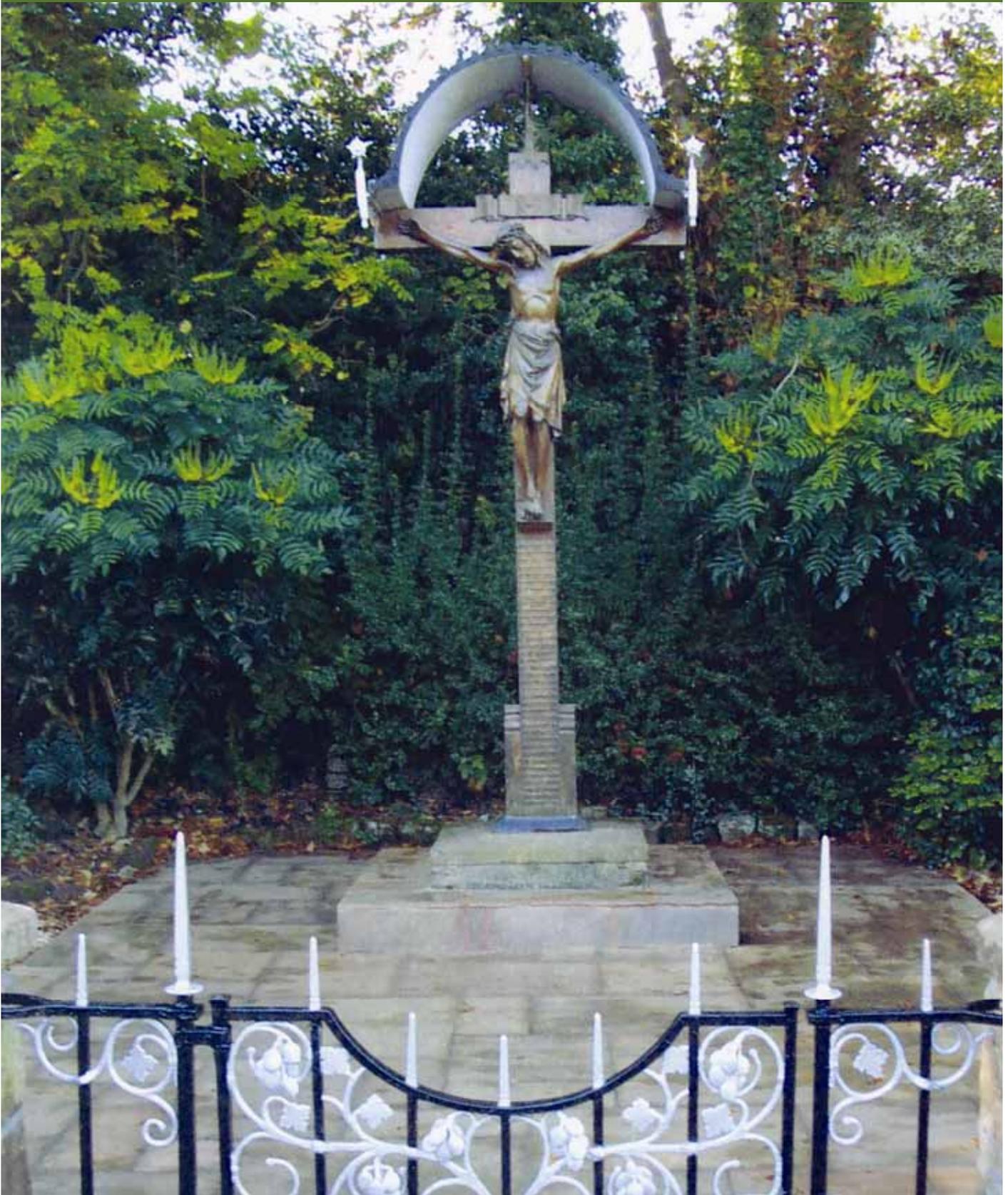


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War Memorials Trust works to protect and conserve all war memorials within the UK

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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Albrighton war memorial, Wolverhampton © Albrighton Parish Council, 2010 (WM1084). The memorial received a grant for £2,240 in 2010 to improve access.



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Message from the Director

Happy New Year and welcome to the first edition of the Bulletin in 2011.

War Memorials Trust has started the year with some changes. We are delighted to welcome Claire Lickman as our new Administrator. Claire becomes the fifth member of our small team. She will be the first point of contact for the charity and provide support for our conservation, administrative and fundraising activities. You can find out more about Claire on page 5. Nancy Treves, our Administrator since May 2006, has become Membership and Volunteer Officer. Nancy will develop the work she has been doing in the last two years supporting our Regional Volunteers across the country as well as working on increasing our membership. She has also taken on responsibility for producing the Bulletin and will be developing the publication over the next year. You have an opportunity to influence that development by returning the supporter survey you should find enclosed with this Bulletin. This survey is our opportunity to find out about our membership and your opportunity to give us your thoughts on the Trust's work. Please take a few moments to complete the survey, we are very grateful for your contribution.

