



The Stirling Memorial Fountain, Cleaton Moor

Proposals for Fountain Restoration.

Edited Version - Associated with Level 2 Historic Buildings Record Report



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We attended the site on the 29th October 2025, to undertake a non-evasive survey of the existing external tiered fountain structure which sits within a pedestrianised area/Market Square at the front of the municipal buildings on High Street, Cleaton Moor.

The fountain structure consists of a square base/collection pool with red sandstone walls (Approximately 5.2m x 5.2m) and two centrally positioned square red sandstone steps/plinths, set on these sandstone steps is a further square step of grey Rubislaw granite.



Set centrally on the square steps is a lower square grey Rubislaw plinth and upper Balmoral granite square base to the circular column which rises to the main bowl. The column incorporates engraved inscriptions dedicating the fountain to the Golden Wedding of John and Marion Stirling by the people of Cleaton Moor. The main bowl is formed in Balmoral granite and is approximately 1.3m diameter.



Rising from the main bowl is a Rubislaw and Balmoral granite column which rises to the upper bowl. The overall height from ground level of the structure is approximately 4.7m (Not including the missing stork).



The upper bowl is approximately 0.8m diameter. From information provided by others there was originally a bronze stork set within the upper bowl from which the water for the fountain display emitted, fixing points for the stork remain within the bowl.

The fountain structure has been relocated within the local area on at least two occasions without reinstating the operation and therefore it is likely that the original water feed through the centre of the structure has been disconnected and possibly removed.

The lower pool area incorporates a floor drain however this is likely to only serve as a drain for rainfall etc. The square step of grey Rubislaw granite incorporates remains of dowels in each corner which from historical information located four red granite vases set on circular plinths.



No evidence of a water supply and flow regulation could be found within the adjacent area. The pool base incorporates red sandstone slabs set over a support structure. It is not known how the structure below the slabs is constructed, but it is likely that the structure is set on a concrete base at it appears relatively level.

Iron railings surmount the outer wall which match the railings set around the adjacent buildings, although these have suffered some damaged to the tops.

The overall condition of the structure appears satisfactory, but some of the pointing at the joint lines of each granite section has deteriorated, and some of the sandstone wall sections have been pushed out of line. There is also slight frost damage to the main bowl.



There is no evidence of a pumping system that would have circulated water around the feature and therefore we must assume that the feature when operational simply utilised mains water that would have delivered water to the inlet within the stork at the top of the structure. This would have then run to waste via a drain outlet/overflow. If the outlet was set as an overflow, then this would have created a depth of water in the original pool area.

It is likely that the water supply pipeline to the top of the feature would not have provided sufficient flow to create a constant weir over the bowl edges below and therefore we can assume that the water display was relatively subtle.