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The Society is a legally constituted, not-for-profit voluntary organisation whose aim is to highlight the role played by the three Short brothers in the development of both early lighter-than-air and later heavier-than-air flying machines and bring this to the attention of all by...

1. restoration of their graves as National Monuments
2. the development of a relevant website (address below)
3. the dissemination of knowledge through modern media
4. bring to the attention of young people their aviation heritage
5. Present exhibitions and SHORT literature

We are grateful to have received financial support from...

- ❖ Kent County Council
- ❖ Bombardier (Shorts) of Belfast
- ❖ British Aerospace Systems, Rochester
- ❖ West Sussex Councillors
- ❖ Medway Council
- ❖ Swale Borough Council
- ❖ Lynchmere Parish Council, West Sussex
- ❖ Members of the Society
- ❖ Fund raising
- ❖ As you can see from the two accompanying panels, very soon it is the Centenary of the death of Horace Short and we would not like to let that important date go by without acknowledgment.
- ❖ We have recently received notice that we are to get another 'boost' to our fund to refurbish the three graves and for that we are very grateful to British Aerospace Systems.
- ❖ Progress is however spasmodic, and we would appreciate your help in improving this matter.
- ❖ We do not expect a donation, not everyone can afford it or make it a priority but several people including two West Sussex County Councilors, four Transport Trust members, our own Society members, a north Kent local authority, a Sussex Parish Council, a local Historical Society, British Aerospace Systems, our own fund-raising (at the several talks we have arranged and given) and of course we were able to sell the lovely silver tea set, so generously donated by the daughters of John Lankester Parker OBE, without the need to auction and the hefty fees associated with that process.
- ❖ We have sent packs of materials to eleven aviation heritage 'nerve centres' that we think will help in fund-raising.
- ❖ Maybe you would be good enough to consider a donation and pass this message on to anyone you know who may have an interest in aviation heritage.

Liz & Barrie Walker

HORACE Leonard SHORT

2017 CENTENARY YEAR

Born 2nd. July 1872 at

Chilton Colliery

Durham and died at

Parsonage Farm

Eastchurch

Isle of Sheppey

6th. April 1917



The famous aviator C.F. Fairey wrote of Horace...

“I joined Messrs. Short Brothers. Here I had the privilege of working with the greatest engineer I have ever met, Horace Short, a man who can be truly described as a genius and who taught me more than I ever learned in college or elsewhere. He is a practical engineer and has made his name as an aeroplane builder and as a man in whose hands pilots were safe. His machines never failed them.”

An article in the Daily Mail newspaper describes Horace...

“A dominant brilliant fighting character who resented discipline, radiated sudden electric ideas, exploded at fools and dreamed tremendous visions.”

Of his death, the Daily Mail reported...

“The human dynamo has run down.”



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*Heritage is a knowledge and awareness of the past
that will inform and strengthen plans for 'the future.'*