Following another successful year for the charity in 2010 we are already looking ahead to new projects and activities. Thank you to all those who have supported our campaign to identify a War Memorials Officer at local authorities launched last November. We have provided an update on the campaign on page 4. Our first new learning conference collaboration with the Society of Local Council Clerks will take place in March and we are currently planning and developing a programme to provide a comprehensive introduction to looking after war memorials for the many attendees. In Memoriam 2014 is a partnership project between the Trust, the UK National Inventory of War Memorials and SmartWater which you will hear more about in the year ahead. We have given a brief introduction on page 5.

As ever, we are very grateful to all those whose support for the charity enables us to achieve so much. We would like to thank our Patron, HRH The Duchess of Cornwall for her ongoing interest. Last October, HRH unveiled a sculpture of Sir Keith Park at the Battle of Britain Memorial in Capel-le-Ferne, Kent. War Memorials Trust Chairman Algy Cluff was involved with this project and he is shown below with Ft. Lt. Keith Lawrence DFC who you may have seen featured during the 2010 Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance. I was honoured to attend the Festival on behalf of the Trust and would like to thank the Royal British Legion for that invitation and also the inclusion, in their January 2011 magazine, of an article about War Memorials Trust.

For those of you based in England, War Memorials Trust is aware of a way you might be able to help the protection of war memorials. English Heritage (EH) is currently undertaking a review of its National Heritage Protection Plan which looks at how heritage is protected. This includes listing and EH is looking at prioritising the listing of certain types of heritage. War Memorials Trust campaigns to get war memorials listed as it is one of the few mechanisms to afford protection; for example our Regional Volunteers are encouraged to list their local war memorials. We believe that in the next few years, in the run up to 2014-2018, this is an important opportunity to focus on listing war memorials when interest is high. We would like to encourage you to engage with the review and encourage EH to place war memorials at the heart of the listing process in the next few years. You can view the plan and make comments at www.english-heritage.org.uk/professional/protection/national-heritage-protection-plan. The deadline is 14th February 2011.

Best wishes
Frances Moreton



HRH The Duchess of Cornwall unveiling the sculpture of Sir Keith Park © Go4 Marketing and Public Relations Ltd, 2010



WMT Chairman Algy Cluff (right) alongside Ft. Lt. Keith Lawrence DFC at the unveiling © Gavin Stamp, 2010

War Memorials Trust news

War Memorials Officer campaign update

You may recall in the November issue of the Bulletin we introduced our campaign to encourage local authorities to identify a War Memorials Officer to act as an advocate for war memorials. That month, the Trust wrote to 433 local authorities asking them to consider identifying a single point of contact amongst their staff to deal with war memorial issues. Details of the campaign were also sent to all 650 Members of Parliament with a request that they follow up with their local authority in support of the campaign. A large number of news releases were also distributed both from the office and by Regional Volunteers. A number of outlets ran the story including military magazines, local newspapers and radio stations.

By the end of 2010 War Memorials Officers have been identified at a quarter of local authorities. We are absolutely delighted with this response and thank all those local authorities who have responded so positively to our campaign. In many cases local authorities already had someone undertaking this role and it is just a case of War Memorials Trust now having the right name and knowing who to speak to. In other local authorities they have looked at this afresh and recognised the benefit of having a single person leading on this issue. Whatever the situation at the local authority it is wonderful so many have responded and we will work with all War Memorials Officers to develop the role. We have also been pleased that nearly 40 MPs have also been in touch. Many have written to their local authorities and encouraged them to respond to our appeal. We greatly appreciate this support and thank them.

One of the reasons for the initial success of this campaign has been the support of Regional Volunteers and members. Many of you have written to your local authority and MPs to raise awareness of the campaign and add your local voice to our appeal. We know this has been very influential on many occasions and we thank all those who have contributed. We know in some cases the letter from the office never reached the Chief Executive but a letter from a Regional Volunteer did. They received a response identifying the War Memorials Officer which has been passed onto the office so we could make direct contact with the right person at the local authority. Having local pressure in support of our national campaign has demonstrated that people within the local community are passionate about their war memorial heritage and has encouraged local authorities to recognise this part of their work.

All local authorities who have responded to the campaign have been contacted by the Trust thanking them for their interest. War Memorials Officers have been approached for information on the war memorials within the care of their local authority to help us identify the relevant custodians for war memorials in that area. This will help us deal more efficiently with enquiries and concerns by being able to contact the relevant person directly. One of the biggest challenges we face at the Trust is identifying custodians; it can take a long time to find out who is responsible for a memorial which delays being able to address the problem we want to raise.

Taking the campaign forward War Memorials Trust will be writing to all War Memorials Officers this month to offer our help and identify how we might work together. We have a number of ideas and proposals to discuss and get feedback on. We will contact War Memorials Officers on an ad hoc basis when issues arise in their area and anticipate some regular contact mechanisms being established once we identify what would be most beneficial to them. Projects such as In Memoriam 2014 (discussed opposite) will be highlighted giving War Memorials Officers advanced notice of forthcoming initiatives of interest.

