHER BATTLE OF BRITAIN MONUMENT!

And, what better place to site it than the incredible **NATIONAL MEMORIAL ARBORETUM** on the Derbyshire/Staffordshire border?!



The main section of the monument will comprise three distinctive 'hubs', designed to be representative of the propeller of the Mk 1 Hurricane and Spitfire.

We have incorporated a number of innovative ideas, all of which are sure to be well received. We are including: a 'Battle of Britain in Pictures', (which will pay tribute to aircrew and non-aircrew alike); two stained glass windows; a Battle of Britain storyboard; a 'Book of Tribute'; Coat of Arms of every Allied country involved; Battle of Britain Squadron emblems; etc.

The 2,950 names of the Few, plus their ranks at the end of the Battle, will be engraved on green granite blocks, inlaid in the stone walls.

An aerial 'dogfight', in bronze, will be depicted above the centre of the monument. Also incorporated in the structure will be a full-size replica of the iconic Rolls-Royce Merlin engine, complete with a recording of the engine in flight!

> Why not keep abreast of our progress by visiting our new website at: www.battleofbritain-arboretum.co.uk