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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, 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

War Memorials Trust membership rates are:

£20 annual member;
£30 joint annual member and
£100 for a lifetime subscription.

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Clifton war memorial, Bedfordshire © Clifton Parish Council, 2010 (WM2616). The project received £2,500 from the Small Grants Scheme towards repairs following damage to the war memorial by vehicles. For further information visit www.warmemorials.org/search-grants/?gID=730.

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NEWS FROM WAR MEMORIALS TRUST

Message from staff

It is always sad to have to begin with bad news but you will be aware that War Memorials Trust President, Winston S. Churchill passed away in March. Winston was a driving force in the establishment of the Trust in the late 1990s. We pay tribute to his work on page 5. We have, on behalf of all involved with the Trust, passed on our condolences to his family. We will greatly miss him.

At the Trustees meeting in March tribute was paid to Mr Churchill's contribution. The Board also welcomed a new member. Dr Gavin Stamp is an architectural historian and writer, with a particular interest in war memorials. Turn to page 4 to find out more about our new Trustee. Alongside the introduction to our new Trustee is a piece by our recent Work Experience Student about his two weeks with the charity.

War Memorials Trust is always pleased to hear stories of cases in which custodians have taken appropriate action in relation to their war memorials. We have two articles this issue discussing the actions taken by two banks. These articles were supplied by two Regional Volunteers in response to our request for articles. Remember we welcome your contributions, guidance on submissions can be found in our guidelines at www.warmemorials.org/bulletin.

Another organisation doing fantastic work with its war memorials is The Fovant Badges Society formed to care for the Fovant Badges. The Society faces a challenging task maintaining the chalk military crests carved on Fovant Down as Frances found out on a recent visit. She is shown right with James Rucker and Tony Pinder of the Society above one of the badges. Anyone interested in helping the Society, or finding out more can visit www.fovantbadges.com.

Finally, we are delighted that during April and May all our Regional Volunteers were sent their new information packs. These are designed to provide them with all the information and tools to help the Trust in the different aspects of its work. We thank them again for their help and encourage anyone interested in joining the ranks to get in touch!



AGM and war memorial walk

Accompanying your Bulletin you should find an invitation to War Memorials Trust's AGM which will take place on Monday 5th July at 2.30pm in the Conference Room of the Imperial War Museum in London. In addition, an extract of the Annual Report and Accounts is enclosed. Full copies of the Annual Report and Accounts can be obtained from the Trust by calling 020 7834 0200, emailing info@warmemorials.org or you can download a copy from the Trust's website at www.warmemorials.org/financials.

Anyone planning to attend the AGM should advise the Trust by returning the tear off slip on the letter, telephoning 020 7834 0200, emailing info@warmemorials.org or visiting the Trust's events page and booking online at www.warmemorials.org/events. It is not necessary to send apologies.

Prior to the AGM a war memorial walk will take place. Meeting at noon at the RAF Church, St Clement Danes on the Strand in London the walk will take in Somerset House, Embankment Gardens, memorials outside the Ministry of Defence and the Battle of Britain memorial before crossing Westminster Bridge to reach the Museum in time for the AGM. Anyone interested in booking a place on the walk should return the tear off slip on the letter, telephone 020 7834 0200, email info@warmemorials.org or visit the Trust's events page and book online at www.warmemorials.org/events. Tickets cost £8.

NEWS FROM WAR MEMORIALS TRUST

Introducing Gavin Stamp

In March 2010, Trustees welcomed a new Trustee to the Board, Gavin Stamp.

Dr Stamp is an architectural historian and writer, with a particular interest in war memorials. He organised the Silent Cities exhibition about the memorial and cemetery architecture of the Great War held at the RIBA in 1977 and in 2006 he published a study of The Memorial to the Missing of the Somme. He has published other books about the architecture of Sir Edwin Lutyens, the Gilbert Scott dynasty and on Alexander 'Greek' Thomson. Educated at Dulwich College and the University of Cambridge, he taught for a time at the Mackintosh School of Architecture in Glasgow and is an honorary professor at the University of Glasgow. He is a former Chairman of the Twentieth Century Society and has also presented television documentaries including a series on the Orient Express in 2007.