In some cases our Regional Volunteers are already making local contacts. Meetings and discussions are taking place between Regional Volunteers and War Memorials Officers looking at issues such as contributing to Historic Environment Records (discussed in the last Bulletin), raising awareness of the charity and developing local links to promote war memorial conservation.

For those local authorities who had not responded by the end of 2010 further replies are still coming in. We will continue to add new War Memorials Officers to our records as they are identified and look forward to hearing from more through the year as local authorities have the opportunity to consider the proposal in light of these challenging times. We will write again later this year to all those yet to respond to show how many others have managed to incorporate the role and also the benefits identified in having a War Memorials Officer.

War Memorials Trust news

Introducing Claire Lickman

"I've had a very varied career," writes Claire, the newest member of the Trust's team. "I have spent two years with a Technology company, working with the company's engineers to produce test and compliance reports for customers (I can type at 85 words per minute - faster than some of the engineers could talk, they told me!). I've also worked for a number of retail organisations, including Waterstone's and Woolworths."

"However, I've really been able to use skills I learned from my BA in Heritage, Archaeology and History working with the National Trust at Wimpole Hall in Cambridgeshire. I worked in Visitor Reception and also helped with a number of restoration projects at the Hall. I was really attracted to the work of the Trust from the first time I heard about their activities - as part of my degree course we discussed war memorials and their role as part of our heritage and the creation of national identity. This role with the Trust combines my interest in heritage and architecture with my past work experience. I'm really looking forward to getting behind the Trust and helping to support its objectives and the excellent work we do."



Claire Lickman © WMT, 2011

In Memoriam 2014

War Memorials Trust is working in partnership with UK National Inventory of War Memorials (UKNIWM) and SmartWater on a project to provide greater protection for war memorials in the UK. To be formally launched later this year, In Memoriam 2014 will protect memorials at risk of theft or damage by marking them with a forensic liquid called SmartWater. The crime prevention fluid, which is being made available at no charge, will not only make memorials uniquely identifiable, it also offers robust traceability should a theft occur. This will act as a significant deterrent to those considering desecrating our war memorials by massively increasing their chances of detection and subsequent arrest. This project will also be used to support UKNIWM to develop its register of war memorials in the UK, as those applying for SmartWater will be asked to provide details of their memorial, which will be shared with UKNIWM. War Memorials Trust will also benefit from improved information about memorial custodians, enabling the Trust to contact them more efficiently when a problem is reported. Due to the increased awareness of war memorial issues that this campaign will create, along with its benefits, the Trust will also be able to support many more communities conserve their war memorials.

War Memorials Trust will keep members updated on this project through the Bulletin. We will include contact details for the In Memoriam 2014 project as soon as they are confirmed later in the year.

Supporter survey

In 2005 and 2008 War Memorials Trust circulated supporter surveys through the Bulletin. In 2011, we are repeating the exercise and hope you will complete and return the form which you should find enclosed within this Bulletin. There is a freepost envelope in which to return it to us.

The purpose of the survey is to identify the needs and ideas of all our supporters and to give you an opportunity to contribute to the development of your charity. Without your support the Trust could not achieve its aims and objectives so we welcome your thoughts. In addition, we look to identify our supporter base to help us improve our membership recruitment as it is important we continue to attract new members to bring in further resources to help protect and conserve war memorials.

Please be as frank as you wish and if you feel uncomfortable answering any questions, or believe that they are not appropriate then please leave them blank. All answers will be treated in complete confidence and will only be used for purposes relating to War Memorials Trust. Every form returned by Friday 25th March 2011 will be eligible for entry into a draw to win a copy of A Century of Remembrance if it includes your details, alternatively please feel free to return the form anonymously if you prefer.

Grants news

Grant schemes and 'Expression of interest' forms



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War Memorials Trust administers three grant schemes for the conservation and repair of war memorials. Between them, these schemes cover the whole of the UK and all types of war memorials. Details on each scheme are available at www.warmemorials.org/grants 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 in the first instance, which can be downloaded at www.warmemorials.org/grants or obtained from the Conservation Team. This simple form allows the Conservation Team to identify the type of memorial, the nature of the project and the project costs to determine which grant scheme is most appropriate and then provide the relevant application documents. This process also allows the Conservation Team to give guidance at an early stage about any information specific to the project which will be required or if there are any concerns with the work that has been suggested. The grant scheme application forms cannot be obtained without first completing an 'Expression of interest' form.

We strongly encourage all members to promote the Trust's grant schemes to anyone who may be interested or to highlight the potential availability of funding to the relevant person if you feel there are any memorials which need conservation or repair. Now more than ever the prospect of grant assistance can mean the difference between a war memorial project taking place or not. Potential applicants should review the details of the grants schemes on the website and then submit an 'Expression of interest' form if they are interested in making an application.

Revised Small Grants Scheme

In January 2011 the Trust launched its revised Small Grants Scheme. The terms of the scheme and amounts available remain unchanged, but there have been some changes to the eligibility criteria and there are new application documents.

