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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 grant 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.

Grant schemes

War Memorials Trust administers three grant schemes for the conservation and repair of war memorials in the UK.



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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 Conservation Team on 020 7233 7356 or 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. This 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. They can then provide the relevant application documents. The 'Expression of interest' form can be downloaded at www.warmemorials.org/grants or obtained from the Conservation Team.

Please note that projects cannot be funded retrospectively.

Message from the Director

Welcome to the May edition of War Memorials Trust Bulletin. It seems incredible we are already nearly half way through the year but when you are as busy as we are time just flies. Casework and grants continue to increase, demonstrating the interest in preserving our war memorial heritage and the importance of the Trust's role. We would be unable to provide our services without your support so thank you again for your generosity which enables the charity to help communities across the country protect and conserve their war memorials.

One community to benefit is Headley in Hampshire whose memorial (WM3499) is our cover photograph, courtesy of Headley Parish Council. A Small Grants Scheme award was offered in June 2010 and £1,021 paid this year. The money supported cleaning the stone and bronze work and re-pointing. Further details can be found on our Grants Showcase at www.warmemorials.org/search-grants which features all the grants awarded by the charity since 1998.

We do not however ever rest on our laurels. We are delighted to advise supporters that we are now in a position to commence a Learning Programme for young people. We will be recruiting a Learning Officer (deadline for applications 16th May, all details at www.warmemorials.org/vacancies) and anticipate the Programme starting over the summer. The Learning Officer will be responsible for developing a Learning Programme to support both formal and informal learning reaching schools, youth groups and cadet units. The work we do today must be supported by efforts to educate those who will be responsible for preserving our war memorials in 50 years time and this Programme will contribute to that objective. We will keep you updated on this through the Bulletin.

This issue of the Bulletin brings you updates on projects already underway. Overleaf we bring you the latest on In Memoriam 2014 along with an update on our campaign to identify a War Memorials Officer at each local authority. We also report on recent events including a conference for custodians and a stand at the Who Do You Think You Are? Live family history show. Alongside these reports will be our usual selection of grant and listing reports and details on our Regional Volunteers. You will notice some changes to the layout of the Bulletin as we take on board the comments received from the recent supporter survey which are discussed in more detail on page 5. Thank you to everyone who completed and returned the survey.

This Bulletin also includes your invitation to our AGM on 4th July as well as details of the walk organised for the same day. If you wish to attend one or both of these events further details can be found on page 4. You should furthermore find enclosed an extract of the Annual Report and Accounts 2010. Full copies will be available at the AGM, can be found on our website at www.warmemorials.org/financials or are available on request. Please contact us on the details on page 2 if you would like us to send you a copy.

The charity is delighted to have recently become a member of the Confederation of British Service and Ex-Service Organisations (COBSEO) www.cobseo.org.uk. COBSEO comprises a membership of around 180 service related organisations including major charities such as the Royal British Legion and SSAFA, Regimental Associations and smaller organisations such as the Burma Star Association. Membership of COBSEO gives War Memorials Trust access to many service and ex-service organisations and the opportunity to raise the issue of war memorials amongst a community sympathetic to our aims. Mentioning the Burma Star Association, Nancy and I were honoured to be made Friends of the Burma Star Association recently in recognition of the close ties we have had with them. Formerly sharing offices, we remain in close contact supporting each others events and work.

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to extend the thanks of all the staff and Trustees to Martin Shorthouse. Martin has been coming into our office to volunteer two days a week for a decade. His commitment and enthusiasm to the cause is hugely appreciated as is his willingness to file, photocopy and undertake many of the mundane tasks which enable the staff to prioritise responding to those who need our assistance. Anyone inspired by Martin's example is very welcome to contact us about becoming either an Office or Regional Volunteer as our volunteers really do allow this charity to 'punch above its weight'.

Best wishes,
Frances Moreton

War Memorials Trust news

War Memorials Trust AGM and walk: 4th July

War Memorials Trust AGM will take place on Monday 4th July 2011. Starting at 3pm it will be held in the Conference Room at the Imperial War Museum. Full details can be found on the enclosed letter of invitation. If you are planning to attend we would be very grateful if you could rsvp using the reply slip or email info@warmemorials.org. There is no need to advise us if you are unable to join us.