Gavin Stamp aboard the Orient Express © WAG tv, 2007

Work Experience Student Robin Talbot

I was required to do work experience for two weeks, and I had acquired a placement working for War Memorials Trust. At first, I was quite apprehensive, and knew nothing about war memorials; however the staff there were very nice and after a day or two I was already enjoying it much more than school! I regularly worked on the databases, adding photographs to lists of war memorials in order to allow them to be identified much more easily in future. I also often did tasks such as filing, creating spreadsheets for reference (to make the lives of the other staff easier) and churning out huge amounts of bulletins and new copies of a Theft Prevention Guide for the equally huge number of subscribers to the Trust's newsletters. I enjoyed all my jobs more or less... although occasionally I stared at the clock hands hoping they would move faster! Fortunately, a sense of accomplishment came with the work I did and the thought that I was part of a machine, in which everyone had an important part to play. I learned a lot about war memorials, too, and got a taste of what it's like to have a real job—and how a sardine feels, as I commuted on the Tube.



Robin Talbot on work experience © WMT, 2010

Learning conference, Cambridge

On 4th March War Memorials Trust ran another learning event for custodians. Held in the Guildhall in Cambridge invitations were sent to councils, veterans groups, religious organisations, Regional Volunteers and others across East Anglia.

Due to the demand from custodians the event ran twice during the day with identical morning and afternoon sessions enabling 100 people to attend. Led by Joanna Sanderson and Frances Moreton the conference covered the law and war memorials, conservation issues and approaches, grant schemes, other funding and help available from the Trust.

Further events are scheduled for 10th June 2010 in Liverpool and 9th September 2010 in Bristol. At these venues a custodian conference will be held in the morning with a session for contractors running in the afternoon. Reservations can be made for any of the events by calling 020 7834 0200, emailing info@warmemorials.org or visiting www.warmemorials.org/conferences.



Frances Moreton presenting at the conference © WMT, 2010

NEWS FROM WAR MEMORIALS TRUST

Obituary Winston S. Churchill

Winston S. Churchill, who served as War Memorials Trust President and Trustee from the early days of the charity died on 2nd March 2010 aged 69. Winston made a vital contribution to the founding of the charity in the mid 1990s. He himself wrote about that event in our 10th Anniversary edition of the Bulletin in 2007:

"Ten years ago, in the Spring of 1997, a buzz went round the Smoking Room and Tea Rooms of the House of Commons that an ex-Royal Marine, by the name of Ian Davidson, was coming to one of the Committee Rooms to report on the 'scandal' of Britain's war memorials. 'Come on, Winston!' said my bluff Yorkshire friend, Sir Donald Thompson, a Government Whip in John Major's Conservative Government, 'We need you!' ... The assembled Parliamentarians were suitably outraged and there were mutterings of : 'Ruddy disgraceful! Something must be done about it!' It might all have been left at that, but for the magnificent Donald Thompson, who seized the moment: 'Let's make a charity to care



Winston S. Churchill with Fred Bunday at the Somme Day ceremony in 2002 © WMT, 2002



Winston S. Churchill with fellow Trust supporters at the Somme Day ceremony in 2004 © WMT, 2004

for our war memorials!' he exclaimed, adding with the next breath: 'Winston, you be our Chairman!' – a proposition that was carried unanimously, before I had a chance to protest. Thus was born War Memorials Trust and we officially registered ourselves as a charity in May 1997, originally under the name of Friends of War Memorials."

Over the years Winston fulfilled a number of roles for the charity attending the regular Trustee meetings and contributing to the development of the charity. It was at his suggestion, in 2007, that the Small Grants Scheme maximum rose from £1,500 to £2,500. He was confident that the charity would be able to support the increase in the long run.

