

# Bulletin



War Memorials Trust

50th Edition





# War Memorials Trust

## Bulletin

ISSN: 1745-7556; Published quarterly by

## War Memorials Trust

42a Buckingham Palace Road  
London SW1W 0RE

Telephone administration: 020 7834 0200  
Telephone conservation: 020 7233 7356  
Telephone charity: 0300 123 0764  
Fax: 020 7834 0202 or 0300 123 0765

Email: [info@warmemorials.org](mailto:info@warmemorials.org) or  
[conservation@warmemorials.org](mailto:conservation@warmemorials.org)  
Web: [www.warmemorials.org](http://www.warmemorials.org)

Registered Charity Commission No. 1062255

Patron HRH The Duchess of Cornwall

## Area Vice Patrons

Diana Graves (England),  
Sara Jones CBE (England),  
Maj. Gen. the Rev Llewellyn CB OBE (Wales),  
Admiral Roger Lockwood (Scotland),  
The Lord Molyneux of Killead KBE PC (N. I.),  
Simon Weston OBE (Wales)

## Trustees

J. G. Cluff DL (Chairman),  
Roger Bardell (Treasurer),  
Colin Amery,  
The Rt. Hon. Lord Cope of Berkeley,  
Jane Furlong,  
Meg Hillier MP,  
Peter McCormick OBE,  
John Peat,  
David Seymour,  
Gavin Stamp

Director Frances Moreton

Conservation Officers Amy Davidson and  
Emma Nelson

Membership & Volunteer Officer Nancy Treves

Administrator Claire Lickman

Accounts Manager Jo Talbot

## Office Volunteers

Richard Lydon, John Mac, Innes Peters,  
Martin Shorthouse, Vicki Villiers and Lucy  
White

Production Editor Nancy Treves

Bulletin is published by War Memorials Trust. All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be transmitted or reproduced in any form or by any means, without the prior permission of the publisher. No responsibility will be accepted for any errors or omissions, or comments made by the writers. Views expressed in the Bulletin are not necessarily the views of War Memorials Trust.  
© War Memorials Trust, 2011.

## 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.



THE WOLFSON FOUNDATION



ENGLISH HERITAGE



HISTORIC SCOTLAND

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](http://www.warmemorials.org/grants) or by contacting the Conservation Team on 020 7233 7356 or 0300 123 0764 or [conservation@warmemorials.org](mailto: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](http://www.warmemorials.org/grants) or obtained from the Conservation Team.

**Please note that projects cannot be funded retrospectively.**

## Message from the Director

Dear supporters,

Incredibly, this is the 50<sup>th</sup> edition of the Bulletin and, to celebrate this, the front cover features photographs of 50 war memorials we have helped through our grant schemes over the past 14 years. The Bulletin has been keeping members and supporters up-to-date with the work of the charity since the first edition in 1997 and it remains a vital tool in spreading the word about our work to protect and conserve our war memorial heritage. The Trust staff are reminded daily of the continuing importance of war memorials to a wide variety of communities and so, to mark this, this 50<sup>th</sup> edition of the Bulletin contains articles which show how communities today continue to engage with their war memorials and recognise their ongoing significance.

Sadly, engagement continues, at times, to be negative with our war memorial heritage subject to vandalism and acts of disrespect. We were therefore pleased to learn from David Burrowes MP that a campaign he has been running to encourage sentencing in such cases to take account of the fact that a war memorial is involved has won support from Justice Minister Crispin Blunt. Mr Blunt has written to the Sentencing Council to ask them to consider amending their guidelines to include war memorial desecration as a factor when considering appropriate sentencing. War Memorials Trust continues to be active in In Memoriam 2014, our partnership with SmartWater, to offer greater protection to war memorials across the UK to deter theft. You can read an update on this project on page 5.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the many new members who responded to the special report on war memorials and War Memorials Trust in the Daily Telegraph on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. We were delighted with the response and welcome those who have joined us to work for the protection and conservation of war memorials in the UK. We hope you find our Bulletin interesting and draw the attention of both new and old members to a forthcoming members event. Details of a talk by our Trustee Gavin Stamp are given on page 5.

