

The Place d'Erbaut (Erbaut Square)

Until 1937, the route from Jurbise to Herchies was very different from the current configuration: Rue de la Centenaire, Rue du Grand Caillou, Rue de l'Abreuvoir, La Place (the square), Rue du Tumulus, Rue de Francquegnies.

At that time, the Place d'Erbaut was just a widening of the road.

However, a series of construction work put an end to that:

- Transformation of the section connecting the end of Rue du Grand Caillou and the church from a cinder track into a paved road;
- Demolition of the parish church that was in the path of the new road network;
- Relocation of the war memorial;
- Construction of a new paved road on a previously undeveloped site, connecting the church to Rue de Francquegnies.



Today, these changes to the layout of the local road network protect Place d'Erbaut from road traffic.

Henri Cols – The square in the 1930s

The War Memorial

The memorial was unveiled in June 1923. It was created by stonemason Auguste Desaedeleer from Jurbise. Initially, a helmet was placed on the base and a palm leaf adorned the column.

The memorial was located near the cemetery until the road network was altered in 1937. It was then moved to the space created between the old and new roads.

The plane tree that was planted nearby now towers over it. It is included on the list of remarkable trees and by 2020 had grown to a height of 17 m, its trunk measuring 1.82 m in circumference.