Winston was a regular at Trust events, particularly the Somme Day ceremonies that were held until 2007. During the 10th Anniversary Service at the Guards Chapel he movingly read Rupert Brooke's 'The Soldier'. He supported the contribution of the Trust's Regional Volunteers, signing Christmas cards every year until health problems prevented him doing so.



Winston S. Churchill reading at WMT's 10th Anniversary Service 2007 © WMT, 2007



Royal Naval Division © WMT, 2003

Winston was also involved with the Trust's casework. As a member of the committee to reinstate the Royal Naval Division memorial he worked with the Trust and English Heritage to secure funding through the grant scheme to support the project.

War Memorials Trust will greatly miss Winston's leadership and support but will strive to fulfil the desire he shared with so many others to protect and conserve the nation's war memorials.

Winston S. Churchill War Memorials Trust President and Trustee
10th October 1940 — 2nd March 2010

WAR MEMORIAL GRANT SCHEMES

War Memorials Trust administers three grant schemes. Details are given below and further information can be obtained from our website or by contacting the Trust's Conservation Team on 020 7233 7356, 0300 123 0764 or conservation@warmemorials.org. For enquiries about eligibility for funding an 'Expression of interest' form should be completed which can be downloaded at www.warmemorials.org/grants.

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:

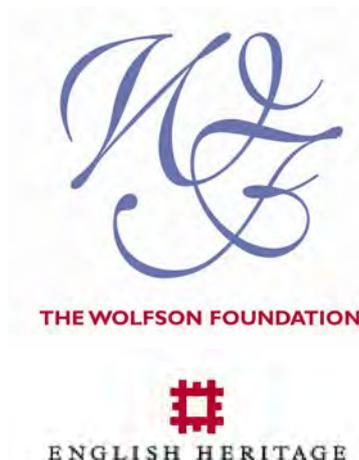
- Conservation and repair works to war memorials
- Condition surveys
- Addition of names

English Heritage/The Wolfson Foundation Grants for War Memorials Scheme

This grant scheme run by English Heritage, in association with the Wolfson Foundation and War Memorials Trust, awards projects over £3,000 grants of up to 50% of eligible costs up to a maximum of £20,000 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



Non-freestanding war memorials in England are eligible for the Small Grants Scheme above.

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 are eligible for the Small Grants Scheme above.

GRANTS FOR WAR MEMORIALS SCHEME

Kennington, Kent (WM2687)

Kennington Garden of Remembrance is a grassy area surrounded by trees. It contains a timber shelter made from oak with a cedar shingle roof. The sides of the shelter are open, the lower half comprises spindles within a semi-circular woodwork feature attached to the oak posts on a base made of bricks.



After work was completed © Kennington Community Forum, 2010

The Garden of Remembrance is located in Ulley Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

The main problems with the shelter were that the shingles on the roof had become rotten and loose. Some of the spindles were also missing and graffiti had been sprayed onto the beam at the front. Fortunately, the original drawings for the shelter had been found in a local archive and so repairs could follow the original design accurately.



View of the Garden of Remembrance © Kennington Community Forum, 2009



Rotten roof shingles © Kennington Community Forum, 2009

Grants for War Memorials provided £4,296 to the project led by Kennington Community Forum. The grant supported sanding down the frame to remove graffiti, replacing the spindles and replacing the roof shingles. The ridge of the roof had lead laid down which was sprayed with a substance which allows metal to be traced if stolen.

The Garden of Remembrance was unveiled on 17th November 1950. The inscription "1939-1945" is carved onto one of the beams of the shelter and over the gate to the garden. The shelter design echoes that of the lychgate at nearby St Mary's Church which dates from 1893. The original designer of the shelter is not known.

There are many war memorial lychgates across the country. 'Lych' is the Saxon word for 'corpse' and a lychgate is the resting place for a coffin. The earliest lychgates date from the 13th century.