A big thank you also to our many members who have responded to the recent direct mail appeal seeking support for our Learning Programme for young people. We have appointed a Learning Officer who will join the staff in August 2011 and further details of this Programme will appear in the next Bulletin. We have been delighted with the positive response to this Programme and look forward to working with young people to create a greater understanding of our war memorial heritage.

War Memorials Trust is delighted to have been given the opportunity to broadcast the BBC Radio 4 Appeal on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November. Some of you may remember we did this in 2006 and raised nearly £9,000. We hope this year to increase this and further details about the broadcast will appear in the November issue of the Bulletin.

We are pleased to introduce our 2011 Christmas card shown below right. It is early to be thinking of Christmas but as our next Bulletin will not reach you until November we do not want to leave it too late to let you know about the card. Purchasing will support the Trust in its efforts to preserve war memorials across the UK. Full details of how to order can be found on page 16.

Finally, you may be interested to know that the Trust is having an international impact. We were recently contacted by American War Memorials Overseas. When looking at their website I thought it would be interesting to see what information they provided about the maintenance of war memorials. It was very flattering to read the first source of information they suggested as "War Memorials Trust in the UK has a remarkable website that is a treasure of information on war memorials." Anyone interested in finding out more should visit [www.uswarmemorials.org](http://www.uswarmemorials.org).

Best wishes,

Frances Moreton



## War Memorials Trust news

### AGM and war memorial walk

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July War Memorials Trust AGM took place. Held at the Imperial War Museum, the event was attended by around 30 members who joined staff, Trustees and Area Vice-Patrons.

Vice-Chairman of Trustees Peter McCormick reviewed the Trust's activities over the last year in the absence of Chairman Algy Cluff, who unfortunately had to offer his apologies to the meeting. Treasurer Roger Bardell reported on the financial performance of the charity during 2010 and into 2011. He was followed by staff who delivered short presentations on key aspects of the Trust's work. Frances Moreton spoke about Learning, War Memorials Officers and In Memoriam 2014, Nancy Treves discussed membership and Regional Volunteers, Emma Nelson highlighted some interesting conservation cases and Amy Davidson presented details of some of the grants awarded in 2010.



WMT Vice-Chairman of Trustees Peter McCormick delivering the annual review to attendees © WMT, 2011



Walk attendees at the 7/7 memorial in Hyde Park © WMT, 2011

After the presentations attendees had the opportunity to discuss issues and meet other members over refreshments. The minutes of the meeting have been distributed to attendees. If you would like to obtain a copy please contact Claire on 020 7834 0200 or 0300 123 0764 or [info@warmemorials.org](mailto:info@warmemorials.org).

Prior to the AGM a walk took place. Starting outside the Hog in the Pound pub near Bond Street station, the walk progressed along Davies Street and towards Grosvenor Square. The Square is home to the American Embassy and has a 9/11 memorial, a World War II memorial to the Eagle Squadron and the new statue of Ronald Reagan, which had been unveiled that morning.

The group then walked to the Animals in War memorial at Brook Gate. This presented an interesting opportunity for the Trust's Conservation Officers Amy Davidson and Emma Nelson to discuss some of the common conservation issues affecting war memorials. They highlighted some of the problems obvious on this war memorial, which are found in many of the cases which the Trust assists with, such as pollution from the surrounding traffic. Those attending the walk then had the opportunity to ask questions and discover more about how the Trust would encourage local communities to deal with these types of problems.

The group then walked through Hyde Park, viewing the memorial to the 7/7 bombings on the way. At Hyde Park Corner, the group visited the memorial to the Napoleonic Wars, and finished by the Nelson Arch, after visiting the Royal Artillery memorial.

The walk presented a variety of both old and new memorials, and the opportunity to observe different styles used as the perception of war has changed over time. The Trust would like to thank Blue Badge Guide Sarah Fordham for leading the walk and our Office Volunteer Martin Shorthouse for his meticulous research into the memorials and route for the walk.



