

## Eastbourne College Memorial Ground and Lych Gate



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### Location

**Street:** Paradise Drive

**Town:** Eastbourne

**Parish:** Eastbourne

**Council:** Eastbourne Borough Council

**County:** East Sussex

**Postcode:** BN20

**Object setting:** Garden

**and in:** Road or Wayside

**Access is:** Private

**Location note:** Entrance to the War Memorial Sports Ground

**In the AZ book:** East Sussex

**Page:** 160

**Grid reference:** A1

The A-Z books used are A-Z East Sussex and A-Z West Sussex (Editions 1A 2005). Geographers' A-Z Map Company Ltd. Sevenoaks.

### Makers

**Name:** Sir Hugh Casson

**Role:** Architect

### General Information

**Commissioned by:** Eastbourne College

**Unveiling date:** 27/07/1956

**Work is:** Extant

**Owner custodian:** Eastbourne College

**Object listing:** Not listed

**Description:** A simple brick built lych gate leading onto the Memorial Playing Fields. Metal gates are installed at the entrance. Above the entrance is a large inscribed beam and inside the gateway a glazed plaque.

**Inscription:** On a glazed plaque inside the gateway:

THIS GATEWAY AND  
THE PLAYING FIELD  
BELOW ARE A  
MEMORIAL TO THOSE  
OLD EASTBOURNIANS  
WHO GAVE THEIR  
LIVES FOR THEIR  
COUNTRY IN THE  
SECOND WORLD WAR  
THEIR NAMES ARE  
RECORDED IN THE  
COLLEGE CHAPEL

Carved into a large wooden beam above the doorway:

1939 - 1945

#### Classification

**Categories:** Natural, Military, Functional, Composite, Commemorative, Architectural

**Object type 1:** Building

**Object subtype 1:** Gate(way)

**Object type 2:** War memorial

**Object subtype 1:** World War II

**Object type 3:** Landscape

**Subject type 1:** Non-figurative

#### Object Parts

**Part 1:** Lych Gate

**Material:** Stone, wood and brick

**Height (cm):** 430

**Width (cm):** 350

**Depth (cm):** 350

#### Object Condition

<b>Overall condition:</b>	Good
<b>Risk assessment:</b>	No known risk
<b>Date of on-site inspection:</b>	28/04/2007

#### History

**History:** Towards the end of 1944, the Old Eastbornians Association elected a committee to consider a suitable memorial to Old Eastbournians lost in the war. It was decided that the school needed playing fields. The grounds and remaining buildings of St. Cyprians Preparatory School, situated almost opposite the Golf Clubhouse in Paradise Drive were for sale at £12,500 and were secured by a deposit. An endowment fund had been started at the beginning of the war and a War Memorial Fund, and others. A lych gate was erected with a path leading to the Memorial Field. The lych gate was designed by Sir Hugh Casson, an Old Eastbournian. The whole was opened by Air Chief Marshal Sir John Baker (Old Eastbournian) on Sunday 27 July 1956.  
(*'Ex Oriente Salus: A Centenary History of Eastbourne College'* p131)

<b>Hard archive file:</b>	No
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#### References

##### Source 1 :

<b>Title:</b>	'Ex Oriente Salus: A Centenary History of Eastbourne College'
<b>Type:</b>	Book
<b>Author:</b>	Allom, V.M.
<b>Date:</b>	00/00/1966
<b>Page:</b>	131
<b>Publisher:</b>	Eastbourne College. Eastbourne.

##### Further information:

<b>URL:</b>	<a href="http://www.sirhughcasson.com/">http://www.sirhughcasson.com/</a>
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