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War Memorials Trust works to protect and conserve all war memorials within the UK

Objectives of War Memorials Trust

1. To monitor the condition of war memorials and to encourage protection and conservation when appropriate.
2. To provide expert advice to those involved in war memorial projects and to facilitate conservation through grant schemes for war memorial projects.
3. To work with relevant organisations to encourage their accepting responsibility for war memorials and recognising the need to undertake repair and restoration work to these monuments as required.
4. To build a greater understanding of war memorial heritage and raise awareness of the issues surrounding war memorial conservation.

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War Memorials Trust Membership Rates are:

£20 Annual Member;

£30 Joint Annual Member and

£100 for a Lifetime Subscription.

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NEWS FROM WAR MEMORIALS TRUST

Message from Staff

War Memorials Trust would like to welcome you to the summer edition of the Bulletin. We start by expressing our appreciation to all who have responded to our recent direct mail appeal. Further details can be found on page 13 but your generosity has been wonderful, thank you.

The Bulletin has continued to develop since the supporter survey results earlier in the year. We have again made our grant features more substantial and include two further articles on memorials from opposite ends of the country: the National Monument in Edinburgh and Poole war memorial in Dorset. We would like to thank those who prepared these articles for responding to the piece about the Bulletin submission guidelines. These can still be obtained from the Trust or the website if you would like to prepare an article about your local memorial, its history or those commemorated upon it.

This edition of the Bulletin contains details of the Trust's AGM held on 7th July at the Imperial War Museum. This was a successful meeting with interesting discussion taking place about the Trust and its work.

The following day staff were delighted to represent the Trust at the Royal Garden Party in the grounds of Buckingham Palace. Fortunately the rain held off for us and we had a very pleasant afternoon. It was an honour for the charity to be recognised in this way and shows how awareness of our activities is growing.

Sadly on page 5 we have to report that Eleni Loizides, who has been a dedicated Conservation Officer, has moved on to take up a new post overseas. It is a great disappointment to have lost Eleni but she had the opportunity to write some final words for the Bulletin before she moved on. Her replacement should be in place by the time you read your Bulletin and will be introduced in the next edition. We welcome in this issue Annie Evershed who has joined the Trust as a temporary part-time Administrative Assistant to help us manage some of the growing workload. Annie has been invaluable in the last few weeks as we processed all your donations following the direct mail.



From left: WMT staff Jo Talbot, Frances Moreton and Nancy Treves before their trip to the Royal Garden Party.

We hope many of you will be inspired to visit War Memorials Trust new website once you have read the details overleaf. Launched in July the website gives the Trust a much improved online presence, described by the Treasurer at the AGM as 'fit for purpose'. You will find out all about grants, conservation, the Trust and discover new ways to get involved.



And finally we would like to draw your attention to the 2008 Christmas card shown left. For the first time the Trust has sourced its card from Card Aid. Card Aid provides cards for charities to sell to their supporters. In addition they have a network of card shops in London and the South East through which participating charities can sell their cards. The Trust has chosen this company in part to take the opportunity to raise awareness of the charity by selling cards to a wider market. Cards from over 300 charities are stocked in the shops. Similar projects operate across the UK and the Trust will trial this system in 2008 and assess if it could be extended in future years. We hope many of you will be inspired by this dramatic design and purchase these cards directly from us. They are available now. Details can be found on the back page of the Bulletin and orders can be placed either on the order form or via the website.

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Front cover:

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The war memorial window now in St Gabriel's church. Further details can be found on page 9.

NEWS FROM WAR MEMORIALS TRUST

War Memorials Trust new website launched at www.warmemorials.org

War Memorials Trust was delighted to launch, in July, its new website. The Trust has retained the same website address, www.warmemorials.org but the content of the site has improved significantly.

For some time the charity has believed it needed to improve its website. In autumn 2007 staff developed the outline of a new site, identifying the required content and improved functionality. Working to a budget agreed by Trustees three quotes were sought whilst an application was made to the National Lottery Awards for All scheme to help fund the project. Awards for All gave £5,000 towards the project in December 2007 which enabled the charity to work with its chosen partner, Imaginet, Cardiff based digital specialists, from the beginning of 2008.