Walk attendees at the Napoleonic Wars memorial at Hyde Park corner © WMT, 2011

## War Memorials Trust news



Lutyens' Manchester war memorial cenotaph © WMT, 2011

### MEMBERS EVENT: A talk by Gavin Stamp

The Trust is delighted to invite our supporters to an event being run in conjunction with the Public Monuments and Sculpture Association (PMSA).

On 7<sup>th</sup> December, Gavin Stamp, architectural historian and Trustee of War Memorials Trust, will be giving a talk on the official war memorials and war graves of the Great War. The talk will cover topics such as the memorials of Lutyens and the work of the Imperial War Graves Commission and will include major monuments in the UK and overseas. The event will take place at the PMSA offices at 70 Cowcross Street, London EC1M 6EJ, with light refreshments being served from 6pm and the talk beginning at 7pm.

Tickets for this event are limited and cost £10 each for Trust or PMSA members and £12 each for non-members. They can be purchased by contacting Claire on 020 7834 020 or 0300 123 0764 or [info@warmemorials.org](mailto:info@warmemorials.org) or by using the order form on page 15. Further details about the event will be supplied with tickets.

### In Memoriam 2014

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July the In Memoriam 2014 project was introduced to a number of key partners in a soft launch at SmartWater's new Centre for Infrastructure and Asset Protection in London. Those attending included representatives of the National Memorial Arboretum, English Heritage, Western Front Association, National Association of Memorial Masons as well as a number of staff from the Reserve Forces and Cadets Division of the Ministry of Defence. All will be key partners in raising awareness of the project and encouraging local communities, custodians and young people to get involved with, and take up, the scheme.



Attendees at the launch event © Photography by [www.paulpickard.com](http://www.paulpickard.com), courtesy of The SmartWater Foundation, 2011

In Memoriam 2014 has changed a little in the last few months. The project still aims to provide greater protection for war memorials in the UK by marking them, free of charge, with a forensic liquid called SmartWater which offers robust traceability should a theft occur. However the partnership delivering the scheme is now SmartWater and War Memorials Trust. The Imperial War Museum's UK National Inventory of War Memorials (UKNIWM) regrets that they are no longer able to be a lead partner. However, the Museum remains fully supportive of the merit and public appeal of In Memoriam 2014.



From left Frances Moreton (WMT Director), Lord Cope (WMT Trustee), Lance Corporal Matthew Croucher GC, JonMichael Teare (SmartWater Foundation) and John Jones (SmartWater Technology) at the launch event © Photography by [www.paulpickard.com](http://www.paulpickard.com), courtesy of The SmartWater Foundation, 2011

The In Memoriam 2014 website, [www.inmemoriam2014.org](http://www.inmemoriam2014.org), is now active and anyone interested can sign up via the 'Expression of interest' button to join an email mailing list which will alert people when the scheme opens for applications. Facebook ([www.facebook.com/InMemoriam2014](http://www.facebook.com/InMemoriam2014)) and Twitter (@InMemoriam2014) are generating interest and the official launch is now anticipated for October so please keep an eye on the media for details. We will, of course, provide further information in our November Bulletin.

## Conservation news

### Publication of 'The London list'

The London region of English Heritage's Designation Department have published a new document this year. The publication is entitled 'The London list' and is a gazetteer of sites and buildings, within London, which have been added to the national list in 2010. As well as containing a list it details the sites and their importance. This is a pilot project and in future years English Heritage will consider publishing a 'List yearbook' for each of its regional offices.

A total of 80 new London entries were successful last year. It is interesting that of these entries seven are war memorials, found in four separate boroughs. All the war memorials in this publication were listed at Grade II.

The Carshalton (WM1595) listing was a successful application by the Trust. A listing application was made following an English Heritage grant and with the assistance of one of the Trust's Office Volunteers.

The listing of war memorials continues to be an important part of the Trust's work. War memorials are not afforded any legal protection, as such it is only through listing memorials that we can secure some protection within the planning process. All of the national heritage bodies are willing to consider freestanding war memorials for listing and an application can be made by anyone. If you are interested in making a listing application the Trust's Conservation Officers are happy to offer advice on the process and can be contacted on 020 7233 7356 or 0300 123 0764 or [conservation@warmemorials.org](mailto:conservation@warmemorials.org).