Prior to the AGM we have arranged another walk around London war memorials lead by Blue Badge Guide Sarah Fordham. The walk will begin at 11.30am near Bond Street Underground station, and will take approximately 2 hours. We will visit the memorials in Grosvenor Square outside the American Embassy, the Animals in War memorial, and then the various memorials in Hyde Park, such as the 7/7 bombings memorial, the George IV Napoleonic memorial and Adrian Jones' monument to the Cavalry of the Empire in the World Wars. We will then catch the 148 bus from Hyde Park Corner to Lambeth Underground station, which is a short walk from the Imperial War Museum, arriving at the Museum at approximately 2pm.

Tickets for the walk cost £8 and places are limited. To reserve your place, please return the enclosed reply slip with your payment or contact the office on 020 7834 0200/0300 123 0764 or by email at info@warmemorials.org.

In Memoriam 2014

You may recall in the last Bulletin we introduced the In Memoriam 2014 project. The partnership between UK National Inventory of War Memorials, SmartWater and War Memorials Trust will provide greater protection for war memorials in the UK 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.

Annette Gaykema has been recruited to manage In Memoriam 2014. We have a logo, shown above right, which you are amongst the first to see. We are also creating a presence on social media networks such as Facebook (www.facebook.com/InMemoriam2014) and Twitter (@InMemoriam2014). These are seeking to raise awareness and we encourage you to sign up and get involved. The application process and website are being developed and a formal launch, when the product will be publically available to war memorial custodians, is anticipated in November. We will keep you updated through the Bulletin.



War Memorials Officers

In November 2011 War Memorials Trust launched its campaign to identify War Memorials Officers in local authorities across the UK. As reported in the previous Bulletin we have had considerable success with this campaign and we continue to get new War Memorials Officers every week.

In February a survey was sent to all War Memorials Officers to find out more about their role. We also requested their permission to add their details to a new section on our website entitled War Memorials Officers: www.warmemorials.org/wmo. Here, we make available

the details of the contact at local authorities for war memorial issues, celebrating those local authorities who have recognised the importance of this role, making information more freely available to everyone and facilitating a network of those committed to the protection and conservation of our war memorial heritage. Those responding to the survey have also been amongst the first to learn about In Memoriam 2014 and given the opportunity to get involved at an early stage. Later this year War Memorials Trust will be writing to those local authorities yet to respond to encourage them to become involved.



War Memorials Trust news

Supporter survey 2011

The Trust would like to thank everyone who took the time to complete the recent survey. We had a 19% response rate, which is an increase on the 2008 rate of 17%, and we were pleased to find that over 60% of respondents have been involved with the Trust for 5 years or more which shows a high level of commitment. The majority of supporters (30%) first became aware of the Trust via newspaper/magazine articles which demonstrates the benefit of spending time producing articles for relevant publications.

36% of respondents already support the Trust by purchasing merchandise, 30% make payments by standing order, 15% volunteer and 6% have included the Trust as a beneficiary in their will. All of these activities contribute to the success of the charity by providing valuable income, reducing administration and contributing time to achieving the Trust's aims. 20% indicated they would volunteer, 17% would consider including the Trust as a beneficiary and 6% would make standing order payments. A number of respondents also suggested new merchandise items. We have limited storage and so cannot have an extensive range, but we review merchandise regularly and will take all suggestions into consideration.

The majority of supporters showed a preference for postal appeals (57%) as opposed to email (21%) or telephone (3%). The charity will, therefore, continue to use the postal method. 70% of respondents also rated the annual and life membership prices as right, with 21% believing that the rates are too inexpensive. We will review the rates this year and will take into account these comments. Interestingly, half of respondents have visited the Trust website which is an increase on 39% of supporters who had visited in 2008. We hope that this is in part due to the improved website launched in July 2008. A quarter of supporters have approached the Trust for conservation advice and we will continue to expand the helpsheets so that further advice and guidance is available.

An overwhelming 93% of respondents rated the Bulletin as good or very good and we thank you for this positive response. 90% feel that the frequency of the Bulletin is right. 76% of supporters indicated that they would not want to receive the Bulletin electronically. An average of two people read every copy which is good news as passing on the Bulletin is an effective way to spread the word about the charity.

Some respondents commented on the appropriateness of the 'About you' questions. This information enables us to understand who supports the charity and why and allows us to demonstrate this to funders. For example, when applying for Awards for All Lottery funding we had to show which groups would benefit from the project. We used results from a previous survey to substantiate our statements about the background of members. We understand if some supporters decided to opt out of answering some questions and we are grateful for the time taken to answer the majority of the survey.

