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Deliberate destruction of a Silent Soldier

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LOCAL residents and visitors to the town were appalled to see the vandalism to the Silent Soldier situated by the Band Stand on Wye Street at the weekend.

Members of the Ross-on-Wye and District Branch of the Royal British Legion, who organised the silhouettes, thanks to sponsorship by many local companies, were devastated at the disrespectful way this one had been treated.

The damage follows a very busy few weeks for members as they launch the season of Remembrance for the Ross-on-Wye area with a concert, lunch and visits to schools.

They discovered the damage after a visitor from Marlow, Geoff Wood contacted the *Ross Gazette*. He said that he wanted to say how pleased he was to see the WWI Silent Soldier silhouette sponsored by the *Ross Gazette*, proudly displayed in the lovely Thomas Blake Memorial Garden, when

The *Gazette* immediately contacted a member of the Ross and District Branch of the Royal British Legion who went to inspect the damage.

The Chairman, Graham Aplin told the *Gazette* that it was clear that the damage had been caused deliberately and needed considerable force to do what was done.

He said: "It looks as if someone has bent the head backwards and forwards until it has snapped off.

"I know that some



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