



## A Commemorative Sculpture of T.E. Lawrence

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### In the 125th anniversary year of his birth, Welshman Lawrence of Arabia gets his first sculpture in his native country

Sculptor David Williams-Ellis has been commissioned to sculpt an over life size bronze to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the birth of T.E. Lawrence. The bronze will go on display at Snowdon Lodge, the birthplace of Lawrence, who was born in 1888 in the village of Tremadog, North Wales. It is hoped that this sculpture will inject heritage and encourage tourism to the Porthmadog-Tremadog area.



Although there is a bust of Lawrence in the crypt at St. Paul's Cathedral and a stone effigy of him in the church of St. Martin in Wareham, Dorset, there is nothing in North Wales to recognize his place of birth.

The full size sculpture, dressed in British army uniform and wearing a Keffiyeh (Arab headdress), will be made in clay and cast into bronze. The initial plans are that Lawrence will sit on a plinth of either large slate or granite, which will then be surrounded by a shallow moat of possibly moving water and circled by a higher wall or wrought iron fencing.

Carl Borum and Anja Grunert, the owners of Snowdon Lodge, commissioned David since they both love his work. Carl Borum commented "We are sure that there will be huge interest in this project. Lawrence was an exceptional figure who gained international fame through the breadth and variety of his activities, as well as his ability to describe them vividly in writing - as shown in the highly-acclaimed Oscar winning film 'Lawrence of Arabia'."

"Lawrence once declared passionately: 'I was born a Welshman and will die a Welshman'. We are delighted that the work of David Williams-Ellis will undoubtedly do justice to such a proud statement"

Carl and Anja have full planning permission for a hotel with training and leisure facilities to be built alongside the house where Lawrence was born. They have funded the initial maquette which has been cast into plaster, and are now looking into various ways of funding, including the sale of 10 limited edition small bronzes, to pay for the making of the life-and-a-third size bronze with landscaping and information displays. These collectable maquettes, which will be highly popular with Lawrence fans, are from £6500 incl. VAT and excluding shipping

Says, David Williams-Ellis: "I have spent years working on portrait sculptures, both busts and figures. The importance of this sculpture will be to achieve the essence of the man, whilst giving the viewer an understanding of who Lawrence was. My varied connections to Lawrence, as well as my interest in him, have made this commission an irresistible artistic challenge."

For more information contact David Williams-Ellis at [www.dwe.com](http://www.dwe.com)

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