

‘Kia Ora’ to the *Cospatrick*

The following email was recently received on the Shipton Village website

Yesterday I did something that was very special to me, I got to see the Shipton-under-Wychwood memorial to the residents who were on the *Cospatrick* in 1874 when it took fire.



Years ago, I came across a reference to the *Cospatrick* which I had never heard of before (and which virtually no one in New Zealand has). I researched it a bit and wrote a small article, also talking of why this was a forgotten tragedy. It was not published, but it left me with a warmth towards the *Cospatrick* and the little village that its people came from. Since then Charles Clark has written a full

book of the events and the survivors which I am sure people in Shipton-under-Wychwood would know about now and which should mean a few more New Zealanders know

it too.

So it was a great pleasure for me to finally visit this memorial and village. Thank you for the opportunity to pay tribute to the people on board, and especially the Hedges family, who I see were very much represented on the ship, and also had men killed in the First World War.

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