'The London list' can be downloaded from English Heritage's website: [www.english-heritage.org.uk/caring/listing/showcase/london-list-yearbook](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/caring/listing/showcase/london-list-yearbook).



Image of Carshalton war memorial used for listing application © Martin Shorthouse, 2009

### Altar re-homed

Many of you may recall in the February 2010 Bulletin the Trust printed an article about a wooden altar which had been rescued in 2004. As it was later identified that the altar was not a war memorial but an artefact we requested the assistance of our members in identifying a new home. We received numerous responses to this request and would like to thank all of those who offered help and suggestions.

The Trust is happy to now report that with the assistance of one of the Trust's members, the Trust has been able to re-home this item.

The Royal Russell School in Croydon has kindly taken this artefact to be used and displayed within their memorial chapel. The school undertook some repairs to the altar prior to a dedication service which was held in May of this year at an Old Russellians reunion. The altar was well received at the service and will continue to form a part of the school Remembrance services and old student services each year.



The altar in use at the dedication service © J. Powell, 2011

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



## Conservation - Special grant

### Trials, tribulations and triumph: the relocation of two memorial plaques (WM3143)

There are few more illuminating examples of the continuing importance of war memorials today than when a community adopts a 'homeless' war memorial; even when it was not originally located within that specific community.

When, for whatever reason, a memorial becomes detached from its original location, unless there is some clue in the inscription it can be difficult to determine exactly where the memorial originated from. This is a challenge the Trust faces when we are contacted about memorials which turn up, for example, in a skip, on eBay or at a scrap merchants. What normally ensues is hard work from our Regional Volunteers (RVs) in researching the names on the memorial to find any common denominators to indicate where the memorial is from, and local press appeals. Once a likely geographical location is identified a new home for the memorial is sought, and often a local place of worship, community or council building kindly offers the memorial a new home to ensure that those named on the memorial can still be commemorated.

Such a case involves a memorial which the Trust has recently successfully relocated following prolonged support from the Trust's RVs. The memorial constitutes two iron plaques with gilt inscriptions in a Gothic script which are set within a decorative framework. Fixings on the rear identify that the plaques were hung. The history of the plaques is such a mystery that we do not even know how they came into the Trust's possession. Our records begin in 2006 when RVs were contacted to try and help determine where the memorial is from; information consisted purely of the inscriptions on the plaques which read: "Of your charity pray for the souls of all who gave their lives for their country and especially for the men from this parish: mcmriv-mcmrir" followed by the names of the fallen, 147 in total.



Plaques prior to conservation work. Remnants of the gold paint work can be seen on the frame © WMT, 2009



One of the plaques after conservation work © WMT, 2010

Inexplicably, an 'r' is used where one would expect an 'x' with Roman numerals but the dates identify it as a World War I memorial and the style of the plaques, font and inscription strongly suggest that it originated from a church. Following research by RVs the names pointed towards Staffordshire and after an appeal in the 'Staffordshire Newsletter' in 2007, relatives of those named on the memorial contacted the Trust and definite links were made to Stafford. Research by RV Geoff Allan mapped many of those named near to Christ Church in Stafford which was closed in 1983. Whether this was the original location of the memorial we are unlikely to know for sure, but the Stafford connection was clear.

As the memorial had been in storage for a number of years, in 2009 the Trust made a special grant for specialist work by a metals conservator so that they were in a suitable condition to be relocated. This included treating areas of rust, cleaning and re-painting the framework and names where there was evidence for this original treatment. The colour for the paint was established by matching the remaining paintwork against specialist historic paints available.

RV Clive Blakeway found an appropriate location within Stafford for the long-term relocation of the memorial. We are pleased to advise that St Mary's Church, Stafford kindly agreed to permanently re-home the memorial, and it was re-dedicated on 25<sup>th</sup> June - Armed Forces Day. This project is illustrative of the years of hard work and perseverance by various people to ensure that the memorial has been returned to Stafford and is once again a poignant reminder and commemoration of those named.

