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## December 1969 Beatrix Batten's Seat



A seat in memory of Beatrix Batten was presented by the Chislehurst Conservative Association, in a ceremony on Dec 19<sup>th</sup>. It is on the common near the corner of Ashfield Lane and Loop Road.

Beatrix Batten, born in Lower Camden in 1886, played a significant part in the response of Chislehurst to the 1<sup>st</sup> World War.

She volunteered with the Red Cross in 1913 and rose to become Area Commandant. She was awarded first an MBE, then an OBE and finally a CBE for her devotion to the Red Cross, which she continued to support throughout the Second World War,

She served on the Chislehurst War Memorial Committees after both Wars, overseeing the design of the memorial and the inscription of names. The funds remaining after the War Memorial had been erected were put into a Trust Fund for Cray Valley Hospital, and she was one of three named Trustees. She died in 1968.

**Chislehurst Commons has responsibility under an Act of Parliament for managing the 180 acres of local common land.**

**The Act made no provision for funding.**

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