Finally, congratulations to Derek Leighs who was selected to win a copy of 'A Century of Remembrance'.

Who Do You Think You Are? Live

In February, the Trust attended the family history exhibition which accompanies the successful BBC programme. Trust staff spent three days at London Olympia talking to some of the thousands of visitors about the charity. Our stand was ideally placed next to the Military Memorabilia Checkpoint and exhibition neighbours included Western Front Association and Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Visitors were able to access information held by family history societies as well as attend workshops. Trustee Jane Furlong, in her role as Section Head - Exhibits at the Imperial War Museum, gave a talk about using the records of the Museum and the Inventory of War Memorials to understand relatives' roles in the World Wars.



Nancy speaking to exhibition visitors © WMT, 2011

The event resulted in several new members and we welcome them. It also raised awareness and we were informed of some war memorials which may need our help. In addition, it was useful to meet other relevant organisations so that the Trust can build stronger relationships with them in the future.

Conservation

Grant scheme statistics 2010

In this and future editions of the May Bulletin, the Trust will give a brief breakdown of the grants offered through our grant schemes in the previous financial year (January to December for the Small Grants Schemes; April to March for the Grants for War Memorials scheme). This is in order to keep supporters up-to-date with the amount and locations of grants being offered.

Small Grants Scheme and Small Grants Scheme in Scotland January to December 2010:

Number of applications submitted: 98

Number of grant offers made: 74

Total grants offered value: £75,758

Number of grant offers per county: England: *Buckinghamshire 4; Cambridgeshire 7; Cornwall 1; County Durham 2; Derbyshire 1; Devon 1; Dorset 2; Essex 1; Gloucestershire 1; Hampshire 1; Herefordshire 2; Kent 6; Lancashire 4; Leicestershire 4; Lincolnshire 3; London – Brent 1; London – Greenwich 1; London – Harrow 1; London – Lambeth 1; London – Wandsworth 1; Manchester 1; Norfolk 5; North Yorkshire 2; Oxfordshire 1; Shropshire 2; Somerset 3; Staffordshire 1; Suffolk 1; Warwickshire 1; West Sussex 1; Wiltshire 3; and Worcestershire 2.* Northern Ireland: *County Londonderry 1.* Scotland: *Highlands 1* (Small Grants Scheme in Scotland). Wales: *Cardiff 1; Glamorgan 2; and Powys 1.*

Grants for War Memorials scheme April 2010 to March 2011:

Number of applications submitted: 15

Number of grant offers made: 10

Total grants offered value: £101,601

Number of grant offers per county: *Buckinghamshire 1; Cheshire 1; Devon 1; Essex 1; Merseyside 1; North Yorkshire 1; Staffordshire 1; Suffolk 1; West Midlands 1; and Wiltshire 1.*

Society of Local Council Clerks conferences

In March the Trust hosted its first conference in partnership with the Society of Local Council Clerks. The conference was held in Goole, East Yorkshire, and the aim of the day was to provide guidance relating to the day-to-day management of war memorials under the custodianship of local councils. The day included exercises in undertaking condition surveys and producing maintenance plans.

Attendance at the conference was slightly disappointing. However, the positive feedback from all attendees showed that the day was worthwhile in raising the profile of the Trust and equipping council employees with the tools and advice to assist them in undertaking their duties in relation to war memorials.

This was the first of two such conferences planned for this year. The second event is to be held in West Sussex in September. For further information please see www.warmemorials.org/conferences.



Amy giving a presentation to some of the attendees of the first Society of Local Council Clerks conference © WMT, March 2011

War Memorials Trust gratefully acknowledges the support of English Heritage and Clore Duffield Foundation for its Conservation Programme.



Conservation - Small Grants Scheme

Pontarddulais war memorial, Swansea, Glamorgan (WM3255)

Pontarddulais war memorial is located on St Teilo Street and is composed of a square four-stepped base and plinth in pink granite finished in a rusticated style. The tall rectangular column has three distinct sections and has classical style detailing to it; for example, there is dentil moulding under the cornice at the top of the second section. The column has smooth finished pink granite on the corners of the column, as has the cornicing for each section. Marble plaques are inset within the column and hold the inscriptions in lead letters. Surmounting the column is a particularly fine marble sculpture representing either peace or an angel carrying a cross, instruments of war sit at her feet.