Screenshot of home page above and Grants Showcase left

Over the first half of 2008 staff have worked hard to draw up the specifications of the new site, collaborated with the developers to achieve the desired outcomes and spent a great deal of time testing the website to iron out any problems. Highlights of the website are

- Grants Showcase: A searchable database of projects grant aided by the charity since 1998. This will develop into a comprehensive record of projects helped with reports on the work undertaken, photographs and background information when available. A screenshot of this page is shown left with the example of Treharris war memorial clock (WM1762).
- An online form to enable users to report war memorials they have concerns about or request advice on the condition of a war memorial from the Trust.
- An online application form for the Small Grants Scheme.
- All helpsheets and grant application forms available to download.
- Details of how to support the Trust and the option to pay subscriptions or make donations online.
- Details of giving membership as a gift or making a donation on behalf of a friend, relative or colleague.
- A password protected section of the website for the Trust's Regional Volunteers to provide them with additional resources to undertake their voluntary activities.

War Memorials Trust would like to thank Imaginet for their work and also thank all those who have assisted us in the development of the website especially those who have been involved with testing. If you have any comments about the site then please do not hesitate to contact us either via the website or at info@warmemorials.org.



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NEWS FROM WAR MEMORIALS TRUST

War Memorials Trust Annual General Meeting



War Memorials Trust AGM © WMT

On Monday 7th July War Memorials Trust members joined staff and Trustees at the Imperial War Museum to participate in the charity's AGM. The meeting heard reports from Chairman Algy Cluff and Treasurer Roger Bardell on the Trust's activities and financial performance over the previous year. Trust Manager Frances Moreton also gave a short presentation on the Trust's new website giving members a preview of the site. Following the presentations an interesting question and answer session took place covering issues such as education, conservation and grant policy. Following the Chairman's acknowledgement of the wonderful service given by The Countess Mountbatten of Burma during her time as Patron members supported an expression of thanks from the floor. Minutes of the meeting have been distributed to those who attended the meeting. Copies can also be obtained by members by contacting the office on 020 7259 0403 or info@warmemorials.org.

Goodbye Eleni Loizides

Working for War Memorials Trust has been an exciting and interesting experience. During my time here I hope I have contributed to the Trust's work promoting and supporting the conservation and preservation of this important element of the UK's heritage by setting standards and promoting good conservation practice in the work that War Memorials Trust supports. I also hope that I have been able to respond to all the enquiries and concerns about the condition of war memorials (so many of which were submitted by members and RVs) and set the appropriate procedures in motion for the memorials to be given the required care.



© Eleni Loizides

Of course none of the work that the Trust does would be possible without the wonderful support from its members, Regional Volunteers and general supporters who I would like to thank. My thanks also to the Board of Trustees for the opportunity to work for War Memorials Trust and for their support. Lastly I would like to thank my colleagues here in the office Frances, Nancy and Annie and our volunteers Martin and Vicki for their continuous support and assistance.

Introducing Annie Evershed



© War Memorials Trust

I originally trained as an actress, but started working in administrative roles after completing my course and haven't really gone back!

I've had many jobs, ranging from Dj-ing in Finchley, working for fostering and adoption in North Wales, working for an interior design company to managing several pubs in Camden. I also spent some time travelling round the East coast of Australia and hope to go back one day soon.

I really enjoy working for the Trust, and its wonderful working for a charity that works to preserve the memory of those who fought for this country. I hope to contribute the somewhat varied skills I have learnt since I graduated to helping War Memorials Trust and its volunteers continue their work.

WAR MEMORIAL GRANT SCHEMES

War Memorials Trust administers three grant schemes. Details of these are given below and further information can be obtained from our website or by contacting the Trust's Conservation Officer on 020 7881 0862 or conservation@warmemorials.org.

War Memorials Trust Small Grants Scheme

The scheme, which aims to support the repair and conservation of all types of war memorials throughout the UK is open to everyone to apply, whether an organisation or an individual. There are no deadlines for submission and applications are assessed on a monthly basis.



The type of work that can be funded under this scheme can be divided into three main strands:

- Conservation and repair works to war memorials
- Enhancement of and additions to war memorials including preventive measures
- Condition surveys

English Heritage Grants for War Memorials Scheme

This grant scheme run by English Heritage, in association with the Wolfson Foundation and War Memorials Trust, awards grants of up to 50% of eligible costs up to a maximum of £10,000 for the repair of freestanding war memorials in England.

Eligible work includes:

- Repairs to the fabric, including works of structural stabilisation
- Improving the legibility of eroded inscriptions
- Cleaning where appropriate and clearly beneficial
- Reinstatement of lost elements, particularly decorative features
- Works to associated hard landscaping, where this forms part of the design



THE WOLFSON FOUNDATION



ENGLISH HERITAGE

War Memorials Trust Small Grants Scheme in Scotland

Historic Scotland have provided £30,000 through War Memorials Trust Small Grants Scheme to support the conservation of freestanding war memorials in Scotland. This scheme can fund up to 75% of total eligible costs for the project with a maximum of £7,500. A maximum of £5,000 will be made available for each project through the Historic Scotland funding whilst the rest will be offered by War Memorials Trust from its resources.