## Conservation - Grants for War Memorials scheme

### Hindon war memorial, St John the Baptist's Churchyard, Wiltshire (WM3898)

Hindon war memorial is a Portland stone pillar with an inscribed inscription on one face and names on the remaining three. The memorial was originally located within the centre of the village and was surmounted by a stone lantern.

The memorial was dedicated on 17<sup>th</sup> October 1920 and was unveiled by Mr Hugh Morrison MP. An article of the ceremony in the 'Salisbury and Winchester Journal' informs us that there was originally a projecting round shelf on the north face for flowers and that the intention was to place a light within the leaded lantern. It is also reported that the service was attended by some 700 people including religious representatives, comrades and school children. The memorial commemorates 19 men who fell in the First World War, of which 17 were from Hindon, 1 from Knoyle Down and 1 from the Dean. A dedication to the fallen of the Second World War was later added along with 3 associated names. On the north face of the memorial the dedication reads:

"This memorial is erected in grateful memory of the men of this village who in the Great War 1914-1918 and the World War 1939-1945 endured hardness, faced danger and finally passed out of the sight of men by the path of duty and self sacrifice, giving up their own lives that others may live in freedom."

The memorial was erected by a local committee and the 'Salisbury and Winchester Journal' records the cost as being £220, which was raised by voluntary contributions from the community.

The Hindon Parish Council meeting minutes from 21<sup>st</sup> September 1943 record the demolition of the memorial by a tank on 12<sup>th</sup> July 1943. It is believed that this occurred when the tank driver lost control and is recorded in a police report held at the County Record Office at Chippenham. The remains of the memorial were relocated to the church as a temporary measure.

On 14<sup>th</sup> August 1945 a public meeting was held to resolve the re-erection of the memorial. At this meeting it was determined that the memorial should be re-erected within the churchyard in its original form, if possible. A local builder rebuilt the memorial using the original stone by the west door of St John the Baptist's Church. However, the lantern was not re-constructed because, it is believed, this element was too badly damaged. In addition to this the flower shelf was removed at this time to allow space for the commemoration of those who fell in the Second World War.

The Trust was originally approached for funding in April 2010 for the cleaning of the memorial and possible re-cutting of the lettering to celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the memorial's erection.



The unveiling of Hindon war memorial in 1920 courtesy of J. Kitching



Hindon war memorial in its original location courtesy of J. Kitching



Damage to the Hindon war memorial courtesy of J. Kitching

## Conservation - Grants for War Memorials scheme

Funding from the Trust was not pursued for these elements as the village managed to fundraise the amount required to undertake these works. However, following the cleaning, it was identified that there was a desire amongst the community to see the lantern rebuilt so that the original design and intention of the memorial as a lit lantern could be restored. The Trust received an 'Expression of interest' form for this project in June 2010.

The project costs for the reinstatement of the lantern were estimated as being in excess of £5,000. As such the applicant was advised to apply for the Grants for War Memorials scheme. At the time of submitting the application, successful fundraising locally had raised the impressive sum of £1,500 towards the project.

In January this year the Grants for War Memorials scheme awarded a grant of £2,200 towards an estimated project cost of £4,465 for the replacement of the lantern.

The reinstatement of lost elements can only be funded where the memorial has largely retained its integrity of design, where without such work its symbolic value is compromised and where there is historic evidence for the form of the missing element. Any reinstatement has to be undertaken on a like-for-like basis, using the same materials as the original.

Through the efforts of the applicant, and the wider community, a great wealth of evidence, in both written and photographic form, was available in support of this case. The Grants for War Memorials scheme panel felt that the lantern was an important element to reintroduce as it was a functioning element of the original design and its loss had had a significant impact on the appearance of the war memorial.

The design of the new lantern was developed from the evidence of the original form in the historic photographs available and was produced from Portland stone, to match the materials of the original memorial.