In 2009, War Memorials Trust gave a grant of £2,500 towards conservation works to the memorial. Unfortunately the memorial was suffering from the results of, probably well meaning but damaging, historic cleaning as well as a lack of maintenance. The most obvious result of this was the significant amount of orange iron staining visible on the marble panels. This is likely to have been caused by water ingress through the open joints affecting iron fixings within the structure thus causing the staining to come to the surface. Furthermore, regular inappropriate cleaning (likely to have been acid used up to 20 years ago) had affected the surface of the marble, making it more prone to biological growths.

The works in 2009 consisted of cleaning the memorial of soiling with a variety of methods depending on the type of stone and soiling present. This included water, an appropriate biocide, non-ionic soap and steam cleaning, as well as removing some graffiti. Open joints were re-pointed with lime mortar. Some of the lead lettering had been lost, but due to the processes involved in replacing the letters (hammering in new lead) and the condition of the marble it was considered too high risk and therefore the letters were painted in black to blend with the existing.

Another part of the project was to address the iron staining on the marble. It is virtually impossible to completely remove this type of staining, particularly if it is long-standing. However, the opportunity was taken to reduce the extent of the staining through the use of poultices. Cleaning trials were undertaken to see what the best method would be. It transpired that the treatments actually made the staining worse, probably because the iron fixings are still in place, so the decision was taken not to pursue this element. Other options regarding the staining are currently being considered. Although distracting, the staining is not damaging the memorial and the likely risks involved in dismantling the memorial to remove the fixings are too high.

The memorial was originally constructed after World War I on land that was previously part of the Dulais Glen Hotel garden. Seventy competitive designs were received for the memorial and the design of Mr Daniel Morgan of Bronllwyn was decided upon and he was made Honorary Architect and Surveyor. The builders were Messrs. A. Thomas and Sons of Pontarddulais and were selected from 31 tenders. Work was completed in April 1927 and the memorial was dedicated on 25th June 1927. Following World War II the local branch of the Royal British Legion arranged for the names of the fallen to be added, again overseen by Mr Morgan, this time the work was carried out by another local firm, Messrs. Tree and Grub.



Pontarddulais war memorial following the completion of the project. Iron staining is still visible on the marble panels © Elliott Ryder Conservation, 2010



Half-way through cleaning, the extent of the deposits on the marble sculpture is highlighted © Elliott Ryder Conservation, 2010

Conservation - Small Grants Scheme

Corston war memorial, Bath, Somerset (WM3425)

Corston war memorial is a free-standing limestone market cross located in All Saints Churchyard dating from 1920. The memorial is composed of a base and chamfered plinth which has plaques which carry the inscriptions. Surmounting the plinth is a shaft and the top of the cross is ornately decorated with crocketed finials. On each face of the top of the cross is a scene carved in relief, including the crucifixion of Christ. The Church is located within a conservation area.

In 2010, War Memorials Trust gave a grant of £535 towards conservation and repair works to the memorial. However, once the contractors were on site they highlighted a concern with the structural stability of the memorial and contacted the surveyor on the project. The memorial was leaning and the column could be moved at the top with little force. It was therefore decided that it was a priority to urgently stabilise the memorial and treat the cause of its structural instability. War Memorials Trust offered a further grant of £381 towards these essential works.

Upon inspection, it was identified that the source of the lean was at the plinth to column joint. Scaffolding was erected and the column and crown of the cross were dismantled; this process uncovered that the dowels supporting the structure internally were copper (a malleable metal) and were also considered to be too short. Therefore, the copper dowels were replaced with stainless steel which is a more suitable and stronger material for this function. They are also non-ferrous so will not cause any future damage to the stonework through rusting, which is a problem with ferrous fixings. Additional stainless steel dowels were added between the base and the plinth to increase the support where the cause of the lean was identified. The cross was rebuilt plumb using lime mortar, and all the dowels were run in resin.



Prior to works, the lean of the memorial is evident © Benjamin & Beauchamp Architects Ltd, 2010



Taking the crown off the top of the cross reveals the copper dowel in need of replacement inside © Orchard Stonemasons, 2010

Once these works were finished the original project was commenced. These works included cleaning the memorial with JOS/TORC system; this is a method of cleaning used in the conservation of historic buildings and monuments, which cleans using a vortex of air, a small amount of water and an appropriate inert material depending on the circumstances.