Eligible work includes:

- Repairs to the memorial's fabric including works of structural stabilisation
- Improving the legibility of eroded inscriptions
- Cleaning, where appropriate and clearly beneficial
- Works related to 'hard' landscaping elements where it forms part of the overall design
- Reinstatement of lost elements, particularly decorative features

Non-freestanding war memorials in Scotland remain eligible for the Small Grants Scheme above.

ENGLISH HERITAGE GRANTS FOR WAR MEMORIALS SCHEME

Chipping Sodbury, Bristol (WM2034)

The main inscription on the Chipping Sodbury war memorial reads:

The original Chipping Sodbury Market Cross
was erected about the year 1553
near this site.

It was finally removed to the Presbytery,
remaining there for many years.

The existing portions were returned
to the town
when it was restored and re-erected
by public subscription
in the year 1920.



Chipping Sodbury war memorial ©
Chipping Sodbury Town Trust



Chipping Sodbury war memorial ©
Chipping Sodbury Town Trust

Following the end of the Great War the local community, led by the Parish Council, chose to remember the fallen of Chipping Sodbury by re-erecting the Market Cross in the centre of their village and adding the names of the war dead to a new Bath Stone and local granite base upon which the cross now stands. Two lights were incorporated into the memorial and the lettering of the inscription and names was incised into the base and painted black.

Over the years the memorial has been repaired and maintained by the Chipping Sodbury Town Trust. The memorial has been subject to some vandalism and its position at the road junction of Horse Street, Hatters Lane and Broad Street has meant occasional damage from vehicles. However it is a focal point of the village and a central feature of the Market Town's Conservation Area. Each November a Remembrance Sunday service and parade are held.

In 2007 an application was made to the Grants for War Memorials scheme to support a conservation project. Works proposed for the war memorial included gentle cleaning; re-pointing of failed joints and work to ensure that water is prevented from entering joints or pooling on the surface which could cause damage; repainting of lettering where necessary; repairs to the lights embedded in the memorial; and repairs to the step on the memorial. The grants panel awarded the project a grant of £1,925.

The memorial records 18 men from the First World War and 8 from the Second World War who died. The inscription on the memorial reads: "In grateful memory of the gallant soldiers of this town who gave their lives in the Great War 1914-1919 and World War 1939-1945. We will remember them by day and in the night season we will not forget."

Those recorded on the memorial from World War II include Arthur H. Timbrell of the Gloucestershire Regiment whose father fell on 28 November 1916 whilst serving with The Wiltshire Regiment in the Great War. Herwin H Horlock and Alfred J. Loades who are recorded by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission on the Rangoon memorial. Others fell in Singapore, Sicily, Holland and France.



An early image of Chipping Sodbury war memorial supplied by Chipping Sodbury Town Trust © Frith Ltd

Details on other completed projects grant aided under this scheme will be available on our new website.

ENGLISH HERITAGE GRANTS FOR WAR MEMORIALS SCHEME

Caddington, Bedfordshire (WM2008)

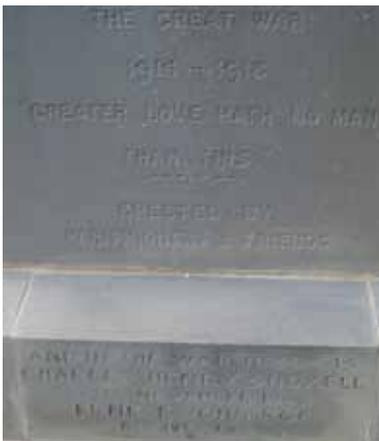
The Caddington war memorial is a 12ft 7 Celtic cross constructed of Forest of Dean stone. The cross sits on a stone plinth on top of a two stepped base. The names of the fallen have been hand carved onto the sides of the plinth. The memorial is situated in the Churchyard of All Saints Church on Luton Road in Caddington. Permission to erect a memorial was given on 4th December 1919. A public fundraising initiative led to the memorial's dedication in 1922. The memorial records 21 who fell in the Great War and 2 from the 1939-1945 conflict. They are unusually recorded by year and date they fell.

