

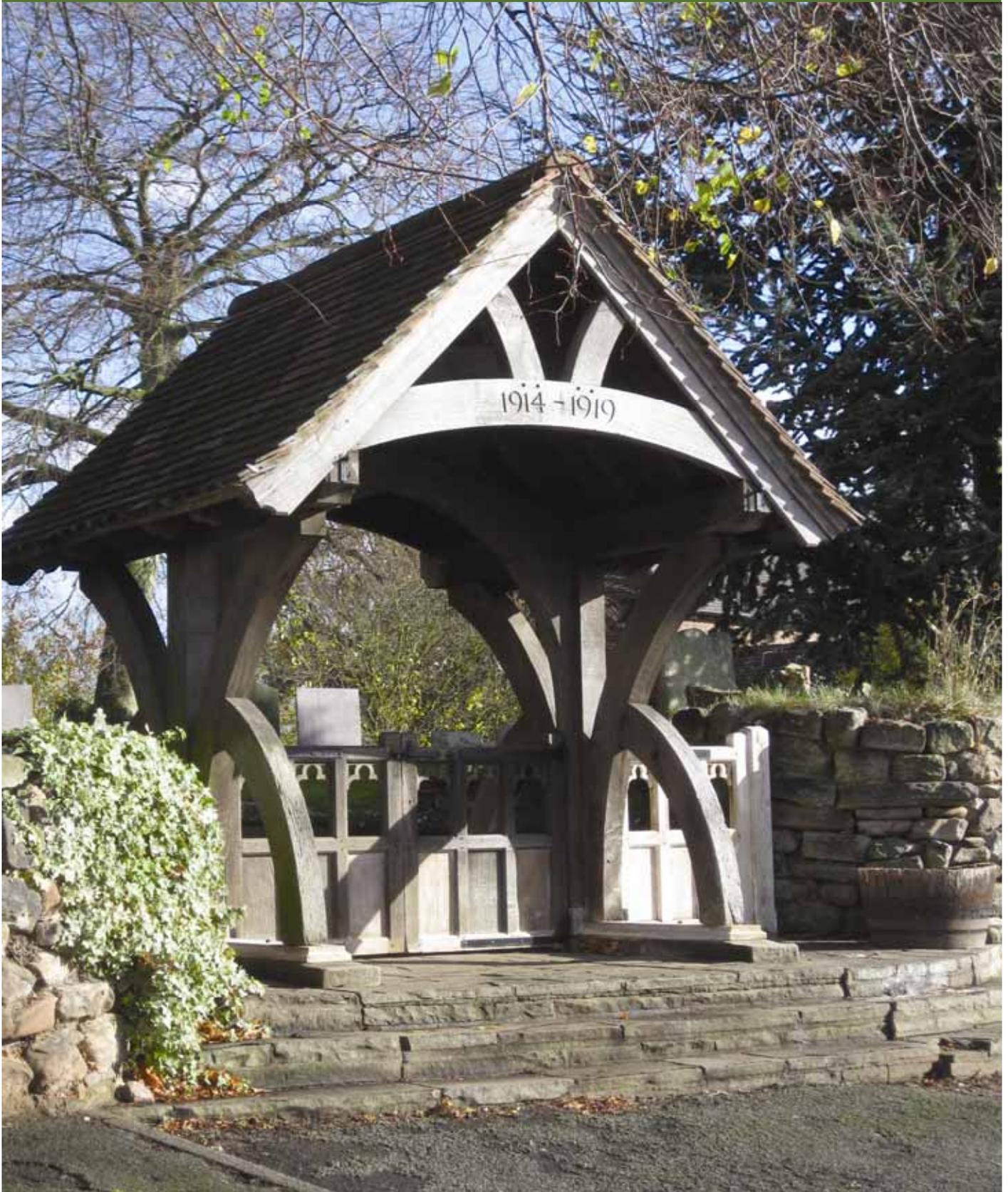
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## War Memorials Trust works to protect and conserve all war memorials within the UK

### Objectives of War Memorials Trust

1. To monitor the condition of war memorials and to encourage protection and conservation.
2. To provide expert advice to those involved in war memorial projects, to act as the specialist organisation for war memorial conservation issues and to facilitate repair and conservation through grants schemes.
3. To work with relevant organisations to encourage them to accept responsibility for war memorials and recognise the need to undertake repair and conservation work.
4. To build a greater understanding of war memorial heritage and raise awareness of the issues surrounding war memorial conservation.

### Membership rates

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## NEWS FROM WAR MEMORIALS TRUST

### Message from staff

Happy New Year from all at War Memorials Trust, and welcome to the first edition of the Bulletin for 2010. Last year was another successful one for the charity. For the first time Small Grants Scheme offers reached six figures with more than £100,000 offered to over 70 projects across the UK. Your support, particularly the donations in response to the direct mail appeal in June, enabled the charity to increase its grant spend and we greatly appreciate this, thank you. With the Grants for War Memorials scheme funded by English Heritage and The Wolfson Foundation also allocating its available funds it was another positive year for grant-making. The Trust also launched our learning conferences providing support to custodians and contractors embarking on war memorial conservation projects. The conferences enable the Trust to be more proactive taking our expertise out and about to reach large groups of people across the country.