Open joints were re-pointed in lime mortar and a poultice was applied to reduce some of the copper sulphate staining on the stone below the metal plaques; poultices work through capillary action to draw out staining, but it is very difficult to completely remove this type of staining as it penetrates deep within the pore structure of the stone. In addition, a broken finial on the top of the crown was re-fixed with a stainless steel dowel.



Corston war memorial after completion of works © Benjamin & Beauchamp Architects Ltd, 2010

The memorial was erected in 1920 and funded by public subscription. The builder was R. F. J. Blackmore and the architect was Mr A. W. Green. Details of the full inscription and the list of names are available on our website on the Grants Showcase (www.warmemorials.org/search-grants).

Conservation - Grants for War Memorials scheme

Plymouth Blitz war memorial, Efford Cemetery, Plymouth (WM3242)

The Plymouth Blitz war memorial is a freestanding octagonal monument. It is constructed of limestone and has six bronze plaques on the upper level bearing names. It is located within Efford Cemetery in the sunken section of a roundabout.

The memorial commemorates the 1,174 civilians who lost their lives during the Second World War air attacks on Plymouth. The worst of these attacks took place over 7 nights through March and April 1941 and became known as the Plymouth Blitz. The memorial within Efford cemetery is the only memorial within the city to be dedicated to the civilian dead and within 10 metres of the war memorial is a mass grave for those victims. The main dedication reads:

"This memorial was erected to the sacred memory of the 1174 civilians who lost their lives by enemy air attacks on the City of Plymouth during the Second World War 1939-1945 of whom 397 are interred in the nearby communal grave and whose names are inscribed on this memorial"

In 2010 the Grants for War Memorials scheme was approached for funding. The project was to clean the memorial, surrounding areas and plaques. In addition to this the memorial required re-pointing and some isolated stone repairs. The memorial was heavily discoloured so use of the DOFF steam clean system was proposed. The stone also required some cleaning using poulticing as the bronze plaques had lost their protective wax coating leading to some copper staining to the stone. The plaques were to be cleaned using a JOS system before being re-waxed. The project was awarded a grant of £7,936.

During the works it became apparent that further stone repair was required. Both stone repairs were undertaken on a like-for-like basis. These were indent repairs as the damage was too deep to be addressed using mortar repairs and this alternative method allows for the most retention of original material. In addition to this, it became apparent the memorial was retaining moisture and this had been the cause for the heavy algae build up. The use of lime mortar should encourage the drying out of the memorial over time. The project was delivered under budget and, as such, the final grant awarded was £6,880.

It is essential in cases such as these that an appropriate maintenance plan is put in place. It will be necessary to monitor the condition of the memorial and its pointing during the drying out period. In addition it is important to ensure that the protective wax on bronze plaques is reapplied at appropriate intervals to stop corrosion and staining of the stone.

Further information on the Plymouth Blitz can be found at: www.plymouthdata.info.



Plymouth Blitz war memorial before conservation works showing the build up of algae and metal staining © Plymouth City Council, 2010



Plymouth Blitz war memorial during conservation works showing the metal staining and stone damage after cleaning © Plymouth City Council, 2011



Plymouth Blitz war memorial after completion of conservation works © Plymouth City Council, 2011

Conservation - Listing

Doddington and Newnham war memorial, Doddington, Kent (WM2000)

The Doddington and Newnham war memorial is located on a bank beside Faversham Road which runs between the villages of Doddington and Newnham and marks the halfway point. The land was originally owned by Brigadier-General and Mrs Jeffreys and in 1953 was donated to Doddington Parish Council. The war memorial is dedicated to the fallen of World War I and World War II from the area. It is a cross with a tapered shaft mounted on a three-stepped octagonal base. The memorial is constructed of Devonshire granite and is by an unknown architect.

The memorial lists the names of 26 fallen from World War I and a further 10 from World War II. In both instances the names are split to denote the village the individual came from. Those from Doddington are listed to the west side of the memorial and those from Newnham to the east. This placing represents the relative locations of the two villages.

The dedicatory inscription reads:

"In grateful memory of the men from Doddington and Newnham who gave their lives for their country in the Great War 1914-1919"

The memorial was erected in 1919 to commemorate the fallen from World War I with the World War II dedication and names being a later addition. The memorial was raised by public subscription at a cost of £170.

In 2007 the memorial was awarded a grant of £1,500 through the Small Grants Scheme. The grant was for landscaping works around the memorial and further information can be found on our website on the Grants Showcase including a list of the names on the memorial (www.warmemorials.org/search-grants).