In April 2007 an initial application was made to the Grants for War Memorials scheme for a conservation project on the memorial. Concerns were expressed about the structural stability of the memorial and the Grants Panel felt it would be inappropriate to fund work on a memorial when the situation was uncertain. Instead War Memorials Trust discussed the options with the applicant. It was suggested that a structural survey be undertaken which could be part funded through the Small Grants Scheme. Once the survey had been prepared the requirements for the project would be clearer and a further application could be made to the Grants for War Memorials Scheme for the larger funds available. Therefore in September 2007 on completion of the survey War Memorials Trust Small Grants Scheme paid a grant of £300 towards the cost of the survey.

This meant that the applicant was able to submit again to the Grants for War Memorials scheme for the second deadline of the year in October. With improved information about the structural situation, which showed the memorial suffering from both horizontal and vertical movement as well as being 10cm out of plumb, the Grants Panel were able to assess the application and awarded a grant of £3,020 towards the conservation work. The project undertaken involved disassembling the monument and cleaning the pieces with water and bristle brushes, the excavation of the existing foundations and replacement to a depth of 2 metres below ground level and the re-construction of the memorial back on its original site.



The memorial before work was undertaken with visible gaps in the joints © Caddington P. C.



The memorial inscription © Caddington P.C.

The inscription on the memorial, part of which is shown in the picture on the left, reads:

In memory of the men of this Parish who gave their lives in the Great War 1914-1918.
 "Greater love hath no man than this"
 Erected by Parishioners & Friends
 And in the War 1939—1945

The names of the fallen of the First World War are carved on the remaining three sides of the plinth and those of the Second World War beneath the inscription to that conflict.

Those recorded on the memorial include John S Collins-Wells V.C. D.S.O. who fell on 27th March 1918. In 1918, aged 37, John Stanhope Collings-Wells was an acting Lieutenant-Colonel in command of the 4th Battalion, The Bedfordshire Regiment. In 1917 he had won the Distinguished Service Order at the Battle of Arras. His V.C. was awarded posthumously for his bravery and leadership of men in protecting the rearguard in fighting, 22nd -27th March in the Marcoing to Albert theatre of conflict in France.



The memorial after work was completed © Caddington P. C.

WAR MEMORIALS TRUST SMALL GRANTS SCHEME

Exley Head, West Yorkshire (WM2051)



The newly installed railings around Exley Heath Methodist Church war memorial © Exley Heath Methodist Church

Exley Heath Methodist Church war memorial stands outside the Church at the junction of Wheathead Lane and Oakworth Road. It is a plain Latin cross on a four stepped plinth. The entire memorial sits atop a raised section above the pavement.

The Church approached War Memorials Trust for support to erect railings along the raised paved area. The reason for this was that the raised section was being used by skateboarders and others as a ramp and damage was being caused to the memorial.

War Memorials Trust gave a grant of £210 towards the work which saw the erection of fencing 250mm high to provide protection for the war memorial cross.

The memorial records 5 servicemen who died in the First and Second World Wars. The memorial inscription is "In Honoured Memory 1914-18 & 1939-45" and records the 2 men who died in World War 1 as Lt J. Raymond Clapham killed in action near Messines, 21 June 1917, age 19 and Priv Harold Whitfield Duke of Wellington WRR died of wounds received in action in Flanders 17 March 1918, age 22. The three fallen from World War II are Priv J. Fairfax Dean, Cpl Pearson Crossley and P/O Pilot Douglas D Smith F.A.A. who fell in Torbruk, Japan and Northern Ireland respectively. An inscription reads "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends".

The Pathfinder Scouts Window, Manchester (WM1662)

War Memorials Trust awarded £300 towards the cost of conservation works on a stained glass window. The memorial was in Wade Street Scout Hall in Manchester but has been moved to St Gabriel's, the local Parish Church. The memorial was originally unveiled on 29 November 1924 by Scoutmaster John W. Healey. Names of fallen Scouts are recorded on the memorial and there is a dedication which reads "To the Glory of God and in loving memory of those of the 3rd Middleton Boy Scouts who fell in the Great Wars and as a thank-offering to God for those who returned". The inscription, names and dates of the two World Wars were added after the Second World War.

The memorial window replicates the painting 'The Pathfinder' by Ernest Carlos. The window shows a Scout being guided. The inscription reads "I am the Way". A similar memorial window can be found in St Mary's at Roch in Pembrokeshire.

The conservation work required on the memorial included its removal from its original site, cleaning and the installation of a new frame to hold the memorial as it is now on display in the Church rather than as a window. This included the facility to back light the memorial.

Although War Memorials Trust does not normally support relocating a war memorial there are times when it is necessary. On such occasions the Small Grants Scheme can assist to ensure any move is safe and protects the memorial.