Looking ahead to 2010 we will be continuing to build upon our work to date. Further learning conferences will take place in Cambridgeshire, Merseyside and the Bristol/Cardiff area, see page 5 for details. In addition the charity will be developing plans for an educational programme for young people. We will also be seeking to take advantage of the current interest in war memorials amongst the media and parliamentarians. With the current conflicts stimulating interest in memorialisation and communities looking ahead to the centenary of the Great War, it seems there is an impetus to ensure our war memorials are in good condition. No doubt this will lead to increased demand for assistance from the Trust which we will seek to meet to the best of our abilities.

To help manage the grant schemes we recently introduced an 'Expression of interest form' which anyone seeking a grant is asked to complete initially. This is then assessed by the Conservation Team to enable them to identify if proposed works are eligible and direct applicants to the correct scheme for their project. If you know of anyone looking to start a war memorial conservation project please direct them to the form available on the website or from the Conservation Team, see page 6 for details.

To conclude, we would like to thank you for all your support without which the charity could not achieve so much. We hope you will join with us in looking forward to the year ahead as a great opportunity to raise awareness of war memorials and the importance of preserving this aspect of our national heritage. And, if you would like to become more active in this work turn over for details of the role of Regional Volunteer .....

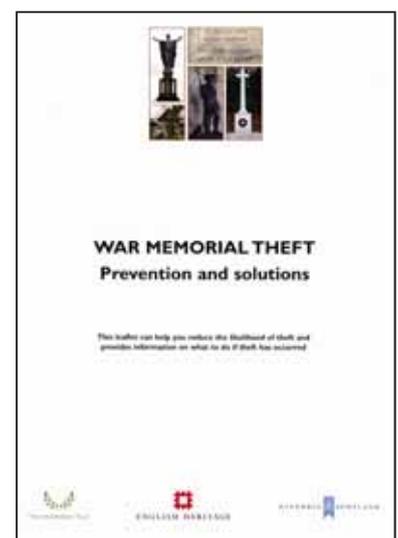
### Preventing war memorial theft

After significant planning, research and writing, the Trust's guidance on the prevention of theft, and solutions should it occur, has been published. This document, forming part of a developing library of advice and laid out in a similar way to the 'Advice on maintenance' leaflet, provides those responsible for war memorials with a comprehensive guide to preventing theft.

The document discusses why there is a problem, how to prevent theft, what to consider when undertaking a risk assessment, what can be done if a theft takes place and the Trust's approach to replacement. In addition information on funding and other sources of information are provided. The back page incorporates a recording form to help custodians record their memorial appropriately so that should the worst happen they have all the relevant information about the memorial.

The guidance was jointly produced with English Heritage and Historic Scotland. Unfortunately, as we were not able to get a Welsh translation ready in time, Cadw's logo does not appear on the front cover. However, the information applies to memorials anywhere in the UK.

Hard copies of the guidance are available by request from the Conservation Team on 020 7233 7356 or can be downloaded from the website at [www.warmemorials.org/protection/](http://www.warmemorials.org/protection/).



## NEWS FROM WAR MEMORIALS TRUST

### Regional Volunteers

War Memorials Trust's Regional Volunteers are members of the charity who wish to take on a more active role to help the Trust achieve its aims and objectives. Regional Volunteers are registered across the UK and have become involved with the charity for a variety of reasons but all have a firm belief in the importance of the protection and conservation of war memorials.

The activities in which Regional Volunteers can be involved include:

- Monitoring, reporting on condition, listing and researching war memorials
- Promoting the charity locally or giving talks on behalf of the Trust
- Supporting our work by organising and running an event
- Representing the charity at rededication ceremonies or similar events

War Memorials Trust would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our Regional Volunteers for their continuing support of the charity and their ongoing work to promote the work of the Trust and the importance of protecting our war memorial heritage.

The Trust is always interested in welcoming more Regional Volunteers in all areas of the UK. However, we would specifically like additional Regional Volunteers in: Bedfordshire, Cleveland, Cornwall, Cumbria, Derbyshire, East Sussex, Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, Lincolnshire, Merseyside, Northamptonshire, Northumberland, Oxfordshire, Rutland, Shropshire, South Yorkshire, Surrey, Tyne and Wear, West Midlands, West Sussex, Wiltshire, Worcestershire and all areas of Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

If you are interested in becoming a Regional Volunteer, please contact Nancy on 020 7834 0200 or email [rv@warmemorials.org](mailto:rv@warmemorials.org) for further information.