Replacing the roof shingles onto timber battens © Kennington Community Forum, 2010



New oak pegs and spindles © Kennington Community Forum, 2010

GRANTS FOR WAR MEMORIALS SCHEME

Dulwich, London (WM1620)

This war memorial is a Latin cross made from white Carrara marble. The shaft is fixed onto a square plinth and stepped base. The inscriptions are incised and filled with lead.

The war memorial is located in the grounds of Dulwich Community Hospital, East Dulwich Grove, London, SE22 8PT.

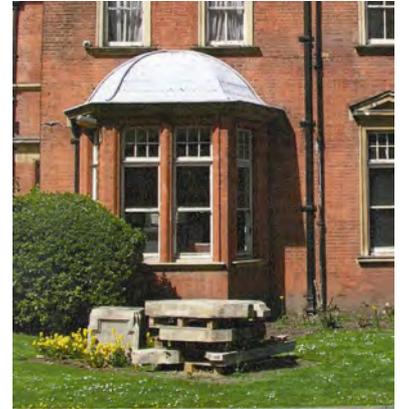


After the war memorial was completed © WMT, 2010

Grants for War Memorials gave £10,000 towards this project, lead by Southwark Primary Care Trust and the Dulwich Trust on behalf of local people. The war memorial was dismantled sometime in the 1950s to make way for the redevelopment of the hospital entrance road. It was packed away for many years at Grove Park Hospital and forgotten about. Around 2005, the steps and plinth of the memorial were discovered and returned to Dulwich but the cross and shaft were missing.

The main part of the project was to design a replacement cross and shaft based on historical photographs found by a local historian. The shaft was fixed onto the original plinth and steps, which were set into new foundations.

The grass and planting around the memorial was paid for by the Metropolitan Public Gardens Association, www.mpga.org.uk. This is a charity which funds work to improve public green spaces in Greater London.



Remnants of the original war memorial © Southwark PCT, 2009

Dulwich Community Hospital was originally called St Saviour's Union Infirmary and was a hospital for those in the workhouse. It was requisitioned as Southwark Military Hospital in 1915 to treat World War I casualties. Between 1915 and 1919, around 14,000 servicemen were treated here. The war memorial was probably unveiled shortly after World War I and commemorates the 119 men that died at the Hospital.

The inscription reads:

"To the memory of
the Non-Commissioned
Officers and Men
of the armies of the British Empire
who died for freedom and honour
in this hospital
during the Great War
1915 -1919"



The inscription on the reconstructed plinth © WMT, 2010

On 19th March 2010, Joanna Sanderson attended the rededication ceremony. Wreaths were laid by the Mayor of Southwark Councillor Jeff Hook, The Rt. Hon. Tessa Jowell MP, Mee Ling Ng, Chair of NHS Southwark and Peter Kempson, Royal British Legion.

WAR MEMORIALS TRUST SMALL GRANTS SCHEME

Nelson Monument, Edinburgh (WM2369)



After work was completed ©
Edinburgh World Heritage Trust,
2010

The Nelson Monument is a circular signal tower in the style of a naval spy glass. It is built of Craigeleith sandstone and is 106ft high with 143 steps from its base. The time-ball mechanism at the top is constructed of timber, zinc and cast iron.

The tower is located in a prominent position on the top of Calton Hill, visible from much of the City of Edinburgh and is located close to the National Monument, Burns Monument and Scottish Parliament building.

In 2009, War Memorials Trust offered a grant of £2,500 towards conservation work to the Monument, which was closed to members of the public for health and safety reasons, and to the time-ball mechanism which was broken. The works consisted of rebuilding and repairs to the parapet as well as re-pointing of stonework, windows, and external doorframes. Additional works included the renewal of handrails, the painting of windows, external doors, metal handrails and rainwater downpipes and cleaning. Repairs to the time-ball and hoisting mechanism included replacing rigging through new anchorage eyelets and repairs to the mast arm.

