

Our Village Square

The Alton Village Square is located in the heart of our community. The land is owned by the Town of Caledon and managed by the Alton Village Association. It was once the site of the stone carriage works building. The dry stone walls that anchor the Square incorporate elements of the original building. Norman Haddon, stone mason at Balmoral Castle, along with craftsmen from Vermont and local stone mason Eric Landman, built the various walls with the help of local residents.

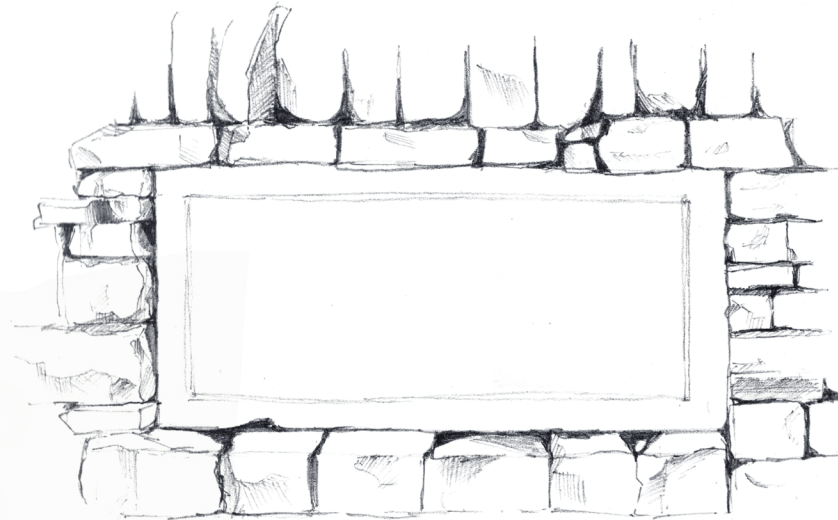
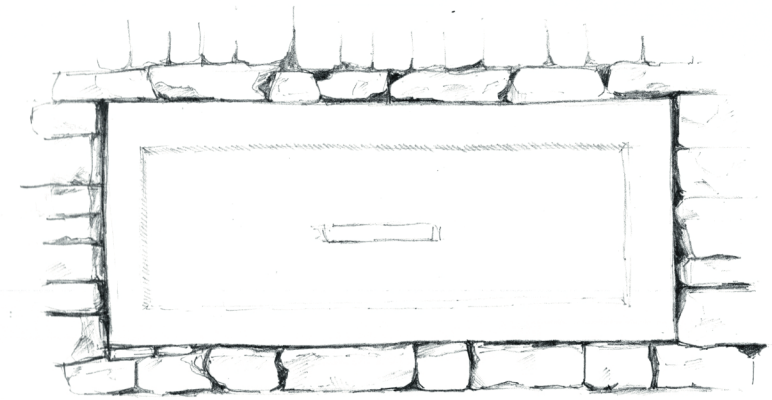
The **Alton Bicentennial Plaque** (1), located in the NW corner of the Square, provides you with a history of these lands and early development. Look to the right of the plaque and you will see the original **Boggs & Rowcliffe Carriage Works** name stone (2) embedded in the wall. To the left, your eye is drawn to the beautiful, round, stone **moon gate** (3) created by Eric Landman with the help of Neal Rippengate from Scotland. Daniel Sinclair created the bronze **bonsai tree**.



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complete the tree!

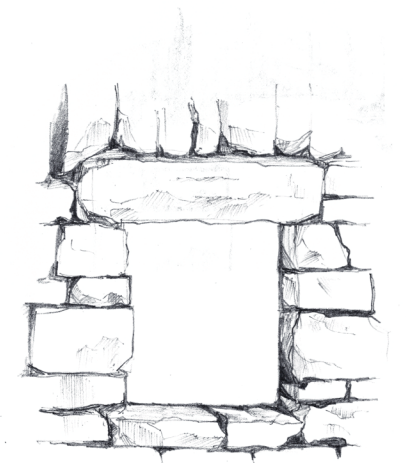
As you walk eastward, along the outside of the wall, look for the **commemorative stone** (4) recognizing Martin Middaugh Jr. and his wife Elizabeth Middaugh Gaynor as Alton's Founding Family.



Follow the stone wall around the corner, into the Square and down the other side. Can you see the **1894 date stone** for the Barber & Bro Carriage Works (5) and **stone horseshoe** (6), embedded in the wall on the west side of the Square?

As you continue moving into the Square, beyond the wooden platform, you will see four **raised bed gardens** (7). Three are planted with vegetables and herbs and the one in the centre is our first Butterflyway (habitat) garden.

On the opposite side of the Square, along the east dry stone wall, are three more **raised beds** (9) that include another Butterflyway Garden, a Junior Gardening bed and a Heart Garden. All of these gardens are managed by local residents, school children and volunteers.



Fill in the stones with what you observe!