Below is a list of our current Regional Volunteers by the main county they operate in (as of December 2009):

**England:** *Bedfordshire:* Joan Howe; *Berkshire:* Patrick Beresford, David Haylock; *Buckinghamshire:* Brian Fuller, Derek West; *Cambridgeshire:* Jeremy Alexander, Charles Clark, Stephen Joyce, Brian Krill, Raymond Leach, David Neilson, Colin and Maggie Richardson; *Cheshire:* Peter Clarke, Ian MacKay, John Western; *County Durham:* Richard Merritt, James Pasby; *Cumbria:* Elspeth Griffiths; *Devon:* Steven Batty, Alan Graveley, Robert Jackson, John Vanderwolfe; *Dorset:* Michael Arnold, Sara Grayson, Chris Moreton, Katherine Seymour; *East Riding of Yorkshire:* Stephen Clarke, Paul Ryan, Marigold Vodden; *East Sussex:* Sean Wallis; *Essex:* Bruce Munro, Robert Pike, Paul Rusiecki, Richard Speller, Peter Taylor; *Gloucestershire:* Bea Morris; *Greater Manchester:* Harry Mills; *Hampshire:* Alan Cawsey, Charles McKenzie, Peter Miller, Deirdre Nicol, Neil Smith, Ian Taylor, Vicki Villers; *Herefordshire:* John Paige; *Hertfordshire:* David Armstrong, Christopher Dean, David Wall; *Isle of Wight:* Geoff Allan, David Gammage; *Kent:* James Day, Roger Davenport, Patrick Jackson; *Lancashire:* Stuart Clewlow, Mike Coyle, Joe Hodgson, Carol Stephens; *Leicestershire:* Trevor Hearn, Denis Kenyon, Chris Stephens; *Lincolnshire:* Tony Stubbs; *London:* Anthony Bradbury, Paul Dyer, Guy Taylor, Kell Webb, Rebecca White; *Merseyside:* Ian Chapman; *Middlesex:* Paul Courtney; *Norfolk:* Roland Buggery, June and Jim Marriage, Roy Simpson, Stephen Williams; *North Yorkshire:* Morris Charlton, Richard Thackrah; *Northamptonshire:* Michael Hemingway; *Northumberland:* Janet Brown; *Nottinghamshire:* Arthur Clarke, Rachel Farrand; *Oxfordshire:* Alec Powell; *Shropshire:* Clive Blakeway; *Somerset:* Michael Armstrong, Sara Burnard, John Cope, Phil Curme, William Hanna; *South Yorkshire:* Brian Badger; *Staffordshire:* David Allan, Ray Cope, Peter Kent-Baguley; *Suffolk:* Tony Catesby, Adam Gurdon, Bryn Lewis, Eddie Mould; *Warwickshire:* David Bray, John Hale, Malcolm Thomas; *West Yorkshire:* Anne Brook, Peter Bennett, Grayham Mitchell; *Wiltshire:* Ian Homersham; *Wirral:* Graham Cox; *Worcestershire:* Ronald Bubb.

**Scotland:** *Aberdeenshire:* Ian Davidson, Van Leiper; *Dumfries and Galloway:* Paul Goodwin; *East Dunbartonshire:* Robert Dallas; *Edinburgh:* Richard Hough; *Fife:* David and Mary Richards; *Highland:* James Kyle; *Scottish Borders:* Alex McCue; *West Lothian:* Bill Keddie, Mark Smith;.

**Wales:** *Monmouthshire:* Roydon Morgan; *Powys:* Peter Cannon; *Rhondda Cynon Taff:* Derek Luker; *Vale of Glamorgan:* Ceri Jones.

**New Zealand:** Allan Berry.

## NEWS FROM WAR MEMORIALS TRUST

### Learning conference

On 2<sup>nd</sup> December last year War Memorials Trust hosted another pair of educational conferences for war memorial custodians and contractors. Held at the Castle Leazes Halls in Newcastle the events were designed to raise awareness of the Trust, provide information about how the charity can help and outline our conservation approaches.

Joanna Sanderson and Frances Moreton represented the Trust at the conferences and were joined by Jennifer Morrison, Historic Environment Officer at Newcastle City Council, in the morning and Robin Dower, of Spence and Dower Architects, in the afternoon as guest speakers. We would like to thank them for their valuable contributions. We were delighted to welcome some of our Regional Volunteers alongside many custodians and contractors.



Robin Dower of Spence and Dower, guest speaker at the afternoon session for contractors © WMT, 2009

Both half day sessions generated interesting discussion and debate on a range of issues. The Trust incorporated information that had been suggested through feedback on the previous events and the questions and discussion identified further issues that will be added in future.

Further conferences are planned for 2010 with events running in Cambridge in March, Merseyside in June and Cardiff or Bristol in September. Details of all events are found on the Trust's website at [www.warmemorials.org/conferences/](http://www.warmemorials.org/conferences/). Booking is open for the Cambridge event and will open in due course for those later in the year. If you know custodians or contractors who may be interested please do let them know about these events.