The Pathfinder memorial in St Gabriel's © St Gabriel's P. C. C.

Details on other completed projects grant aided under this scheme will be available on our new web site.

WAR MEMORIALS TRUST SMALL GRANTS SCHEME

Crook of Devon, Perth and Kinross (WM1939 and WM1940)

The Crook of Devon Institute is a village hall serving the four villages of Powmill, Rumbling Bridge, Drum and Crook of Devon which constitute the Parish of Fossoway. The population is around 1,000 and the Institute was built in 1911. In 2004 a major refurbishment of the hall was undertaken. Following that work the Institute undertook to improve the two war memorials associated with the Institute which were erected following public subscription in 1920.

Outside the Institute stands a war memorial cairn dedicated to those who died in the Great War. The lettering had become faded and required re-painting. Inside the Institute a wooden war memorial board is dedicated to local people of the Parish of Fossoway who served in the Great War. Over the years varnish had been repeatedly heavily applied making it difficult to read the names so it required a proper clean and re-lettering work, in line with the original design, and an application of varnish.

War Memorials Trust awarded grants totalling £200 towards the conservation work. Details of the grant offer were reported in the local paper The Courier and Advertiser.

The plaque holds the names of 63 who served and includes the names of two women from the area Nurse Bessie Blyth from Crookston War Hospital and Forewoman Elizabeth Drysdale W.A.A.C.



Cairn © Crook of Devon Institute

The cairn records 18 fallen who include:

- Brigadier General William Scott-Moncrieff of the 156th Brigade Lowland Division who lies in Twelve Tree Copse Cemetery in Turkey. He was first commissioned in May 1878 and served in the Zulu War and Boer War. Wounded at Spion Kop he came out of retirement in 1914 and fell on the 28th June 1915 aged 57 whilst assaulting Turkish positions in the Gallipoli campaign.
- Lord Charles Mercer Nairne who died on 30th October 1914 whilst serving with 1st (Royal) Dragoons and who lies in Ypres Town cemetery. Lord Charles came from a distinguished family. His father Henry Charles Keith, 5th Marquess of Lansdowne served as Governor-General of Canada, Viceroy of India, Secretary of State for War and Foreign Secretary. He was also involved in negotiating the Entente Cordiale with France in 1904 which led to his son's presence in France in 1914 aged 40. Lord Charles had a distinguished career of his own. He was equerry to George V between 1910 and 1914, fought in the Boer War and served as Aide-de-Camp to Field Marshal Earl Roberts on occasion.
- Archibald and Robert MacDonald are 2 of 5 MacDonalds recorded on the plaque of those who served.
- James and David McNaught are 2 McNaughts who fell. 4 McNaughts are listed on the plaque remembering those who served.
- Trumpeter William J Shearer who lies buried in the military cemetery in Cairo.



War memorial plaque before and after treatment © Crook of Devon Institute

THE NATIONAL MONUMENT, EDINBURGH

by D. McDonald, World Heritage Site Project Manager & P. McAuley, Conservation Officer, City of Edinburgh Council

The Old and New Towns of Edinburgh were inscribed in 1995 as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Edinburgh's unique character is epitomised by the number and quality of statues and monuments in the city centre. A partnership between Edinburgh World Heritage and the City of Edinburgh Council is succeeding in restoring some of these landmarks. Over the past year, several high profile monuments were restored including the famous Black Watch war memorial on the Mound, with most generous support from War Memorial Trust, the Bank of Scotland and the Black Watch Association.



The National Monument, Edinburgh © Alan Marshall of Gray, Marshall and Associates

This year we are focusing on three monuments, including the National Monument on Calton Hill. The impetus for creating the National Monument came from the 19th Century desire to commemorate Scottish servicemen who died in the Napoleonic wars. It was also intended to serve as a National Mausoleum where illustrious Scotsmen would be laid to rest in the catacombs. At the time of its construction, the subscription received the support of many eminent people including George IV, the Duke of Atholl and Sir Walter Scott, but after 16 months only £16,000 had been raised. The design is by William Henry Playfair and Charles Robert Cockerell and the foundation stone was laid in 1822. Only twelve pillars were constructed using high quality Craigleith sandstone, possibly, the largest pieces of stone ever quarried in Scotland. The Parthenon inspired quality of the design is apparent.