The grant scheme is still intended for conservation and repair and the eligibility criteria has been amended to reflect this and to ensure that the scheme is able to help those memorials most in need. This means that, for example, work to soft landscaping and memorials under 15 years old (unless subject to vandalism) are no longer eligible for funding. Creation of new war memorials remain ineligible. These amendments will hopefully ensure that all funds can be directed to those memorials most in need, the majority of which are now approaching 90 years old and will increasingly require attention due to natural weathering and deterioration as well as in relation to vandalism and damage.

The application form is now available in a format to allow it to be completed and submitted electronically which will assist applicants in making their application. The guidance notes have been revised to try and assist applicants in completing the application form and to make explicit the level of information required for an application. A new 'Principles and eligibility criteria' document has also been produced for this scheme. This outlines what types of project are and are not eligible for the scheme as well as the principles which guide the scheme to ensure applicants are aware of the basis of the Trust's decisions. Both the guidance notes and principles document are available on our website (www.warmemorials.org/grants) or by contacting the Trust's Conservation Team on 020 7233 7356/0300 123 0764 or at conservation@warmemorials.org.

If you, or anyone you are aware of, has a copy of the old application documents, please advise them to contact the Conservation Team to ensure their project is still eligible if they have not been through the 'Expression of interest' form process explained above, and also to obtain the new application documents.

Grants for War Memorials scheme

St Paul's Church, Worcester (WM2637)

The St Paul's Church war memorial is a timber calvary atop a limestone plinth. The calvary has a carved timber depiction of Christ and a small timber roof. The memorial is located in the grounds of St Paul's Church and is 6ft high.

The plinth is inscribed on three faces with the names of 128 men of the parish who died in the First World War.

The dedication on the top of the front panel reads:

"To the glory of God
in proud and loving memory
of the men from this parish who gave
their lives for us in the Great War 1914-1918"

The memorial was funded by public subscription and was dedicated on 10th April 1921 by the Reverend Geoffery A. Studdert Kennedy. It was designed by G. E. Sprague, a sculptor from Worcester.

The memorial is not listed in its own right, however St Paul's Church is Grade II listed and, as the memorial is within the Church grounds, it is considered to be curtilage listed. This means that the war memorial is included in the listing of the main Church building and has legal protection as a result.

In 2009, the Worcester Diocesan Board applied to the Grants for War Memorials scheme for localised replacement of the stone inscription panels and works to the roof of the calvary.



St Paul's war memorial calvary after work © Sandra Taylor, 2010

In May 2009 a grant of £2,555 was awarded towards a project cost of £5,115.48. The grant was for the works to the roof and the replacement of four inscription panels.

The four inscription panels approved for replacement were badly eroded. It was felt that the uneven nature of the weathering on the memorial was due to the quality of the stone originally selected for these areas. As such it was deemed a more appropriate and long-term solution to replace rather than re-cut these panels.

The project was completed in August 2010.



St Paul's war memorial eroded inscription panel before work © Sandra Taylor, 2009



St Paul's war memorial front panel before work © Sandra Taylor, 2009



St Paul's war memorial replaced inscription panel © Sandra Taylor, 2010

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

Small Grants Scheme

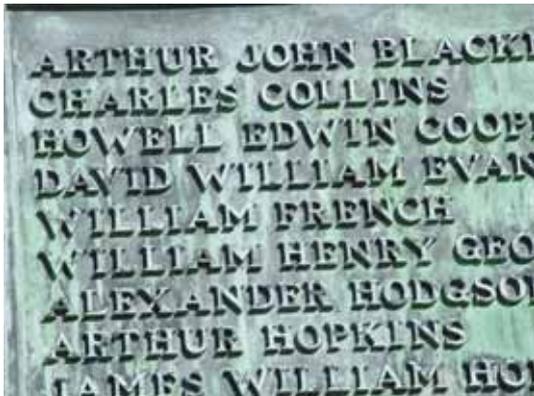
Dinas Powys, Vale of Glamorgan, South Wales (WM899)

Dinas Powys war memorial is located in the village square on Station Road. The memorial is made of limestone ashlar in a rustic style and consists of a central column and splayed base. The inscriptions are detailed on bronze plaques and the memorial also features a bronze wreath. The memorial is sited on a paved area and bordered by a low-level chain-link fence and pillars. The memorial is Grade II listed and also located within a conservation area.

In 2010, War Memorials Trust gave a grant of £2,500 towards conservation and repair works to the memorial. The stone was heavily saturated with both biological growths and pollution deposits. Pollution deposits can form impermeable crusts on stone which can lead to long-term damage. Therefore, cleaning was undertaken using the DOFF steam cleaning system and the Jos/TORC system which cleans using a vortex of air, a small amount of water and an appropriate inert material depending on the circumstances. Both are recognised systems of cleaning in the conservation of historic structures and each system is appropriate for removing particular types of soiling.