### Veterans Agency

War Memorials Trust has been advised of changes at the Veterans Agency which readers may be interested in. A new website has been launched [veterans-uk.info](http://veterans-uk.info) as a central source of information for veterans. Alongside information on support and medals the new website is to host the details of the Armed Forces memorial, commemorating those "killed by Service in the Armed Forces since 1948". The website will include background history, location and contact details as well as the searchable database of those commemorated on the memorial.



### War memorials in the news

The end of 2009 was a very busy time for the Trust in terms of press coverage. Frances was interviewed for the BBC Radio 4 programme 'You and Yours' and BBC London's Vanessa Feltz programme. Joanna was interviewed for British Forces Radio at the war memorial in Broomfield Park, Enfield, London. She also appeared live on Sky News talking about how people can help look after war memorials.

The Trust received coverage in many local and some national newspapers. A press release by English Heritage on 11<sup>th</sup> November about listing war memorials also stimulated interest. You can find out more about listing on page 12. We would like to thank many of our Regional Volunteers who have raised awareness locally with interviews, articles and by contacting journalists.

Our media work is continuing into 2010 with further interviews being recorded and proposed as well as enquiries from all types of media. The Trust is taking advantage of any opportunities to raise awareness as the importance of war memorials seems to be a topical issue.

## WAR MEMORIAL GRANT SCHEMES

War Memorials Trust administers three grant schemes. Before applying to a scheme you should complete an 'Expression of interest form' to identify the right scheme for you. These can be obtained by contacting the Trust's Conservation Team on 020 7233 7356, 0300 123 0764 or [conservation@warmemorials.org](mailto: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. Grants are currently awarded up to 50% of costs, up to £2,500.



**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

**PLEASE NOTE THIS SCHEME IS CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW. CONTACT THE CONSERVATION TEAM TO DISCUSS.**

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



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### 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

### Meanwood, West Yorkshire (WM2027)



Meanwood war memorial © Meanwood Valley Partnership, 2009

Meanwood war memorial is in the style of a shrine, composed of a stone base, oak boards on the sides and rear elevations, with a slate roof. Inside the shrine is a crucifix and bronze figure of Christ; on the ceiling of the shrine are twelve bronze stars. The World War I inscriptions are carved into the oak boards behind the crucifix and a bronze plaque on the front of the memorial commemorates those killed in World War II. The memorial is located on Memorial Drive, off Green Road, Meanwood, Leeds.

In 2009, a grant of £4,785 was given through the Grants for War Memorials scheme funded by English Heritage and the Wolfson Foundation. The main works to the memorial involved the bronze Christ figure and stars. These were taken down and the lacquer on them was removed with solvents. Along with the bronze plaque, they were cleaned with steam and re-patinated. The last step was application of a microcrystalline wax and buffing. In addition to these works, the timber was cleaned, any defective joints in the stone walls were re-pointed with a hydraulic lime mortar mix, cracks on the plaster ceiling were repaired, the iron flag supports were cleaned, corrosion was removed and they were re-painted to inhibit corrosion and any ferrous fixings were removed and replaced with stainless steel.

After World War I the Vicar of Meanwood Parish Church felt that there should be a memorial to the 48 Meanwood men who had been killed. A proposal for a Memorial Drive was approved, a field was purchased for this and the Memorial Drive was created in 1920. Major Rowley of Alder Hill, Meanwood, offered funds for a shrine to be placed on the Memorial Drive to contain the names of those killed and in memory of his nephew who was killed at Villers-Bretonneux on 24<sup>th</sup> April 1918. The architect for the memorial was Mr A. R. Powys and the memorial was unveiled and dedicated on 12<sup>th</sup> August 1922 by the Lord Lieutenant of the West Riding of Yorkshire. After World War II, the bronze plaque was unveiled and dedicated on 21<sup>st</sup> May 1949.



Christ figure before conservation © Meanwood Valley Partnership, 2008

The names on the memorial are alongside inscriptions which read:

“To the glory of God  
and in perpetual honour of the men of  
this parish who fell in the Great War 1914-  
1918”

“Forget not those who died that we  
might live  
even so did Christ”

“In proud and grateful memory of  
men of Meanwood  
1939 1945”



Christ figure after conservation © Meanwood Valley Partnership, 2009

## WAR MEMORIALS TRUST SMALL GRANTS SCHEME

### Hellidon, Northamptonshire (WM3338 and WM3364)



Hellidon memorial window to the fallen © Church of St John the Baptist, Hellidon 2009

Two World War I memorial stained glass windows located in St John the Baptist Church, Hellidon in Daventry benefitted from the Small Grants Scheme in 2009. The pair of windows are considered unique as no others of this style are known to exist. The windows were dedicated in 1920.