During the summer of 2010, Trust Office Volunteer Rebecca Pitcher completed a task to identify freestanding war memorial crosses on the Trust's conservation database which were suitable for listing. The Doddington and Newnham memorial was one of the crosses identified and so in September 2010 the Trust submitted a listing application.

The Trust is pleased to report that in January this year the memorial was afforded Grade II listed status. This listing recognises the significance of this memorial and will afford it legal protection from inappropriate intervention in the future through the planning system. The reasons for listing were cited as follows:

"Historical: as a permanent testament to the sacrifice made by this community in two World Wars it is of strong historic and cultural significance both at a local and national level.

Architectural: simple yet refined Devonshire Granite Cross on stepped podium that forms a sombre tribute to the Fallen of Doddington and Newnham."

The complete list description can be viewed on the National Heritage List for England website: list.english-heritage.org.uk/resultsingle.aspx?uid=1396404 or by contacting the regional office at English Heritage, Eastgate Court, 195-205 High Street, Guildford, Surrey GU1 3EH.



Doddington and Newnham war memorial after completion of conservation work © Doddington Parish Council, 2008



Doddington and Newnham war memorial after completion of conservation work © Doddington Parish Council, 2008

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 by county 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 preservation of war memorials.

The activities in which Regional Volunteers can be involved include:

- Monitoring, reporting on condition, listing and researching the history of 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
- Supporting and assisting with ongoing Trust projects, such as the War Memorials Officer campaign and In Memoriam 2014

If you are interested in becoming a Regional Volunteer, please contact Nancy for further information on 020 7834 0200/0300 123 0764 or email rv@warmemorials.org or visit the Trust's website: www.warmemorials.org/regional-volunteers.

Regional Volunteers and listing

The First World War memorial in the village of Cropwell Butler in Nottinghamshire takes the form of a lychgate at the entrance to the cemetery (WM3107). It is made of oak with a tiled roof and sits on a concrete base. After the War parishioners raised a public subscription to replace the existing cemetery gates and the lychgate was dedicated in 1920. An inscription is carved on the front beam which reads "Death is swallowed up in victory" and there are bronze plaques with names inside.

In 2009, War Memorials Trust gave a grant of £740 to repair areas of rotten timber. These were mainly where the timber sat on the concrete base and was in direct contact with damp conditions. All new timber was stained to match the colour of the original timber.

Once the restoration work had been completed, the Trust identified the memorial as suitable for listing and a request for help with the application was added to the Regional Volunteer section of the Trust's website. The charity encourages volunteers to list war memorials as a way of providing legal protection to prevent inappropriate alterations or the removal or demolition of existing memorials. The Trust also believes that listing a war memorial is a way of recognising its significance and highlighting to local authorities and communities the importance of caring for and preserving their war memorial.

Phil Stant, one of the Nottinghamshire Regional Volunteers, compiled the listing application for the Cropwell Butler memorial in December 2010 using historical information held by the Trust as part of the grant process and details from the UK National Inventory of War Memorials. In February 2011, Phil received confirmation from English Heritage that it had been listed at Grade II for the following reasons:

"Historic interest: the memorial has special historic interest commemorating those members of the community who died in the two World Wars. Given the historic function of the lychgate as a resting place for a coffin before the arrival of the officiating clergy, it is a fitting memorial to those whose final resting place is either unknown or abroad.

Architectural interest: the simple timber-framed design compares favourably with other listed examples of 20th century lychgate war memorials."

Further information is available on the Trust's Grant Showcase: www.warmemorials.org/search-grants.



Cropwell Butler memorial during conservation © Cropwell Butler Parish Council, 2009

Regional Volunteers

Regional Volunteer end of year report

At the end of each year, the Trust asks all Regional Volunteers (RVs) to complete a simple report about the activities they have participated in over the past year. The results allow the Trust to demonstrate the huge contribution RVs make to the charity as well as identifying areas where RVs need further support.