The conservation problem we are seeking to address is clear: the National Monument is in overall reasonable condition but because it was never completed, it is to all intents and purposes a roofless set of twelve columns. One of the lintels has moved substantially and needs to be relocated in order to secure the structure. This along with stonework-pointing, replacement of doors to the base of the monument and a general overhaul of the surrounding landscaping will greatly enhance the appearance and sustainability of the structure. Addressing the urgent problem of the high-level works will save a very substantial conservation effort further down the line. The total cost of the works is estimated at around £60,000.

It is difficult to overstate just how important Edinburgh's statues and monuments are in making the city so distinctive. The National Monument on Calton Hill can rightly claim to be amongst the most iconic symbols of Scotland. The city's statues remind us of some of the key characters in Edinburgh's history, and add real drama and interest to the skyline. Altogether they add enormously to the beauty of the World Heritage Site, and help to make Edinburgh truly unique. It is important that we take action now to preserve these monuments and statues for the benefit of future generations.

Black Watch Boer War memorial, Edinburgh Rededication service by Lt Col (Retd) R M Riddell

On 30 March 2008 a rededication service was held at the memorial following conservation work supported by WMT. Edinburgh Council and the police agreed to close the roads for a short period to allow a service to take place. On the day, over 70 members of the Black Watch Association paraded, as well as Lance Corporal Lindsay (Piper) and Lance Corporal Campbell (Bugler) of the Black Watch. The service was taken by Padre David Anderson of The Black Watch Battalion. Descendants of Lieutenant Freddie Tait and Major General Andrew Wauchope both of whom were killed during the Battle of Magersfontein in December 1899 and the Deputy Lord Provost of Edinburgh and Mr Morrison, Director of The Bank of Scotland accepted their invitations.

At 1345 the parade moved off from St Giles Street and marched downhill before halting beside the memorial. At 1355 Brigadier de Bröe-Ferguson gave a short address to the parade and guests. In it he reminded all that almost 100 years ago a ceremony had taken place at this spot and that Birnie Rhind the sculptor, had captured all that was best about the Black Watch soldier; a tough, disciplined professional infantryman, but for all that - his own man. He also pointed out that the statue of The Black Watch soldier, whilst sited on the Mound had his gaze firmly fixed on the hills of home to the North, across the Firth of Forth. The service was a happy and memorable gathering for everyone who attended.

POOLE WAR MEMORIAL by Chris Moreton, RV

Poole Council is to seek a Trust grant to restore the war memorial in Poole Park, and is applying to list it. This municipal memorial was not erected until 1927 so I sought reasons for the delay in the *Poole Herald*. Much controversy was revealed. Poole's first memorial was dedicated in July 1919 at St Michael's Hamworthy, but a town memorial was being considered. The council proposed a tower at Viewpoint overlooking Poole, and a Convalescent Home for Ex-Servicemen in town. A public meeting disagreed and the *Herald* published many letters bemoaning indecision. Most wanted a building – but what? Suggestions proliferated, including, from an undemobbed and presumably unwashed soldier still in France, a public bath-house.

In 1919-20 the *Herald* reported many memorial dedications in Poole, from the Broadstone cross (awarded Grade II Listed status in 2008) to a plaque to Rifleman Rigler in the Post Office (whose relocation the Trust monitored when the building closed in 2007). But an August 1920 editorial complained that Poole had no municipal memorial while villages like Iwerne Minster did. Poole Debating Society failed to choose between multiple options in April 1921. In September local dignitaries attended the unveiling of the Poole School Cross, where the Mayor expressed disappointment at the lack of a town memorial. He of all people could surely have done something about it.

£200 collected for a memorial was returned to donors or given to the Cornelia Hospital in 1922. When a Hospital memorial was unveiled in December 1922 it was stressed that it was not a substitute for a town memorial. The same was said of British Legion plans for a Poole Ex-Servicemens War Memorial Club, while the *Herald* berated the council's refusal to establish a committee to promote a town memorial.

In May 1923 the Club opened and is still used by the RBL. On its first anniversary the Treasurer, Captain Pitt, urged the council to provide a town memorial. With no response, a letter from Pitt on Remembrance Day 1924 proposed a cenotaph at the Club. The *Herald* preferred the Library where Remembrance Day services were held. Also in November, the new Mayor, Herbert Carter, raised the issue at his inauguration. The British Legion Secretary, Mr Crowe, asked him to call a meeting and launch a public subscription. Carter and Branch President Lt-Col Budge did this. Carter was one of Poole's great Mayors, elected five times, and his influence was crucial.