The first memorial (WM3338) illustrates in the left light of the window the figures of St George holding an England flag and crushing the neck of the dragon with his foot and St Alban with a sword and cross. In the right light are the figures of four local men who lost their lives in World War I depicted as medieval knights; their faces were painted from photographs. This window is shown in the photograph on the left where two figures can be seen in the left panel and four in the right.

War Memorials Trust gave a grant of £739 to repair the external stone mullions which had eroded, treat the rust and re-paint the saddle bars, clean the stone work and re-fix the stoneguards.

The memorial was unveiled by General Vaughan of Spring Hill, Rugby. Ex-service men laid a wreath of red flowers on the window sill with a card which read "To our comrades - in remembrance". There was also a wreath of laurel and white flowers in the porch of the church dedicated "To our glorious four".

The inscription on the memorial reads: "In thanksgiving to God for Victory and Peace, and in glorious memory of William Thomas Hedges, James Henry Hedges, Frederick Wm. Marlow Wells, John James Buchanan, who gave their lives for us." A scroll on the window reads "The noble army of martyrs praise Thee" and records the dates 1914 and 1918.



Deteriorating stonework prior to conservation work © Martin Allen, 2009

The second memorial (WM3364) is dedicated to the return of local men who had served in World War I and is shown in the photograph on the right.

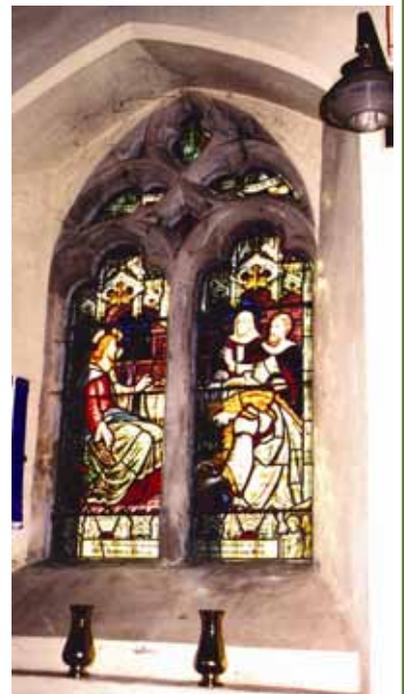
War Memorials Trust gave a grant of £862 to repair the external stone mullions, treat the rust and re-paint on the saddle bars them, clean the stone work and re-fix the stoneguards.

The inscription on this memorial reads:

"For the commemoration of the safe return of the ex-service men of Hellidon from the War."

An inscription detailed on a scroll reads:

"Thy faith has saved thee go in peace".



Hellidon memorial window giving thanks for those who returned from World War I © Church of St John the Baptist, Hellidon 2009

## WAR MEMORIALS TRUST SMALL GRANTS SCHEME

### North Wales Heroes Memorial, University of Wales, Bangor (WM1963)

This war memorial is an arch built in the style of a Tudor gateway with two storeys. It has a Yorkshire stone façade and castellated style parapet. Inside, off an entrance area, there are small offices as well as stairs leading to the first floor. On the first floor there is a memorial room entered through bronze doors. The room has oak panelling detailing the names of those who fell. Over the central archway there is an oriel window at first floor level with a string course below incorporating carved shields. The memorial has many notable stone mouldings and carved features. The arch is located in Deiniol Road, Bangor, Wales, and is Grade II listed. It is known as the North Wales Heroes Memorial.

Unfortunately, the arch had to be closed after it was discovered that the floor was in a poor condition and unsafe as it could no longer bear heavy loads. In 2007, War Memorials Trust gave a grant of £1,500 towards the large and extensive schedule of works to repair the arch. These works included cleaning the memorial, replacing damaged or missing stone and brickwork, repairs to damaged windows, repair of timber and iron work, the removal of standing water in the basement, replacement of the floor over the basement and internal and external redecoration.

The original competition for the design of the memorial stipulated that the design was to be for a building with sculpture as a feature. The architect for the memorial was D Wynne Thomas and it was opened by Edward, Prince of Wales on 1<sup>st</sup> November 1923 in memory of all those from North Wales who were killed in World War I.

The inscription plaques state the arch was erected:

“...in memory of the men of North Wales who fell in the Great War 1914-18”.

The names of 8,500 who were killed from each of the North Wales parishes are carved on the wooden panels in the memorial room upstairs. These can be seen in the picture below which shows the room containing a table covered by the flag of Wales.



Exterior of North Wales Heroes Memorial after extensive programme of conservation and repair works © Bangor University, 2009



Memorial room with names of the fallen detailed on the panelling © Bangor University, 2009

Details of other completed projects grant aided are available on our web site at:  
[www.warmemorials.org/search-grants/](http://www.warmemorials.org/search-grants/)

## ARTICLE

### Western Front Association by Hilary Wheeler

The Western Front Association (WFA) works to educate the public in the history of the Great War with particular reference to the Western Front. They also have an interest in war memorials and include the role of Memorials Officer amongst their Trustees.