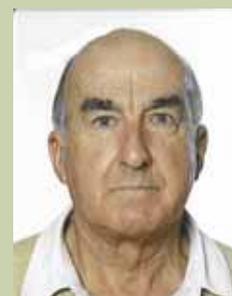
We had a fantastic response rate of 77% to the 2010 report which far surpasses the 2009 rate of 52% and would like to thank all RVs who took the time to complete the form. The results show that there has been an increase in the number of RVs monitoring war memorials (2010: 93%, 2009: 79%), promoting the significance of war memorials and/or the work of the Trust (2010: 58%, 2009: 54%), reporting war memorials at risk (2010: 42%, 2009: 30%), helping local war memorial projects (2010: 41%, 2009: 33%) and attending/organising events to promote the Trust (2010: 17%, 2009: 13%). Being a relatively small charity in terms of staff numbers and resources, the Trust relies on RVs to act as our local 'eyes and ears' and to draw our attention to war memorials in need of help so participation in these activities is vital. In addition, promoting the Trust generates valuable interest and income which we could not operate without.

Unfortunately, there has been a reduction in RVs applying for the listing of war memorials (2010: 8%, 2009: 10%), giving talks about the charity (2010: 25%, 2009: 36%) and researching the history of local war memorials (2010: 44%, 2009: 54%). These activities are important in enabling the Trust to legally protect war memorials, spreading word of how we can help and highlighting the significance of war memorials to local communities. We will, therefore, be looking at ways of increasing participation in these activities.

Encouragingly, the number of activities carried out by RVs has increased from an average of 3 different activities per RV in 2009 to an average of 4 in 2010. In addition, RVs gave 48 talks, represented the charity at 17 ceremonies and promoted the Trust at 12 events in 2010. 153 requests for help with Trust cases were added to the RV section of the website and, currently, 92% of these requests have been completed or are being worked on by RVs.

Introducing our Regional Volunteers: Tony Stubbs, Regional Volunteer for Lincolnshire

Why did you become a Regional Volunteer? A life-long interest in military history due to my father's service in the First World War, being bought up in South London during the Second World War and my own Army service from 1953 to 1958. I have always had an interest in war memorials simply because they are very much a part of this country's heritage and history. We owe a huge debt to the men and women who died in the two major World Wars of the 20th century and we have collectively as a country a responsibility to ensure all war memorials are maintained.



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What activities have you been involved with? I constantly remind people of the importance of war memorials; so much so that my daughter informs all and sundry that I can bore for England on the subject. I give numerous talks on local war memorials in Lincolnshire, on war memorials nationwide and on war memorials from abroad. I always emphasise their importance and it seems to work as frequently people tell me that while on holiday they find themselves automatically looking for the local war memorials in the area they are staying in. It is also not unusual for those people to send me photographs of the war memorials they have spotted while on holiday!

What is the best thing about volunteering for War Memorials Trust? That there is an organisation solely concerned with the up-keep and preservation of war memorials, which I always emphasise at the start of my talks.

Would you encourage others to get involved? Yes, but if people are reluctant to get involved as a volunteer I always suggest that just becoming a member of War Memorials Trust and paying a small annual subscription is in itself a benefit and help.

Cannington war memorial, Somerset (WM4429) by Mr R. M. S. Child

As with all cities, towns and villages in the UK, men from the village of Cannington, near Bridgwater in Somerset, were involved in the First World War. Unfortunately Cannington was not one of the thankful villages, where all who went to war returned when peace returned in 1918. I was recently fortunate to gain access to our Parish Council records and started researching the history of our war memorial.

In February 1919 a committee formed for the purpose of raising monies by public subscription for a war memorial and for a plaque in the local Parish Church, St Mary's, on which the names of the fallen would be recorded. Mr Henry Hales Pleydell-Bouverie, a local landowner, donated land at the junction of High Street and Rodway for the erection of the memorial and fundraising began. At a special meeting of the Parish Council in May 1920 it was announced that the sum of £275.15s.6d (£275.73) had been raised and that the war memorial, made of Bath stone, had cost £251.14s.8d (£251.73).

In 1922 the committee obtained a First World War Howitzer shell and again Mr Pleydell-Bouverie kindly donated extra land. The shell was erected and the whole site fenced with railings, but these were removed in 1942 during a scrap metal drive.

The tablet on the front of the memorial records 20 First World War names and a further 7 names were added from the Second World War. In 1957, during the construction of the Hinkley Point nuclear power station, the junction of High Street and Rodway was realigned, the war memorial was moved back along Rodway and the triangle on which it stands reduced. In 2006 the lettering was restored for the 90th anniversary of the end of World War I.