Memorial prior to project with heavy soiling evident © Dinas Powys Community Council, 2010

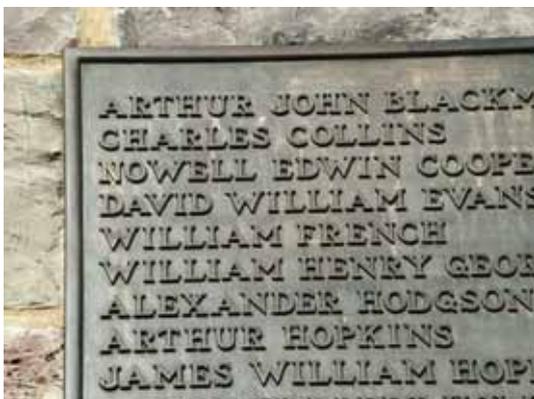


Bronze plaque prior to cleaning © Dinas Powys Community Council, 2010

The bronze plaques on the memorial which had oxidised and displayed verdigris were cleaned and waxed with microcrystalline wax to protect the bronze. This will have to be removed and re-applied as part of a maintenance programme otherwise the problems will re-occur.

In addition, a letter on one of the plaques was corrected. The joints of the memorial were raked out by hand and re-pointed with lime mortar to avoid the ingress of water which causes numerous problems. Broken coping stones around the planted areas were replaced like-for-like.

As the memorial is listed, Listed Building Consent was required for the above works. Before embarking on any project it is important to check whether a memorial is listed and if any consents are required for a project. The Conservation Officer at the local planning authority will be able to advise on this.



Plaque after cleaning and waxing. Note 'Howell' has been corrected to 'Nowell' on third name down. Re-pointed joints can also be seen behind © Dinas Powys Community Council, 2010

The Trust's involvement with the memorial predates this grant as in January 2009, a Regional Volunteer provided a condition survey to the Trust for this memorial. The Conservation Team gave advice to the volunteer based on this information and he met with the local Community Council to discuss the situation. The Council subsequently applied to the Trust's Small Grants Scheme for funding towards this project.



Memorial after cleaning and re-pointing © Dinas Powys Community Council, 2010

Small Grants Scheme

St Mary Magdalene Church rood screen, Wandsworth, London (WM3443)



Memorial prior to conservation work © Philip McCarthy Photography, 2010

This fine memorial rood screen is located in St Mary Magdalene Church, Trinity Road, Wandsworth Common within the London Borough of Wandsworth.

The memorial is made from oak and has ornate carvings and tracery; a carving of the crucifixion of Christ and saints are detailed on top of the screen. Inscriptions are gilt across the top of the screen and the names are detailed in the same style on oak panels to the sides of the screen.

In 2010, War Memorials Trust gave a grant of £2,500 towards a programme of conservation and repair works to the memorial.

These works included cleaning the memorial with a weak mixture of copaiba balsam and ammonia,

finished with microcrystalline wax. When on-site the contractors noted that as the higher levels of the memorial are not easily accessible it had not been cleaned as regularly with household products and therefore a traditional furniture reviver was effective on cleaning these elements as they were less resistant to cleaning. There were a number of pieces of the carving which had been lost or broken; therefore these were replaced like-for-like and pieced in with the existing oak.

Furthermore, the names on the panels, text on the screen at cornice level, and halos to the carved figures were re-gilt in gold leaf. When the conservators were on-site they identified that the previously believed gilt drop tracery to the figures had been painted with gold paint in the past, so the remnants of this were removed and these features were returned to their original un-painted form.



Memorial after conservation work © Philip McCarthy Photography, 2010

A faculty was obtained for these works as the Church building is Grade II listed.

A faculty for erection of the memorial was granted in 1919. It was designed by the architect Mr W. J. Wilsdon, and was built by Messrs Cleaver. It was dedicated by The Lord Bishop of Kingston on Wednesday 16th June 1920.

The main inscription across the top of the screen reads:

"The Lord hath wrought great glory by them through his great power".



Prior to grant works with missing pendants evident as well as dulled gilding and discoloured oak © Philip McCarthy Photography, 2010



Following conservation and repair: oak has been cleaned, lettering re-gilt and missing pendants replaced like-for-like © Philip McCarthy Photography, 2010

The Crosby Angel war memorial, Scunthorpe

A local history project (WM2629)

by Miss Patricia A. Smith MBE

In 2000, 9 people began a tutored Workers Educational Association (WEA) local history class. During February 2005 it was decided to explore the history of the Crosby Angel World War I war memorial and the 60 names inscribed thereon. The Crosby Angel records the names of 9 ex-pupils of Crosby School and those of 50 other men of the parish who had made the supreme sacrifice in World War I. The name of the Headmaster, Mr George Taylor, is also inscribed, in gratitude for his sterling work in raising money from the sale of old newspapers and tin cans to send comfort parcels to the Crosby men serving in the trenches and for his contribution to the local war effort. He had joined the school as its first Headmaster on the day it opened, 1st June 1908.

Following the cessation of the WEA class, the group were determined that the fruits of their carefully undertaken long-term research would not be lost but would be preserved in the annals of local history. This led to the formation of the Friends of the Crosby Angel.