This article introduces the WFA's war memorials work. The organisation has, for many years, offered advice and in a few instances limited financial assistance to conservation and restoration projects both in the UK and overseas. Any grant is only made once the bulk of funding has been raised locally. In addition, as a result of pioneering work, by a previous WFA Memorials Officer, Barrie Thorpe, work has been undertaken on some of the private memorials on the Western Front. For example, working with the CWGC, the WFA funded a new fence for the memorial to Major Malcolm Wingate who was killed in action in 1918. Another private memorial, to Captain Houston Wallace was conserved thanks to WFA funding for the project. It should be noted, however, that these private memorials are not the property of the WFA which has no responsibility for them. Those interested in these private memorials will find information on the WFA's website or from Barrie Thorpe's book '*Private Memorials of the Great War on the Western Front*', now out of print although your local library should be able to locate a copy.

The WFA has also been active in collecting and recording information about the wooden crosses that originally marked graves, before being replaced with the familiar CWGC headstones. A number of these crosses, many of the standard type but some, often quite elaborate, made by comrades were brought back to the parish church of the deceased. It was also possible for a cross, from the grave of an unknown serviceman, to be 'adopted' by a community and placed in the parish church. In recent years several crosses, originally placed in churchyards, have been conserved and taken inside the church as the contemporary community was reminded of their importance as memorials. The search for additions to this list is ongoing and information about all discoveries is copied to the UK National Inventory of War Memorials (UKNIWM).

The WFA has a policy of not supporting, financially, the erection of new war memorials, although advice and information is regularly provided to those proposing a new memorial. Not least, the advice that a 'support fund' be established to provide for long term maintenance, conservation and restoration. The WFA would encourage anyone looking to erect a new memorial to consider, instead, an addition to an existing memorial. This might also mean that the existing memorial is cleaned or conserved/restored in preparation for the addition; this would serve to honour not only those honoured by the memorial but to commemorate those who, often in difficult financial circumstances, dedicated the original memorial.



Horner battlefield cross, Mells Church, an example of the type of cross being recorded © H. Wheeler, 2009

Given that many thousands of memorials were erected after the end of the Great War it has, sadly, to be accepted that not all will survive, which is why every memorial should be recorded for the UKNIWM. Others have been more fortunate and the WFA has been able to play a part in their restoration. For example, the memorial of the Borough Polytechnic (London South Bank University) was discovered in pieces and, as a result of personal contacts, was restored by staff and students of Lambeth College's School of Construction.

The Western Front Association Memorials Officer can be contacted at Western Front Association, PO Box 1918, Stockport SK4 4WN or via the WFA's website [www.westernfrontassociation.com](http://www.westernfrontassociation.com) where information about the Association and its activities can be found.

This article is part of an exchange of articles between WFA Bulletin and War Memorials Trust Bulletin.

## ARTICLE

### War Memorial Fields Campaign by Helen Griffiths

Fields in Trust – formerly the National Playing Fields Association – has been protecting playing fields across the country for more than 80 years - currently we protect more than 1,200 sites, in excess of 8,500 acres! We are always looking for new and relevant ways to increase the amount of outdoor space for sport and recreation that is permanently protected in this country. We are delighted to be launching a new campaign, in association with the UK National Inventory of War Memorials (UKNIWM), to ensure the long term protection of the hundreds of war memorial fields that exist across the country.



Wimblington war memorial playing field © Fields in Trust 2009

War memorial fields were created in memory of the local men and women who sacrificed their lives in service of their country, particularly but not exclusively in the First and Second World Wars. At Fields in Trust we feel very strongly that these important sites are an integral part of the UK's heritage. Unfortunately the status of these fields is not always guaranteed and they can often be left vulnerable to both residential and commercial development. Through our new campaign we want to ensure that these fields are safeguarded – providing both a continuing memorial to those who died and also much needed recreational facilities for future generations. The 'War Memorial Fields Campaign' is an exciting opportunity to ensure that this living legacy is assured for the future.

To kick off the campaign we need help to identify all of these war memorial fields so we can begin the process of legally safeguarding their future. The UKNIWM has a list of 187 fields but this is not exhaustive and so we are imploring the public to inform us of any war memorial playing fields in their local area.

The war memorial fields are a unique legacy to those who bravely gave up their lives to serve their country and their future demands to be safeguarded. By honouring the sacrifice of these men and women we also have the chance to ensure that hundreds of communities – both now and for future generations – have access to outdoor space for sport and play.