The Nelson Monument was funded by public subscription and commemorates Lord Admiral Nelson's victory and death at the Battle of Trafalgar, 1805. The Monument was designed by Robert Burn, with Thomas Bonnar taking over after Burn's death in 1815. It was built between 1807 and 1816. The Monument replaced an existing mast on Calton Hill, with a tower high enough to be seen by the ships in Leith Roads.

The time-ball, which weighs 762kgs, was installed in 1852 by Charles Piazza Smyth, second Astronomer Royal for Scotland with the aid of clockmaker Frederick James Ritchie, to allow ship captains to set their chronometers correctly; this was achieved by the ball being raised at 12.55pm and dropped at exactly 1pm each day, in 1861 this was linked with the audio signal of the One o'clock Gun at Edinburgh Castle. These visual and audio signals were 456ft above sea level and allowed ships in Leith Harbour to set their chronometers, an aid to navigation.

Calton Hill is within Edinburgh World Heritage Site. The National Monument is Grade A listed.

The inscription reads:

"To the memory of the Vice Admiral Horatio Lord Nelson, and of the great victory of Trafalgar, too dearly purchased with his blood, the grateful citizens of Edinburgh have erected this monument: not to express their unavailing sorrow for his death: nor yet to celebrate the matchless glories of his life, but by his noble example to teach their sons to emulate what they admire, and like him, when duty requires, to die for their country. MDCCCXV"



After work was completed ©
Edinburgh World Heritage Trust,
2010

Details of other completed projects grant aided are available on the website.

ARTICLE

The story of Barclays Bank war memorials by Christopher Dean, RV Hertfordshire

Following a meeting with the Project Co-ordinator of the UK National Inventory of War Memorials (UKNIWM) at War Memorials Trust's AGM in 2005, I asked what information there was recorded about the war memorials of my past employer, Barclays Bank. The answer was none although those of Martins Bank, which was taken over by Barclays in 1969, were recorded.



World War II Barclays book of remembrance © C. Dean, 2009

The Barclays Bank Group moved their Head Office from 54 Lombard Street to 1 Churchill Place at Canary Wharf in 2005 and I wrote to the Chief Executive, John Varley, to seek confirmation that the Bank's memorials had also moved. It would appear that the two memorials commemorating the Martins staff (previously at their London office at 68 Lombard Street) had moved as had the two Barclays books of remembrance. These books had been prepared during the 1950s and the names of the staff who gave their lives in two World Wars were recorded therein on vellum. However, there was no trace on the substantial memorial plaques in respect of Barclays staff lost in either of the Wars.

The Bank's Head Office in Lombard Street had been rebuilt twice since 1945 – the most recent during the 1990s. It would appear that the memorials had been mislaid during the last rebuild and despite a major search, they could not be found. The memorials for the 1914-18 War were illustrated in P.W. Matthews and A.W. Tuke's 'History of Barclays Bank Limited', published in 1926 (Appendix IV).

I maintained my correspondence with Barclays and eventually the Bank decided to commission replacement memorials. Work was put in hand and the panels were installed during 2008. All the panels are of polished Ancaster limestone and the incising of the names was undertaken by Zoettegem of Belgium. Each panel is displayed with a stainless steel surround and all are displayed alongside those of Martins on Level 2 of the Bank's Headquarters at Canary Wharf. Full details were given to UKNIWM.

The Barclays Group Archives contain information about staff who served in both World Wars and this helped supplement research. Barclays overseas operation traded under the name Barclays Dominion, Colonial and Overseas. Over 1,500 staff from this Bank joined the armed forces in World War II and 162 gave their lives. It is unclear whether their names are recorded on the main Barclays memorial or on a separate roll of honour.

The Union Bank of Manchester was affiliated with Barclays when it acquired most of the share capital in 1919. The Directors arranged for a roll of honour to be displayed at each Union branch. I do not know whether any of these survive.