A committee was established in February 1925, and

chose a cenotaph. A letter to the *Herald* from Carter said "Something must be done to wipe away the Reproach" of Poole having no memorial. A site was chosen. Viewpoint was rejected as being a venue for coach trippers, and too exposed for November Remembrance services. A lakeside site in Poole Park was chosen. The *Herald* was glad a decision was made, and published subscription lists, the first headed by Carter's £50.

Others were less generous, and in September 1926 Carter apologised for continued delay. He complained that only poorer central areas of Poole contributed a fair share. Richer suburbs preferred local memorials. After this final appeal, the project would go ahead anyway. After a spurt from £690 to £850 the *Herald* published Mr J Allner's plans in December. A new gate into Poole Park would lead to a 25 foot high cross of local stone built in 15th century style – one of Poole's finest eras. The cross would show the dolphin and scallops on Poole's arms, with surrounding architecture in local brick. Work began in January 1927 and in October the *Herald* announced the unveiling ceremony, blaming indecision for the delay and the reproach to the town, and welcoming the development of an appropriate site for Remembrance Day services.

The new memorial was unveiled on 16th October, with less coverage in the *Herald* than memorials of the immediate post-war years. A massive turnout graced the occasion. The Rector of Poole conducted the ceremony, but Mayor Carter presided at the end of three years in office. Soon after the Prince of Wales visited Poole and laid a wreath, declaring the monument "unique" – there can't be many war memorials decorated with scallops and dolphins. On November 11th, the first Remembrance Day service took place there.

Credit goes to Herbert Carter and the British Legion for persuading Poole that the Great War deserved a municipal memorial. Alongside it today are memorials to the Burma Star Association and Lord Mountbatten, two of many memorials to Poole's prominent role in the Second World War.



Poole war memorial © WMT

FUNDRAISING

Direct Mail

War Memorials Trust would like to thank everyone who responded to the Small Grants Scheme direct mail distributed in June. Raising funds for the Small Grants Scheme is vital. The scheme is the Trust's means to support war memorial conservation projects around the UK and if funds are unavailable then the charity cannot provide grants.

Thanks to the generosity of members and supporters £17,000 had been raised by the middle of July to support the grant giving work of the charity. In the first six months of 2008 £31,500 has been offered to 27 projects suggesting that again the Trust will increase its annual grant awards. In 2007 the Trust offered £58,000 to 58 projects.

War Memorials Trust gave a Small Grant to the Weymouth war memorial in 2006 which helped fund the addition of names to the monument (WM1884). This is the type of work the Trust can continue to help following the direct mail. The memorial is shown right in 2006 and far right around 1921 from an image from the Farthing Collection (a series of photographs of unveiling services and recently erected memorials copies of some of which are held by WMT). The area at the bottom of the memorial covered by flowers in the 1920's was subsequently used for the addition of World War II names which can be seen today.



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Standing Orders

Standing order payments are a method of making an efficient donation to War Memorials Trust, helping the charity's financial planning and reducing administration costs ensuring more money goes directly to war memorial conservation. Thank you to those who have set up a new standing order this year.

Most commonly a standing order will cover an annual membership subscription so £20 is collected once a year. Alternatively some people like to give a little each month; £2 a month covers an annual subscription with an additional £4 contribution. Even if you are already a life member you may wish to make further contributions. All standing order payments can be covered by a single gift aid declaration so you would continue to that vital bit extra even when paying by standing order. Further details on standing orders can be obtained from Nancy Treves or via the website. www.warmemorials.org.

Legacy Giving

Leaving a legacy in your will is an opportunity for you to make a significant difference to the charities you support and ensure your beliefs and ideals live on. Every year over £1.5 billion is left to charities through legacy gifts. These funds have an incredibly significant impact enabling charities to make a huge difference. For War Memorials Trust a legacy gift could enable the Trust to provide assistance to many more people and organisations, provide additional grants or support education work on the importance of preserving our nation's war memorials.

Often a legacy gift is a unique opportunity to give a significant donation. A legacy gift, of any size, can and will make a difference. Wills and legacies are perhaps not something any of us want to think about but preparing them is a simple process and ensures that loved ones do not face unnecessary worry at a difficult time. If you would like further information please contact Frances Moreton.

WMT SHOP AND BOOKSHELF

'Pound for Life' Key Ring

This key ring both promotes War Memorials Trust and is extremely useful to have to hand on those occasions when you need a pound coin, but don't have one. The key ring attachment is the same size and shape as a pound coin and is designed to be removed from the key ring to use when needed.



The attachment is also emblazoned with the Trust logo, telephone number and website on the reverse. The key ring is available for only £1.50 inc p&p.

