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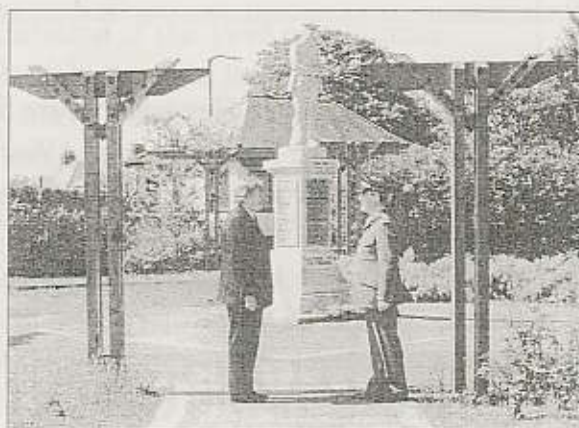
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## NEWSLETTER UPDATE

Jan 1999

### PLEDGE RENEWED

Halifax PLC, one of the best supporters of **Friends of War Memorials** has renewed its Pledge to make available, exclusively through FOWM small grants to groups endeavouring to restore, refurbish or relocate Memorials and Rolls of Honour.



### MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

*Captain Paul Logan,  
who launched the Campaign to restore  
Cowpen War Memorial with Stuart Trotter, of Halifax plc.,  
which donated to the Appeal.*

### THE MILLENIUM

Concentrates our thoughts on our Heritage.

We are seeking companies and individuals who will actively contribute to support local communities in the work of conservation and restoration.

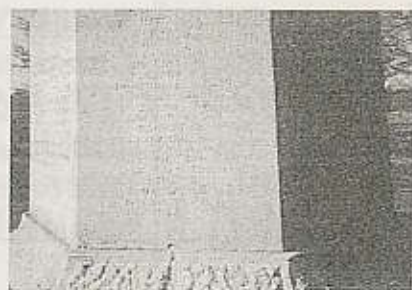
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Why Not  
**?JOIN US?**

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### The Objectives of Friends of War Memorials are:

~ To monitor the condition of War Memorials of all kinds. To work with local and ecclesiastical authorities plus other interested organisations in order to re-instate in any way necessary, memorials damaged, vandalised, eroded or at risk.



*Eroded by time*

~ To educate, inform and publicise the spiritual, archeological and historical significance of war memorials as part of our national heritage, to encourage and inspire young people to cherish their local war memorials and the memory of those who

sacrificed their lives in the cause of freedom.

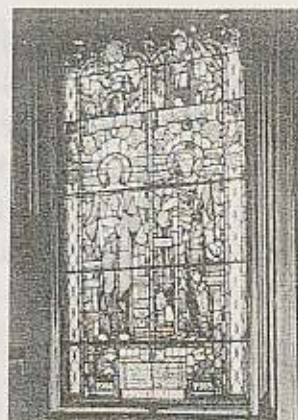
### At Risk

#### Three Dangers - War Memorials at Risk

~ Traditionally understood war memorials are at risk of being vandalised, eroding, or just being neglected.

~ Rolls of Honour and plaques are being negligently disposed of, thrown away or destroyed.

~ Some names are omitted, others are not being added to existing war memorials some new memorials need to be commissioned.



*Stained Glass Window  
stolen from church.*

## CRIMESTOPPERS

0800 555 111

**\* Your call is free \* You do not have to give your name \* You may receive a reward \***

Friends of War Memorials is supported by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and the Imperial War Museum and use the theft alert service run by SALVO and TRACE.

*If you hear of a war memorial or part of a war memorial which has been stolen, contact Ian Davidson and your local police immediately.*

### Memorials Restored

Salthouse War Memorial  
Catshill War Memorial  
Minster - Ilminster  
West Tytherley War Memorial  
Exning War Memorial

### PROTECTING OUR HERITAGE

*All over the country  
War Memorial Hospitals are at risk.  
If in doubt -  
get in touch with us here.  
War Memorials take many forms -  
Village Hall, Hospitals, Parks, Bridges.  
KEEP US INFORMED*

### Memorials Restored

Llangunllo War Memorial  
Ash War Memorial  
Plymouth Falklands Maritime  
Memorial  
Cowpen & District War  
Memorial  
Walsoken Parish War Memorial

## GOOD NEWS!

Sheffield, through Raymond Douglas and Sephen Hessewood, are finding homes for two striking metal Memorials remembering the dead of both the First and Second World War from the same firm.

King's College London have re-hung the wooden Roll of Honour we had on view at The Royal Tournament, as were the Sheffield pair.

Ian Davidson, our Founder attended Dwygy Fylchi War Memorial Rededication. Eroded by time and weather it is now beautifully restored. WELL DONE Rotary who raised the funds.

## WORKING TOGETHER

**The Imperial War Museum** through Nick Hewitt's **Inventory** help us identify Memorials at risk

The **Royal British Legion** forward all the enquiries they receive concerning Memorials in need of help to us.

The **West Sussex Probation Service** with Carol Jones and David Scott are the centre of a nationwide network of community action teams tackling the restoration and smartening up of Memorials. We are involved with them.

No Memorial should be cleaned without consulting us.

The **Civic Trust** and David Maclean MP are helping to pull the legislation together regarding War Memorials of all types.

**English Heritage** are anxious to renovate in a gentle, permanent and correct manner all Memorials in need. To that end we are seeking funding to appoint a Conservator.

At the same time the **Countryside Commission** hopes to launch a £40 million pilot scheme for the **Local Heritage Initiative**, of which **Friends of War Memorials** will be part.

This exciting venture is encouraging the preservation of everything worthwhile in and around villages and townships. Of course, War Memorials are an important part of our Heritage.

**Scottish War Memorial Group** whose aims are to locate Scottish War Memorials to record details and to make their findings known. Tony Martin heads that work.

The **Commonwealth War Graves Commission** (Debt of Honour register, web site: [www.cwgc.org](http://www.cwgc.org)) and **Friends of War Memorials** (web site: [www.war-memorials.com](http://www.war-memorials.com)) work together.

## YOUNG PEOPLE

Join us at the Cenotaph on JULY 1st 1999  
TO REMEMBER AGAIN THAT FATEFUL DAY IN 1916

Lady Mountbatten of Burma, Winston S Churchill and our Founder Ian Davidson, inaugurated a short ceremony to mark the most tragic day in British Military History.

Please join us with your young people again on the afternoon of July 1st 1999 (Details available soon)

## “GOOD SHOW” - Friends of War Memorials ROYAL TOURNAMENT SUCCESS

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### A PLEDGE RENEWED

JULY 20TH - AUGUST 2ND 1999

D.F.S., the high quality Furniture Group, has renewed its promise to sponsor Friends of the War Memorials at what may be the last Royal Tournament of its kind at Earls Court.

Friends of War Memorials Exhibition at the 1998 penultimate Royal Tournament was a considerable success, largely due to the Regional Co-ordinators and Advisory Committee Members who staffed the Stand and DFS who made it possible.



### A NEW VENTURE thanks to The Kennel Club

We will be at  
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## MORE NEWS SOON! - MAKE A NOTE NOW

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*We are very lucky to have these ladies and gentlemen who will, on a voluntary basis, help to investigate and report on any aspect of War Memorials of every sort in their vicinity.*

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