In 2008 complaints regarding notice boards around the memorial were received. Enquiries at the Land Registry Office revealed the memorial triangle to be unregistered land and the Parish Council decided to register it in its name. However, whilst the Council minutes contained details of transactions and land conveyances, no trace could be found of the relevant documents. Enquiries at the Somerset Records Office, where the Council minutes were stored, uncovered a bill from 1923 for £5.3s.6d from a Mr E. Trevor for "drawing out the conveyance for the land, stamp etc". Enquiries at the local library showed that in 1923 there had been a James Trevor & Son Solicitors on Queen Street in Bridgwater, but both firm and street had disappeared during one of Bridgwater's reconstructions. Fortunately, I obtained a list of the documents held by the Records Office relating to Cannington. This comprised 1,053 separate entries but I saw one that referred to a 'Conveyance of a piece of land at Cannington the site of a war memorial'. Together with our Parish Clerk, I went back to the Records Office and found a document about the memorial - the original signed document, complete with stamps and seals - as well as a hand-written copy of the original document for the additional land for the Howitzer shell.

Once again however we are faced with upheaval to our village with the possibility of a new nuclear power station at Hinkley Point. In view of what happened in 1957 the Parish Council agreed to protect the memorial. We have confirmed ownership of the land, had a tree preservation order granted for the oak tree behind the memorial and have applied for the listing of the memorial. The moral is to ensure that the owner of any land on which a war memorial stands is known and that the land is registered.

Another task I undertook, in conjunction with Roll of Honour (www.roll-of-honour.com), was to trace the history of all the names on the memorial. These details are now recorded in a historical record of the village and will soon be added to our village website. Now that we have the details and final resting places for all the deceased recorded, they will definitely not be forgotten!



Cannington war memorial © R. M. S. Child, 2005



Cannington war memorial inscription before restoration © R. M. S. Child, 2005

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In Memoriam online tributes

In Memoriam or Final Tribute gifts are a very special way to recognise support for a charity. War Memorials Trust would like to thank the families and friends of those whose passing has been marked in this way. Opting for In Memoriam gifts rather than flowers at a funeral may be the choice of the individual who has left details of their wishes or be a family choice based on their knowledge of the person who has passed away.

In Memoriam gifts make a significant difference to the Trust's work. In Memoriam gifts can be acknowledged on our website remembering the name of the person in whose memory gifts are given with a message about them.



If donations are to be sent to the Trust, the name of the person in whose memory the gifts have been made should be noted alongside the contact details of the family so the Trust can acknowledge the gift. For further information see www.warmemorials.org/in-memoriam.

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 supporters 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 making payments by standing order then 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 Claire on 020 7834 0200/0300 123 0764, nancy@warmemorials.org or via the website at www.warmemorials.org/standing-orders.

Supporting War Memorials Trust through your tax return

For many people completing their self assessment tax return is rarely a fun experience. However there are ways of making it more rewarding. As you may know when you complete the form you can nominate a charity to benefit from all, or part, of any tax refund due to you. And you can Gift Aid that contribution as well.

War Memorials Trust is now one of the charities that you could select to receive such a contribution. All you have to do is complete the form 'SA100 Charity - Giving your tax repayment to charity' alongside your tax return. The charity you indicate then receives your donation directly into its bank account.

So, if you are due a refund you can contribute some of that towards protecting and conserving war memorial heritage. Meaning that all that time spent completing the forms and details has not only helped you but your charity as well.

If you would like to support War Memorials Trust in this way the Trust's unique code is JAK92WG. This should be entered as required on the SA100 form where the Gift Aid details are also provided. Further information is available from the HMRC website (www.hmrc.gov.uk) or from their charities helpline on 0845 302 0203.

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 (including 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 including p&p.



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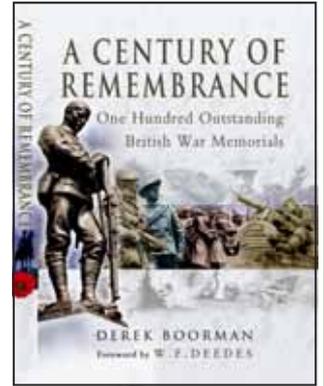
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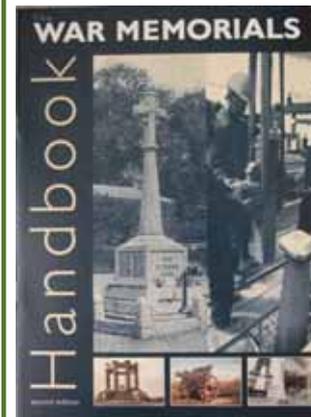
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A Century of Remembrance, by Derek Boorman



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.

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