The reinstatement of the lantern was completed in July 2011 and it is intended that a rededication of the memorial will be undertaken at this year's Remembrance service.

The provision of an electric light within the lantern was, unfortunately, not possible. It was believed that the lantern had originally been a storm lantern that had later been converted to electricity. When the capping stone was removed to allow the lantern to be placed there was no existing hole for cabling within the main body of the memorial. To provide this would have been a big undertaking and would have resulted in the loss of some of the original stone. However, consideration is being given to alternative methods of lighting the lantern for ceremonies, such as battery operated lighting which requires no cables or external power source. This will allow the original function to be restored without affecting the fabric.

This case is a good example of the continuing relevance and importance of memorials within the communities they commemorate. The project was driven by the wishes of the community to see this memorial restored to its former appearance, and in so doing, restore some of its intended symbolism. Much of the funds required were raised through donations from the local community showing the strength of feeling that this was a worthwhile project to be undertaking.



Hindon war memorial prior to cleaning © J. Kitching, 2010



Hindon war memorial after cleaning in 2010 and reconstruction of the lantern in 2011 © J. Kitching, 2011



Detail of lantern © J. Kitching, 2011

## 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 or 0300 123 0764 or email [rv@warmemorials.org](mailto:rv@warmemorials.org) or visit the Trust's website: [www.warmemorials.org/regional-volunteers](http://www.warmemorials.org/regional-volunteers).

### Introducing our Regional Volunteers: Alex McCue, Regional Volunteer for the Scottish Borders

#### *How long have you been a Regional Volunteer?*

Over 8 years.

#### *Why did you become a Regional Volunteer?*

I have been interested in war memorials for many years and have been giving talks on the Scottish Borders war memorials for over 15 years, which involved quite a bit of research. When I spotted a volunteer recruitment letter in the press it seemed a natural progression. I am also a volunteer for the War Graves Photographic Project (working with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission). I served with the RAF for 5 years and was involved with the Nuclear Tests in Australia and the Pacific and have taken part at the Cenotaph parade in Whitehall with fellow Nuclear Veterans on Remembrance Sunday.



Regional Volunteer Alex McCue with the 'Wee man' sculpture at the Walkerburn war memorial  
© Alex McCue, 2011

#### *What activities have you been involved with?*

Not only do I give talks on war memorials but I also give talks about some of the architects and sculptors involved in the design and manufacture of war memorials. I have photographed war memorials for the Trust and researched names on local war memorials for projects. At present I am researching Josefina De Vasconcellos who sculptured the Aldershot war memorial and, at the time, was the only female and living sculptor to have an exhibit in St Paul's Cathedral. Josefina was also a previous Vice-President of the Friends of War Memorials.

#### *What is the best thing about volunteering for War Memorials Trust?*

The biggest lift I get is from raising awareness of war memorials locally and I often get requests for either information on the memorial or the names on them, or to give more talks. Since becoming a Regional Volunteer I have met people with similar interests both from the staff of the Trust and other volunteers and also increased my interest and awareness through the Trust's Bulletin and Regional Volunteer newsletters.

#### *Would you encourage others to get involved?*

Definitely. It is very rewarding feeling that in some small way I am keeping alive the memory of the ultimate sacrifice made by so many in the service of their country and, as I previously said, I have been able to discuss my interests with others through the Trust. It has certainly increased my awareness of our war memorial heritage which has in turn enabled me to raise the awareness of my friends and colleagues.

## Our soldiers

### The story of one school's recognition of the sacrifice made by local men

by Amalea Bourne and Kate Adams, Year 12 students at Stourport High School and Sixth Form Centre

In the years 1917-1918 Stourport High School lost four brave memorable students in World War I. As a school we thought we owed them respect for doing something so brave and heroic. When it came to naming our colleges we wanted to find the right names to suit this particular event. We researched soldiers who lived in Stourport because we wanted to remember those who were local. Students came up with different ideas on how to find names. After months of research, meetings and telephone calls, we found four names that stood out. William Bridgford, Frederick Glover, Alfred York and George Randle, and from this we assigned each name to a colour; blue for Bridgford, green for Glover, yellow for York and red for Randle. Each college has two Senior Captains from the Sixth Form and Captains in the lower school.

