



## **APPEAL TO IDENTIFY THIEVES WHO DESECRATED WAR MEMORIAL**

**Police are appealing for information and witnesses after callous thieves stole two large plaques from the war memorial in Sidcup Place, Sidcup.**

**The theft was discovered on Monday 3rd October when council employees carried out a routine check of the memorial in preparation for Remembrance Sunday which is on 13th November. It is believed the plaques were stolen sometime in the week before the 3rd October.**

**The plaques are solid brass and one of them bears the names of soldiers, sailors and airmen from Sidcup and District who lost their lives in both World Wars. The second plaque bears an inscription of dedication to them.**

**Safer Neighbourhoods Chief Inspector Ian Broadbridge said: "I was disgusted to learn of this despicable crime and my officers are working hard to identify the thieves. Sidcup Place is at a busy junction with blocks of flats that overlook the memorial. It is possible a resident or passer-by saw someone 'working' on the plaques. Even if they did look like bona fide workmen I would like you to call police and tell us what you saw."**

**If you have any information about the theft call Sidcup Safer Neighbourhoods Policing Team on 020 8721 2576 or police at Bexley on 101. To remain anonymous call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111, just tell them what you know not who you are.**