Pens and Pencils

Available in minimum quantities of 5 for just £2.00, these plain white pencils with a rubber tip carry War Memorials Trust's name in green. Also discreetly branded with War Memorials Trust's name and website is a stylish ball point pen, green in colour with white lettering. The pens are available in sets of 3 for £4.00. Both are ideal for use at home and in the office. These pens and pencils help promote the charity and raise funds for our work.



Car Sticker

By buying this car sticker you will not only support the Trust financially but also help to publicise the charity. Stick it in the back of your car, or on a window at your workplace or home and help promote the charity's work. Each sticker measures 20 x 5cm (8 x 2in) and costs just £2.00 inc p&p.



Lapel Badges

War Memorials Trust lapel badges feature the logo and charity name. The 1in wide badges are enamel with a butterfly pin on the back. The badge costs £3.50 (inc p&p).

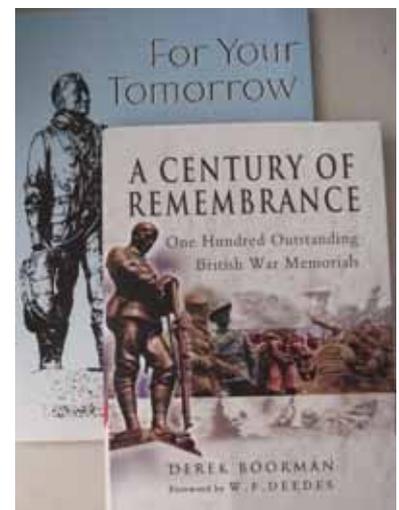


Books for Sale

The War Memorials Handbook, by UK National Inventory of War Memorials. This handbook published in 2001 offers an authoritative guide to approaching the issue of preservation and conservation and where to seek professional advice. Available for £4.99 plus 50p p&p.

For Your Tomorrow, by Derek Boorman. This book published in 1995 contains information about some seven hundred World War II memorials in the United Kingdom. The memorials range from those to individuals to national memorials, to those in churches, village centres, private buildings and many more. Available for £10 (inc p&p).

A Century of Remembrance, by Derek Boorman. The book is a study of 100 outstanding UK war memorials which commemorate twentieth century conflicts from the Boer War to the Falklands and Gulf Wars. It was published in 2005. Available for £14.99 plus p&p.



MERCHANDISE

Ordering

If you would like to purchase any War Memorials Trust merchandise you now have two options. You can either complete the form on pages 15 and 16 entering your order details on the form to the right and your personal and payment details overleaf.

Alternatively you can visit the shop in the Get Involved section of our new website. From there you can place an order and pay by credit or debit card. Or you can browse the products make selections, print our your order form and post with you cheque payment.



Gift Aid

Gift Aid enables War Memorials Trust to reclaim an extra 28p on every pound you donate so your £20 subscription becomes £25.40 and your £100 gift, £128. You can Gift Aid your donation if you pay income or capital gains tax at least equal to the value War Memorials Trust would claim.

Please contact War Memorials Trust if you would like further information. If you have already made a Gift Aid pledge please do remember to advise us if you move house or cease paying tax.



Order Form

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| | Car Sticker at £2.00 (inc p&p) each | |
| | Set of 5 WMT Pencils at £2.00 (inc p&p) | |
| | Set of 3 WMT Pens at £4.00 (inc p&p) | |
| | WMT Lapel badge at £3.50 (inc p&p) each | |
| | Copy(ies) of 'A Century of Remembrance' by D Boorman at £14.99 + £4 p&p per copy | |
| | Copy(ies) of 'For Your Tomorrow' by D Boorman at £10.00 (inc p&p) per copy | |
| | The War Memorials Handbook at £4.99 + 50p p&p per copy | |
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For every £1 you give to us, we get an extra 28p from the Inland Revenue.

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Further Information

Please tick if you would like to receive further information on:

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Christmas Card 2008

War Memorials Trust is delighted to introduce its 2008 Christmas card. The dramatic red and white design represents a partridge in a pear tree.



This card is 16.8 x 11.3 cm (6 3/4 x 4 1/2 inches) and available in packs of 10. Inside there are details of the charity alongside the greeting: Season's Greetings. The card is being sold at £3.50 plus 50p p+p per packet. Please use the order form on page 15 to obtain your packets or visit www.warmemorials.org.

Christmas Card 2007

War Memorials Trust has a few packets remaining of its 2007 'Ceremony of the Keys' Christmas Card. Priced at £2 for a packet of 10 these cards are available now from the Trust. They feature Season's Greetings and carry details of the Trust.