All in all, I am delighted by the decision of Barclays to provide replacement memorials to the staff that gave their lives in two World Wars. The Bank must be given great credit for setting a high specification for the memorials; the quality and workmanship of which speaks for itself.

Several of the memorials discussed in the article have now been added to the records of UKNIWM including those lost. Further information can be found at www.ukniwm.org.uk.



Barclays replacement World War II (left) and World War I memorials © C. Dean, 2009

ARTICLE

Midland Bank memorial on the move

The memorial to members of Midland Bank who gave their lives in World War II has been relocated from the Bank's former headquarters at Poultry by HSBC. The move was necessary as HSBC no longer owns the Poultry building but wanted to ensure that there was free access to the monument for descendants, family and friends, as well as allowing for its ongoing maintenance - and so the memorial journeyed across London to HSBC headquarters in Canary Wharf. A rededication ceremony took place on Friday 19th June last year officially establishing the Second World War memorial's new home.

The memorial was originally erected at the Poultry office in March 1950 to commemorate the 478 male and female staff who gave their lives in defence of the nation. The dedication ceremony was led by the Archdeacon of London Canon O. H. Gibbs-Smith and the Bank's Chairman, the Most Hon. The Marquess of Linlithgow, laid the first wreath. The staff magazine of the time, 'The Midland Venture', described the memorial as having: "...great dignity, simplicity and beauty".

The names of Midland Bank staff who gave their lives in the War are inscribed on vellum tablets, enclosed in a glass-covered bronze frame and lit by concealed lighting. At the centre of the frame is a laurel wreath, worked in bronze and entwined with a ribbon running to a V-design. Placed high in the polished marble arch which surrounds it, is the Bank's coat of arms. This gives the sole touch of colour in the memorial. It is admirably positioned. Just above the bronze frame are the words: "Out of the depths of sorrow and sacrifice will be born again the glory of mankind."

Whilst the memorial is dedicated to those serving employees who died in the War, it also reminds us of all those staff who fought for their country. By the summer of 1942, over 6,200 Midland staff were serving with the forces whilst over 8,200 members of staff were on active duty by VJ day in August 1945. Such was the wealth of talent that went to fight in the War, great strains were put on the Bank leading to 348 branches being closed by the end of the War. The Midland Bank board commented at the time that the vast majority of these closures were due to staff shortages rather than as a result of direct enemy action. However, throughout the course of the war the Bank did suffer its share of the destruction wrought by the frequent bombing raids on Britain. Offices and branches were often victims of air raid attacks and these resulted in a death toll of 25 civilian members of staff by the end of the War.

This is not be the first time that the Bank has moved one of its war memorials. In 2002, the Bank's Great War memorial was relocated to Canary Wharf from its previous location in Leadenhall Street. This memorial was erected in memory of the 717 members of the London Joint City and Midland Bank (later Midland Bank and now HSBC Bank plc) staff who perished in the War. The memorial was designed by the architect T. B. Whinney with the adjoining statues being sculpted by Albert Toft. The memorial was unveiled by the Bank's Chairman, the Rt. Hon. Reginald McKenna, and dedicated by the Reverend John Ellison, Rector of St Michael's Cornhill in the City of London, on Armistice Day in 1921.

The Great War memorial has seen several changes of location throughout its life. It was originally unveiled at the Bank's headquarters, then at Threadneedle Street. When the Bank moved to its new Head Office at Poultry and Princes Street in 1930 it was deemed fitting to leave the memorial at its original location. However, in 1992 the Threadneedle Street branch closed and so the war memorial was moved to the Leadenhall Street branch before its latest move.

This article originally appeared in 'Pensioner Today', the national magazine of the HSBC Bank UK Pensioners' Association, in May 2009 which is edited by Ian Chapman, WMT RV. The article was prepared by HSBC Bank Archives who have kindly given the Trust permission to reproduce it in the Bulletin.



