

Ernest Seaman V.C.

We added the article entitled "[The country lad who won a VC and MM](#)" about Ernest Seaman V.C. to our website some months ago. On Wednesday 2nd April we were contacted urgently by Dennis Noble the Secretary of the Scole Old Boys Club. Ernest Seaman VC had gone to that school. He wanted to contact Fred Turner who now lives in Wellesbourne and who had provided the material about Ernest, to see if living relatives would give permission for a street in the village to be named after Ernest. The South Norfolk District Council had given the Scole Parish Council until Friday 4th April to get permission. Fred spoke that night to his cousin and sister. Ernest was to all of them their Great Uncle. All of them as the only known surviving relatives gave permission for a street to be named after Ernest.

Dennis Noble wrote on Thursday 3rd April , *"I have just received an email from the Scole Parish Council confirming that the new development will be named Ernest Seaman Close after agreement with South Norfolk District Council. This new development is in the centre of the village opposite Scole Inn a grade 1 listed building possible one of the finest Coaching Inns in the country."*

On Friday the 4th April, Fred had the following email from the Scole Parish Council.

Dear Mr Turner

Thank you for making the life of our parish council here at Scole so much easier, by answering the question about Ernest Seaman so quickly re: the naming of the new road.

South Norfolk Council have agreed that the name may be used as Parish Council can only recommend a name but the final decision is theirs.

We aim to have the developers put a plaque underneath the name to explain why it is so called. This makes visitors and local residents aware of our local hero's.

In such small parish as ours we have two VC holders, the other being Gordon Flowerdew who lived here at Billingford, he is honoured by the new affordable homes near the school in Scole being named Flowerdew Meadow.

*I will let you know more details as and when I can.
With Kind Regards*

*Sue Redgrave
Vice Chairman Scole Parish Council*

(To see "[The country lad who won a VC and MM](#)" click back to the previous page)