To find out more about the campaign or to inform Fields in Trust of a war memorial field in your community contact Fields in Trust, Ground Floor South, 100 Christian Street, London, E1 1RS Telephone: 020 7264 2400 Email: [fields@fieldsintrust.org](mailto:fields@fieldsintrust.org) Website [www.fieldsintrust.org](http://www.fieldsintrust.org)

#### How can you help?

If you live close to a war memorial field please help to identify them. Send Fields in Trust the introductory details outlined below. They will then contact you if they need further information.

Name of field:

Location            Street:  
                           Town:  
                           Postcode:  
                           Parish / local authority (if known):

Your details:

Name:  
 Address:  
 Email:



## CONSERVATION NEWS

### Listing

War Memorials Trust was very pleased that a large number of war memorials were listed in October and November 2009. This included seven applications made by the Trust for war memorials which had received grants:

WM2795 Freshford, Somerset  
 WM1647 Allendale, Northumberland  
 WM2323 Waltham St Lawrence, Berkshire  
 WM1719 Worth, Kent  
 WM1979 Calbourne, Isle of Wight, Hampshire  
 WM2014 Huntley, Gloucestershire  
 WM2020 Stanwell, Surrey



Freshford war memorial © Freshford Parish Council, 2008

English Heritage has produced new guidance about the listing process called *Heritage Protection: Listing – Moving towards a new way on managing the historic environment*. It outlines each stage of the process, who deals with the applications, how decisions are reached and frequently asked questions.

We would recommend all Regional Volunteers and anyone else interested in listing to read the guidance. It is available from English Heritage's website at [www.english-heritage.org.uk/upload/pdf/Heritage-Protection\\_Listing\\_tagged.pdf?1260965257](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/upload/pdf/Heritage-Protection_Listing_tagged.pdf?1260965257) or you can request a free hard copy by post via their main switchboard number 0870 333 1181. We will also be adding a link to the guidance from the Trust's website.

### Can you help?

In 2004, War Memorial Trust rescued what it was advised was a war memorial, threatened with destruction. However it transpired that the item is not a war memorial; rather an artefact. Since then the Trust has been seeking to find a new home for it, contacting all the obvious places, with no luck.

So we now seeking help from members to help find a new home for this table (WM1497) as the Trust does not have the space to keep it in its offices. The table is wooden measuring 166cm/65in in length, 77cm/30in in width and standing at a height of 92cm/36in. The table can be separated from the base frame and is shown in its entirety in the photograph. It maybe that some research undertaken locally will help identify more information and could uncover if it was in fact dedicated as a war memorial at anytime.



The table carries the dedication "This table served as a portable altar during the whole of the British Campaign through Italy in World War 2, transported and used by Rev Eric M Johnson, a chaplain to the Royal Air Force and vicar of St Mary's Sunbury-on-Thames 1949 - 1956". It is from this church in Surrey that War Memorials Trust acquired the table when redevelopment meant they felt unable to retain it. Nothing is known of how and when it was placed in the church.

If anyone has any suggestions for a new location for the table please advise the Conservation Team on [conservation@warmemorials.org](mailto:conservation@warmemorials.org) or by calling 020 7233 7356. Please note the Trust will not be able to keep this piece indefinitely; so if you do have suggestions please let us know as soon as possible as we will have to make a decision on its future by the end of the year.

## FUNDRAISING

### 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 recently. For those annual members due to receive a renewal letter this year you will find a standing order form enclosed with your renewal letter. If you would like to switch the standing order payment please complete the form and return it to the Trust.

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 give that vital bit extra even when paying by standing order. Further details on standing orders can be obtained from Nancy Treves on 020 7834 0200, [nancy@warmemorials.org](mailto:nancy@warmemorials.org) or via the website at [www.warmemorials.org/standing-orders](http://www.warmemorials.org/standing-orders)

### 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. When questioned 35% of people said they would leave a legacy to charity once they have supported family and friends but only 7% actually do so. According to Remember a Charity, if the number of people who left a legacy increased to just 11% an additional £1 billion would be raised for charities. Such 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 the nation's war memorials.

Often a legacy gift is a unique opportunity to give a significant donation. A 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 have already prepared a will but wish to make a legacy gift this may be done through a codicil. War Memorials Trust provides legacy information at [www.warmemorials.org/legacy](http://www.warmemorials.org/legacy) or you can contact Frances Moreton on 020 7834 0200 or [frances@warmemorials.org](mailto:frances@warmemorials.org).

### Cleversquirrel has changed

You may remember reading about Cleversquirrel in previous issues of the Bulletin. It has now changed. It is a tool that enables you to reclaim money you may not even know you had. It used to be that the scheme donated any money reclaimed to charity. They now return that money to the individual who made the claim to dispose of as they choose, perhaps donating to a charity of their choice.



Hidden in many investment, pension and insurance policies are charges that can be claimed by an adviser. If you do not have an adviser for your policy, you are paying for something and getting nothing. Your money stays with the financial institution and cannot be cancelled or refunded. Cleversquirrel reclaims these charges and donates them to your chosen charity, making the most of money you have already paid. All it takes is one signature from you.