Midland Bank World War II memorial © Ian Chapman 2009

WAR MEMORIALS AND PRESERVATION TRUSTS

In October 2009, War Memorials Trust sent information about the charity to many of the UK's preservation trusts. We received information back from Solway Heritage about the project below and agreed with the UK Association of Preservation Trusts to feature information about each other in our respective publications.

Solway Heritage and the Annan war memorial

by Nic Coombey, Landscape Architect, Solway Heritage

Solway Heritage is a building preservation trust which is managing the Annan Townscape Heritage Initiative project on behalf of Dumfries and Galloway Council. The project is funded by The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF), Dumfries and Galloway Council and Scottish Enterprise Dumfries and Galloway. A sum of £890,000 was made available to help with the restoration and repair of selected buildings and public spaces in the town centre over the life of the scheme, which is nearing completion.

The ethos of this Townscape Heritage Initiative project was to restore the mid 19th century heritage context of the streetscape while recognising the need for the evolution of the public realm spaces. The public realm has evolved to meet the needs of the community and change is inevitable to satisfy their future aspirations. It was envisaged that this would be achieved by implementing quality improvements that safeguard and conserve the character of the town as well as retaining the existing street geometry. All works were to respect historic design by being of conservation standard using authentic natural materials and quality workmanship. Where possible the proposals should be based on repair and authentic reinstatement of the streetscape to retain local distinctiveness.

Aspects of safety, accessibility, durability, practicality and ease of maintenance were taken into account when planning change to the streetscape.

The area around the war memorial was chosen as a priority area for improvement where work could reflect the history of the town while ensuring the safe free movement of both pedestrians and vehicles. The following objectives were identified for the scheme at the war memorial:

- Improve setting for war memorial
- Refine car parking layout and setting down point for bus service
- Improve pedestrian environment

Erected in 1921, the war memorial is a bronze soldier modelled on a local farm worker who had served in the First World War. It stands on a white granite plinth and provides a central feature for the open space and a focal point in the town. The war memorial helps to define and divide an irregular space used for car parking adjacent to the main street.

The design involved removing parking spaces from adjacent to the memorial, resurfacing with Caithness flags and whin setts and removing bollards to reduce clutter in the area. During the excavation of the parking area the setts laid in the 1860s were revealed and retained to increase the heritage character of the area.

The Annan Townscape Heritage Initiative will be completed within the next year and £217,000 is expected to have been spent on improving the streetscape in the town centre.



Annan war memorial © Solway Heritage, 2010

CONSERVATION NEWS

UK Association of Preservation Trusts

by Dr James Moir, Director, UK Association of Preservation Trusts

As part of our common inheritance, war memorials are perhaps one of the UK's most iconic 'street-scene' features; they can form focal centre-pieces in both urban and rural contexts. In their exposed and sensitive settings, war memorials are often very good examples of structures 'at risk'.

In this respect, a neglected war memorial represents the essence of a potential project that might be undertaken by a building preservation trust. A Trust, as a charitable body representing the local community, will identify just such a structure because it stands as an emotive 'anchor' in the settlement, embodying a forceful memory from the past. Nevertheless, it may well also have become neglected – possibly because its ownership – and therefore the responsibility to maintain it – is no longer clear-cut. A trust would aim to breathe new life into such a structure; they would assemble the necessary funding package to undertake the work; they would also harness the requisite specialist skills to restore and bring it back to life. In doing so they would aim to provide an exemplar of best practice in conservation work. By focussing on such an iconic structure, the work of a trust would also hopefully act as a catalyst in promoting wider social and economic regeneration by transforming a once-neglected area into a place of civic pride. Some building preservation trusts tackling regeneration schemes through, for example, Townscape Heritage Initiatives, have therefore taken on the repair of war memorials. An example – the Annan war memorial restored by the Solway Heritage Trust - is featured alongside this piece.