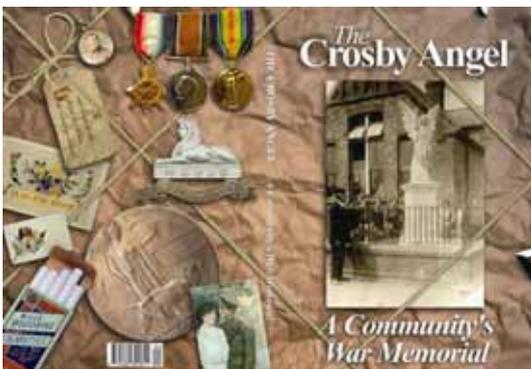
The group published their findings in the book 'The Crosby Angel – A Community's War Memorial' in October 2008. Its sales, together with a grant from North Lincolnshire Council, enabled sufficient funds to be raised to have this beautiful war memorial restored to its original pristine condition by a local firm of monumental masons. War Memorials Trust provided advice at various stages of the project to help the group with issues they faced.

The Crosby Angel has graced the corner of the playground of Crosby Primary School since 1923. It was dedicated by local clergy in the presence of the Mayor and other local dignitaries, including the late Sir Berkeley Sheffield Bt MP, who sold some of his land so that homes, shops, places of worship and Crosby School could be built for those coming into the area to live and work at the newly built nearby steelworks, opened in May 1912.

The rededication of the newly restored Crosby Angel was carried out on Friday 7th May 2010 by the Right Reverend David Rosedale, Bishop of Grimsby. Present were the Mayor of North Lincolnshire and Consort, together with Armed Forces veterans, with standards being provided by the Royal British Legion and representatives of other local military organisations. Many local people, some of whom were related to those commemorated on the monument and who had helped the Friends of the Crosby Angel with photographs and memorabilia, which so greatly enhance the book, also came along to this moving ceremony, which was followed by a service in the nearby St George's Parish Church. A DVD of the rededication and service was made by a member of a local movie makers' club in memory of one of the long serving Friends of the Crosby Angel who had died earlier in 2010 aged 89. 6 pupils from Crosby School each read out 10 names of those who are inscribed on the Crosby Angel.



Crosby Angel war memorial © Patricia Smith, 2010



'The Crosby Angel – A Community's War Memorial' book © P Smith, 2010

Copies of 'The Crosby Angel – A Community's War Memorial', which details the biographies of each name inscribed on the Crosby Angel war memorial, together with several poems which have been submitted by contributors, separate chapters on 'The Home Front', 'Crosby the Men Knew' and 'Timeline', are still available at £10 each from Miss P. A. Smith, 159 Ashby Road, Scunthorpe, North Lincolnshire DN16 2AQ. All proceeds are to be donated to military charities assisting servicemen being injured in current conflicts, such as Afghanistan, e.g. The Royal British Legion, Help for Heroes.

The Railway Heritage Trust and war memorials

The British railway industry played its part twice over in the World Wars, both taking a large part in transporting war material around the UK during the conflict, and with many of its staff volunteering or being called up for military service.

Sadly, the inevitable result of the latter was that many railwaymen lost their lives on active duty. For example, 2,833 members of Midland Railway staff lost their lives in the Great War. The railway companies were aware of the sacrifice of their staff, and they erected a large number of war memorials around the system.

Today's railwaymen still recognise the sacrifice of their forerunners, and services are held at many railway war memorials every November, whilst all railway offices come to a halt for the two minute silence. However, with the contraction of the railway industry, many memorials were lost as lines and stations closed. Sadly, and inexcusably, some memorials have also been lost during the redevelopment of active stations.

The Railway Heritage Trust (RHT) is an independent company, funded by, but not part of, Network Rail and BRB (Residuary) Ltd. It was formed in 1985 to foster the built heritage of the national railways, and gives grants to either restore listed buildings and structures where they have an ongoing use, or to support new uses when the industry has no further use for a listed asset. Its grants usually total some £2million a year.

The RHT has always made a point of supporting the industry's memorials, most of which are now listed. Many of these are internal to the industry: for example, the memorial at Newton-le-Willows to William Huskisson, the President of the Board of Trade, who was killed by Stephenson's 'Rocket' on the day the Liverpool and Manchester Railway opened to traffic. However, the largest single group of memorials in the industry are the war memorials from the Great War, and the RHT has supported restoration of these throughout its existence.

The form of grants given varies from case to case. For example the RHT has financially supported repairs to the physical structure of the Victory Arch at Waterloo, the relocation of a war memorial from a disused office to a public area at Crewe, the production of four copies of the Great Western roll of honour for various stations in the West Country and the routine repairs of many war memorials that had fallen into states of disrepair. Most recently, the RHT has funded, with Network Rail, the restoration of the Edwin Lutyens designed Midland Railway war memorial in Derby, after it was desecrated in early 2010. Great efforts by Network Rail and their contractor, meant that the memorial was fully restored by Remembrance Sunday, although the weather prevented completion by Armistice Day.

The RHT also seeks to help find lost war memorials; it is currently particularly interested in the fate of the Great Central Railway memorial from Marylebone, which is known to have been in situ as recently as 1990. Where a memorial is completely lost, but the names from it are known, the RHT can support the creation of a new memorial, providing the industry takes the lead in the project. A current example of this is the proposal to recreate a war memorial previously located at Manchester London Road (now Piccadilly) that was lost in the 1950s.

