FORMAT FOR THE LAYING OF COMMEMORATIVE PAVING STONE FOR VICTORIA CROSS RECIPIENT:

**Private James Miller King's Own Royal Rifle Corps**

**PRIVATE JAMES MILLER V.C.
LATE OF THE KING'S OWN ROYAL LANCASTER REGIMENT, DIED OF WOUNDS IN FRANCE, JULY 30th, 1916 AGED 26 YEARS**

**On the morning of 30th July 2016 at 10.30 am at Withnell Fold a ceremony to mark the unveiling/laying of a memorial paving stone will take place.**

**Arrangements of the Day**

**1000-1015 1015-1025** Military groups form up outside Withnell Methodist church Relatives/dignitaries arrive in grounds of memorial garden and met by military/CBC representative

**1025** Short military parade from church to memorial garden.

**1030** Welcome and opening address by Mayor of Chorley Chorley Council Cllr Doreen Dickinson Senior Military representative to respond.

**1040** Reading: background to the action Military representative VC citation to be read out

Reading/Poem - ‘The Message’ Military representative poem entitled ‘The Message’ by Ellis Williams, a former Colour Sergeant in the King’s Own who recorded Miller’s gallantry

**1050** Paving stone to be unveiled jointly unveiled by Mayor and Senior Military Representative Blessing the paving stone Military Padre

Act of Remembrance: They shall grow not old

Last Post

Closing statement Rev Graham Cutler or Military Padre Invite guests for refreshments

**1100-1200** Refreshments at Withnell Methodist church Hosted by Rev Graham Cutler Short presentation on James Miller VC, by Steve Williams (local historian)

Display of VC medal/replica, copy of VC citation, information on Pvt Miller’s history, ‘The Message’