UK APT is the voice of building preservation trusts across the UK and promotes and supports the rescue of historic structures at risk for the benefit of future generations. It provides an invaluable network of specialist support and advice for its 250 members. UK APT publishes 'UK APT News', twice a year, organises an annual conference and supports a network of trusts in nine regions across the UK offering opportunities to share problems and solutions. For further information, please visit www.ukapt.org.uk or contact The Director, UK APT, 9th Floor, Alhambra House, 27-31 Charing Cross Road, London WC2H 0AU, telephone 020 7930 1629 or email director.apt@ahfund.org.uk.

Listing news

Leighton Bromswold cross, The Avenue, Cambridgeshire

(WM2005)

In 2009, War Memorials Trust applied for the listing of Leighton Bromswold war memorial cross. The limestone memorial takes the form of a small medieval style Latin cross and plinth. The plinth has tracery decorative detail on each corner and flower motif in a band around the top. The names of World War I soldiers are inscribed on the plinth and painted black. The memorial is surrounded by concrete paving and wooden posts with chain link.

The memorial was unveiled in 1920 and was the work of Mr Pettit of Godmanchester. This memorial was a recipient of a grant from the Grants for War Memorials scheme in 2007.

In March, the Trust was advised that the memorial has been listed at Grade II. The reasons cited for the listing of the memorial are as follows:

- "The architectural detailing to the plinth and cross are unusual and well-executed.
- It is a poignant reminder of the tragic impact of world events upon an individual community, commemorating the nine men from the parish of Leighton Bromswold, Huntingdonshire who lost their lives fighting in the First World War.
- The memorial has group value with nearby listed structures including the Grade I listed Church of St Mary to the south-east and the Grade II listed No. 4 The Avenue to the north."



Leighton Bromswold cross © WMT, 2009

FUNDRAISING

New members needed

As you know War Memorials Trust relies on its members and supporters to enable it to achieve its objectives to protect and conserve war memorials. As demand for our help grows we need to spread the word about the charity both to help as many war memorials as possible but also to find new supporters who can join our ranks. Their subscriptions will help us provide our advice, information, grants schemes and run the charity.

Do you know anyone who might be interested in joining? We are always delighted to send out copies of the Bulletin to anyone who thinks they could put them to good use. One for a neighbour, a dozen for your Legion branch or one for your local library, doctor's surgery or dentist. Contact us on 020 7834 0200 or info@warmemorials.org to order some copies.

Have you considered our gift membership scheme? Would any friends or relatives support our work? Do they have a birthday, anniversary or occasion coming up for which membership would be an appropriate gift? Or, perhaps they are approaching retirement and looking for activities to get involved them. Sign them up and suggest helping as a Regional Volunteer.

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 in receipt of a renewal letter this year you will also find a standing order form enclosed. If you would like to switch to a 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 or via the website at 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 or you can contact Frances Moreton on 020 7834 0200 or frances@warmemorials.org.



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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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No.	Item	Total
	Set of 3 WMT Pens at £4 (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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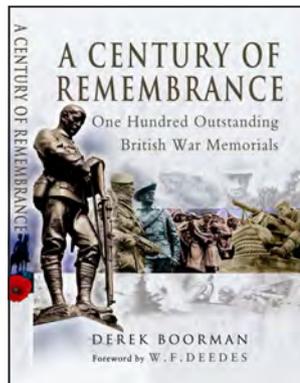
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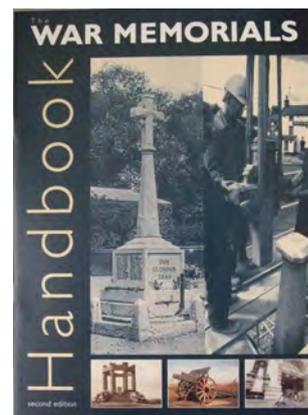
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A Century of Remembrance, by Derek Boorman



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 a price of £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.

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.

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