Cleversquirrel is free to use; just contact them for a claim form either from [www.cleversquirrel.com](http://www.cleversquirrel.com) or call 01403 274323. If your claim reveals adviser charges you will get 75% back which we hope you will consider giving in part or full as a donation to War Memorials Trust.

## WMT SHOP AND BOOKSHELF

### Bibliography

Following details in previous Bulletins about books related to war memorial issues we have received details of further publications which we hope you may find of interest. To these we have added details of some of those books featured on our website.

Thank you to those who have sent in suggestions. Please note although we welcome suggestions we do not have the space in our small office to store any actual books so it is best not to send these unless discussed first with the office.

Ashley, Peter (2004) **Lest we forget: war memorials**

Publisher: English Heritage

ISBN-10: 1850749116 ISBN-13: 9781850749110

Barnes, Richard (2004) **The obelisk: a monumental feature in Britain**

Publisher: Frontier Publishing

ISBN-10: 1872914284 ISBN-13: 9781872914282

Cheadle Hulme University of the Third Age (2009) **85 heroes 1914-1918: a short history**

Publisher: Cheadle Hulme University of the Third Age

ISBN: unknown

Falconer, Jonathan (2009) **Names in stone: forgotten warriors of Bradford-on-Avon and district 1939-45**

Publisher: Bed & Bolster Publishing

ISBN-10: 0956342300 ISBN-13: 9780956342300

Gibson, Edwin and Kingsley Ward, G (1989) **Courage remembered: the story behind the construction and maintenance of the Commonwealth's military cemeteries and memorials of the wars of 1914-1918 and 1939-1945**

Publisher: HMSO

ISBN-10: 0117726087 ISBN-13: 9780117726086

Gillis, John (1994) **Commemorations: the politics of national identity**

Publisher: Princeton University Press

ISBN-10: 0691029253 ISBN-13: 9780691029252

Gregory, Adrian (1994) **The silence of memory: Armistice Day 1919-1946**

Publisher: Berg

ISBN-10: 1859730019 ISBN-13: 9781859730010

Saunders, David (1996) **Britain's maritime memorials and mementoes**

Publisher: Patrick Stephens Ltd

ISBN-10: 1852604662 ISBN-13: 9781852604660

Winter, Jay (1995) **Sites of memory, sites of mourning: the Great War in European cultural history**

Publisher: Cambridge University Press

ISBN-10: 0521496829 ISBN-13: 9780521496827

You can view a more substantial bibliography in the 'Learning' section of our website and we welcome further suggestions which we will consider adding to the online list. Please note the Trust neither sells these publications nor recommends or endorses them. The bibliography is merely an alphabetical list of authors whose books you may wish to read. However we provide the ISBN so you can contact your local library, bookstore or shop online if you wish to obtain a copy.

Books which are available are 'The War Memorials Handbook' and 'A Century of Remembrance' details of which can be found on page 16.

## MERCHANDISE

### Pens and pencils

Discreetly branded with War Memorials Trust's name and website is a stylish ball point pen, green in colour with white lettering. Plain white pencils with a rubber tip carry War Memorials Trust's name in green. 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.



### 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).



### 'Pound for Life' key ring

This key ring comes with an attachment the same size and shape as a pound coin and is designed to be removed from the key ring to use when needed e.g. shopping trolley or gym locker. The attachment is emblazoned with the Trust logo, telephone number and website are on the reverse. The key ring is available for only £1.50 inc p&p.



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	Set of 5 WMT Pencils at £2 (inc p&p)	
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	'Pound for Life' key ring at £1.50 (inc p&p) each	
	Copy(ies) of 'A Century of Remembrance' by D Boorman at £14.99 + £2 p&p per copy	
	The War Memorials Handbook at £4.99 + 50p p&p per copy	
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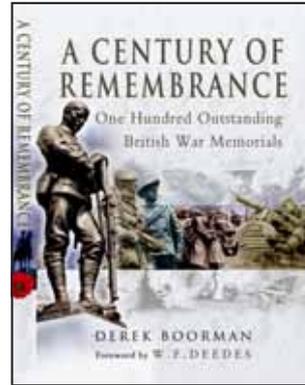
## Further Information

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

- Standing order payments
- Leaving a legacy
- Becoming a Regional Volunteer

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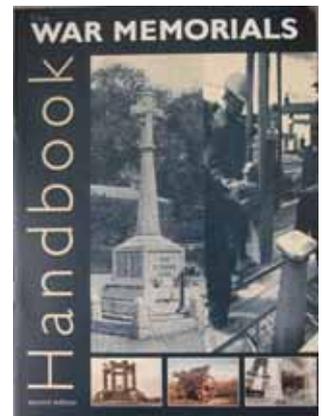
## A Century of Remembrance by Derek Boorman



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 at £14.99 plus £2 p&p.

## 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.



## 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.

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