The RHT is acutely aware that there is no single register of all railway war memorials in the UK. It has offered to co-ordinate the updating of the UK National Inventory of War Memorials to try and register all railway war memorials, and to identify which body is responsible for each one's upkeep. The RHT is working with a few individuals who have made their own lists of railway war memorials, and will appeal through the railway press for more details, so as to get the maximum accuracy of the Inventory.

If you are interested in more details of the RHT's work, you may wish to visit www.railwayheritagetrust.co.uk, or to make contact at rht@railwayheritagetrust.co.uk. This article was prepared by Andy Savage, Executive Director of Railway Heritage Trust.



Rededication of Derby Midland Railway war memorial © Image courtesy of The Derby Telegraph, 2010

Conservation news

Listing news

Northiam, East Sussex (WM3351)

In January 2010 War Memorials Trust applied for the listing of the timber and stone war memorial at Northiam, East Sussex. The memorial is in the form of a gothic style column which is constructed in oak. The column has decorative tracery and mouldings. On top of the oak column is a timber sculpture depicting St George slaying the dragon with painted shield. The memorial has an octagonal stone stepped plinth. Upon the plinth are incised inscriptions dedicated to those who fell in the Great War, with World War II names having been added at a later date. The plinth is on top of a brick base.

The memorial is located on the village green by the side of the road leading up to St Mary's Church. It was erected in 1920/1921 and was designed by Sir Guy (Edward) Dawber (1861-1938).



St George finial on Northiam war memorial © WMT, 2010

The application for listing was made following discussions regarding grant funding for the repair of the oak column which had begun to rot in places. The decision to apply for listing was made due to the unusual nature of the memorial. The Trust is currently unaware of any comparable memorial in terms of design and materials.

The memorial was listed in June 2010 at Grade II. The reasons cited for the listing of the memorial were as follows:

- "Social Interest: An eloquent witness to the impact of tragic world events on this community."
- "Historic Interest: it has strong cultural and historical significance within both a local and national context."
- "Architectural interest: it is a well-executed, elegantly-designed war memorial of unusual wooden construction by a well known architect."



Northiam war memorial © WMT, 2010

Memorials Grant Scheme

The Memorials Grant Scheme returns the amount of VAT incurred for war memorial projects relating to construction, renovation and maintenance through grant aid. This scheme was due to expire in April 2011. However, War Memorials Trust is delighted that the Department for Culture Media and Sport have made the decision to extend the scheme for a further four years.

Announced back in October, as part of the comprehensive spending review, an annual maximum budget for the scheme has been fixed at £500,000. This budget is for the cost of the scheme including administration. In response to the findings of the spending review changes have also been made regarding the elements eligible for grant funding. With effect from 4th January 2011, the VAT incurred in relation to professional fees, such as surveys, designs and project management costs, are no longer eligible for grant funding.

Further details of the scheme and the changes made can be viewed on the Department for Culture, Media and Sports website: www.memorialgrant.org.uk or by contacting the Memorials Grant Scheme team on 0845 600 6430.

Regional Volunteers

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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: Cornwall, Derbyshire, Gloucestershire, Northamptonshire, Rutland, South Yorkshire, Surrey, Sussex (East), Sussex (West), West Midlands 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 or visit the Trust's website (www.warmemorials.org/regional-volunteers) for further information.

Below is a list of current Regional Volunteers by the main county they operate in (as of 21st January 2011):

England

Bedfordshire: Joan Howe, Ann Kelly; **Berkshire:** David Haylock; **Bristol:** Sara Burnard; **Buckinghamshire:** Derek West; **Cambridgeshire:** Charles Clark, Brian Krill, Raymond Leach, David Neilson; **Cheshire:** Peter Clarke, Ian McKay; **County Durham:** Richard Merritt, James Pasby; **Cumbria:** Elspeth Griffiths; **Devon:** Steven Batty, Alan Graveley, David Jackson, John Vanderwolfe; **Dorset:** Michael Arnold, Chris Moreton, Katherine Seymour; **East Yorkshire:** Stephen Clarke, Paul Ryan, Marigold Vodden; **Essex:** Peter Taylor; **Greater London:** Alan Affleck, Anthony Bradbury, Jack Clarke, Paul Courtney, Paul Dyer, Kell Webb; **Greater Manchester:** Harry Mills; **Hampshire:** Alan Cawsey, Charles McKenzie, Peter Miller, Deirdre Nicol, Neil Smith, Vicki Villers; **Herefordshire:** Bea Morris; **Hertfordshire:** David Armstrong, Brian Wingate; **Isle of Wight:** Geoff Allan, David Gammage; **Kent:** James Day, Patrick Jackson, Christopher Morley; **Lancashire:** Stuart Clewlow, Michael Coyle, Carol Littler, Carol Stephens, Jayne Waring; **Leicestershire:** Rachael Bodycot, Trevor Hearn, Denis Kenyon, Chris Stephens; **Lincolnshire:** Tony Stubbs; **Merseyside:** Ian Chapman, Graham Cox, Peter Jackson-Lee; **Norfolk:** Roland Buggiey, June and Jim Marriage, Stephen Williams; **North Yorkshire:** Morris Charlton, Richard Thackrah; **Northumberland:** Janet Brown; **Nottinghamshire:** Arthur Clarke, Rachel Farrand, Phil Stant; **Oxfordshire:** Alec Powell; **Shropshire:** Clive Blakeway, Leslie White; **Somerset:** John Cope, William Hanna; **Staffordshire:** David Allan, Peter Kent-Baguley, Philip Plimbley; **Suffolk:** Adam Gurdon, Bryn Lewis; **Warwickshire:** John Hale; **West Yorkshire:** Peter Bennett, Anne Brook, Paul Clarke; **Wiltshire:** Ian Homersham, Angela van der Horst; **Worcestershire:** Ronald Bubb.

