

Charles Rolls Heritage Trust

Following his death in 1910, statues were raised for Charles Rolls at his home town of Monmouth and at Dover from where he made his double crossing of the Channel. It was not until July 1978 that a memorial plaque was unveiled in the private grounds of St Peter's School near the spot of the fatal crash. In 2010 Rolls-Royce plc (the aero engine company) refurbished the original and added a base of polished granite as below. Today the plaque is hidden from public view by housing but access is granted for the annual commemoration.

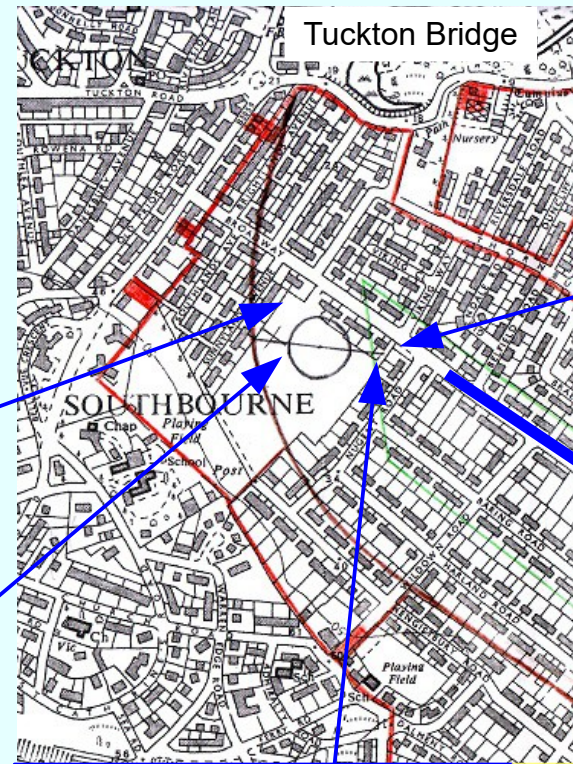


On the 12th July the competition was to land as close as possible to the centre of the alighting circle but when Rolls tried to improve on an earlier attempt the tail of his aircraft (a Wright Flyer with an unproven tail modification) failed at a critical moment and the aircraft crashed from about 80 feet.

The Charles Rolls Heritage Trust is a small organisation, founded by the late Tony Harrington MBE, the co-ordinator of the 2010 events that celebrated the life of Charles Rolls. The aim is to educate the public about Charles Rolls and the 1910 International Aviation Meeting, the first such meeting in Britain. A major project underway is to create a heritage patio in public view, alongside Broadway, for which planning permission has been achieved but a licence to build has yet to be obtained.

The Trust has created an archive and would like to hear of any information or of any artefacts such as post cards, clippings or articles. The Trust also needs people to help with administration and the funding phase of the heritage patio. Please view the web site for further details.

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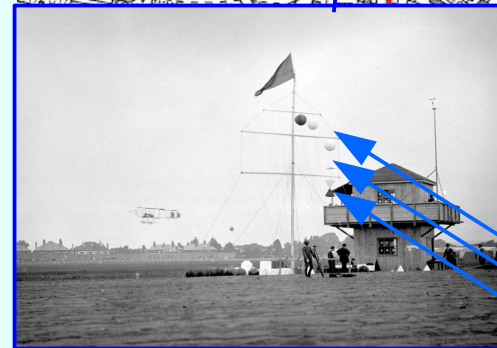
The arrow shows the previous site proposed close to the site of the judges tower for a heritage patio but permission was not forthcoming. The new design at the X by an eminent architect gives a novel pyramid with information panels about the history of flight from 1910 related to today



Broadway to Hengistbury Head

Top Inset shows the new (2021) heritage display project to be located close to the Hiker Cafe at Hengistbury Head.

Left Inset shows the signal tower used in the 1910 event to keep the spectators informed. The top flag (red) shows flying in progress, next pair of symbols the speed of the wind, next pair of symbols the pilot's name. Lowest pair the competition in progress



CRHT has an archive of items of which this 1910 programme is one.

The photo at right is an aerial view of the signal tower and alighting circle