Scotland

Aberdeenshire: Ian Davidson; **Dumfries:** Paul Goodwin; **Dunbartonshire:** Robert Dallas; **Fife:** Sarah Innes, David and Mary Richards; **Inverness:** Iain Slinn; **Roxburgh, Ettrick and Lauderdale:** Alex McCue; **West Lothian:** Bill Keddie, Mark Smith.

Wales

Mid Glamorgan: Derek Luker; **Powys:** Peter Cannon; **South Glamorgan:** Ceri Jones.

Get involved

Membership recruitment

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 with. Sign them up and suggest helping as a Regional Volunteer.

Gift Aid

Gift Aid is a valuable source of income for War Memorials Trust. Since the introduction of the scheme in April 2000 the charity has claimed additional funds that have assisted its work to protect and conserve war memorial heritage. In 2010, just over £7,000 was collected through the scheme, a significant sum given by supporters at no cost to themselves.



Completing the Gift Aid declaration when you donate to, or join War Memorials Trust will enable the charity to receive an additional 28p for every pound you give. Gift Aid can be claimed on subscriptions and donations but not when you purchase merchandise or a gift membership or donation.

War Memorials Trust would like to thank everyone who enables us to claim Gift Aid for their contribution. If you are unsure if you can make the Gift Aid declaration then please contact us to discuss on 020 7834 0200 or info@warmemorials.org.

Share giving

Share giving is one of the most tax efficient ways to make a donation to War Memorials Trust. Since April 2000 tax incentives have been available for individuals who wish to give to their favourite charity in this way. When making a gift of shares it is possible to claim full tax relief, for example making a gift of £1,000 worth of shares to War Memorials Trust could cost the tax-payer as little as £600.

Share giving could be right for you. If you hold windfall shares, perhaps from a privatisation or demutualization, that just gather dust and make very little difference to you but that would make an enormous difference to War Memorials Trust. Or you may have inherited a small parcel of shares that tend to generate more paperwork than income. Once again these could be turned into something of real value by donating them to the Trust.

It is estimated that over 12 million people in the UK own shares with a total worth of around £200billion. Just 1% of this donated to charities would make an enormous difference. For further information visit the Trust's website at www.warmemorials.org/share-giving or contact Frances on 020 7834 0200 or frances@warmemorials.org.

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 1 inch 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. for a shopping trolley or gym locker. The attachment is emblazoned with the Trust logo; the telephone number and website are on the reverse. The key ring is available for only £1.50 (inc. p&p).



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Please complete this order form and complete details overleaf.

No.	Item	Total
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	Set of 5 WMT pencils at £2 (inc. p&p)	
	WMT lapel badge at £3.50 (inc. p&p) each	
	'Pound for Life' key ring at £1.50 (inc. p&p) each	
	Copy(ies) of 'A Century of Remembrance' by D. Boorman at £10 + £2 p&p per copy	
	Copy(ies) of 'The War Memorials Handbook' at £4.99 + 50p p&p per copy	
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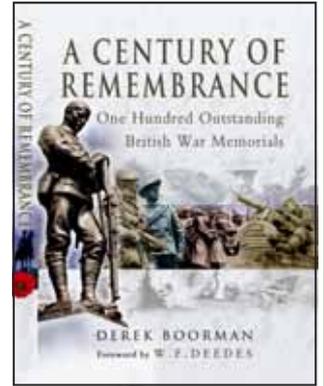
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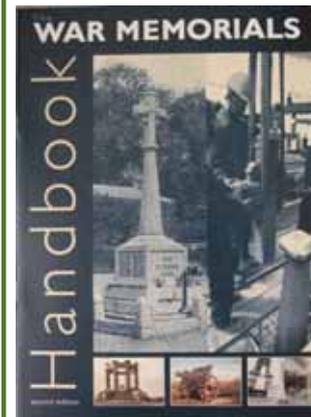
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A Century of Remembrance, by Derek Boorman



The book is a study of 100 outstanding UK war memorials which commemorate 20th century conflicts from the Boer War to the Falklands and Gulf Wars. It was published in 2005. Available for £10 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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