**Bridgford College:** Private William Bridgford MM was the son of Thomas and Ellen Bridgford of Cheapside, Stourport. He died on 29<sup>th</sup> April 1918 at the age of 23; he won many different awards such as a British War Medal, Military Medal and Victory Medal. We have a student at Stourport High School who is a descendant of William.

**Glover College:** Private Frederick Glover, of Lombard Street, Stourport, served with the King's Shropshire Light Infantry and died 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1917, aged 25. He won the 1914-15 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal. Unfortunately we could not find any relatives of Frederick Glover.

**York College:** Private Alfred York, of Wood Green Cottage, Lickhill Farm, was the son of George and Ellen York. He served in the Worcestershire Regiment and died on 9<sup>th</sup> October 1917 at the age of 19. He won the British War Medal and Victory Medal.

**Randle College:** George Randle, son of Richard and Jane Randle of Severn Road, Stourport, was a Sergeant in the Welsh Regiment. He died on 26<sup>th</sup> March 1917, aged 33. He won quite a few medals such as the 1914-15 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal. We are lucky enough to have a staff member at the school who is a descendant of George Randle.

A naming assembly took place on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2011 in which more than 20 special guests were invited for a lunch followed by an assembly. Among the guests were relatives of George Randle and William Bridgford, including school staff member Shirley Ireson and a Year 7 student. During this assembly, each college leader read out a passage which gave information on that particular area and told the whole of the college about the soldier lost. They spoke about the bravery of the men and how we are to remember them as heroes and to keep their memory alive. Most traditions believe that to remember soldiers that fought in the war and lost their lives you ought to have a moment of silence, but we did not think this was what they deserved. Because of this, we had a minute of applause, which showed our thanks and gratitude towards those soldiers who fought for us.

Throughout the year different competitions have been taking place so each of the colleges can have a chance to win prizes and points; an English writing competition, a limbo competition, an Easter cake competition, a skipping challenge and a step-up challenge are just a few of the competitions that students and staff have competed in.

Throughout history soldiers have fought in wars, and lost their lives for us to have better ones, with few of us doing things to remember their bravery, but we stepped out of this and decided we were going to do something to respect their braveness, and show that what they did changed everything today. The names selected for the colleges were just the minority of people who lost their lives in the wars for us, and by doing one small thing to remember them, we hope to show that respect for what they did still lives on. Our colleges will carry on into the future as a beacon of perseverance, bravery, resilience and the



Students and guests at the naming assembly © Stourport High School, 2011

## Listing

### Providing legal protection for local war memorials By Peter Jackson-Lee

As Wirral Borough Council's Memorials Officer and a Regional Volunteer for War Memorials Trust, I recently applied for and was awarded two Grade II and one Grade II\* listings on 3 of the 35 memorials the council has in its custodianship.



Magazine Promenade war memorial © Peter Jackson-Lee, 2010

First stop on the listing application process was my own individual memorial files, along with those of the Wirral Archives section. As luck would have it, the Archives needed larger premises and had just moved to the basement of my building. The initial application phase saw all of the historical background to the three memorials being collated into a draft document for each memorial. Next was the production of a series of photographs to depict the memorials and the definitive features. At this stage I had some assistance from the Conservation Officer within the council. His advice was worthwhile as it helped to avoid any unnecessary delays in the applications if they had been a little lacking in clarity.

Once the applications had been submitted - via a CD due to the number of detailed photographs and historical documentation - I received a confirmation card from English Heritage with a reference number for each application. English Heritage then had all the details and information checked by a local representative; a process which enables them to filter out any applications that do not fit the criteria for the listing process.

Upon completion of this initial assessment the application was passed onto an English Heritage employee from the North East of England. They visited the sites and checked the information in much more detail in order to produce a report and recommendations for each of the memorials.

The final stage of the application saw the reports along with the recommendations for acceptance (including the listing Grade) being submitted to the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport. Earlier this year, I was notified by English Heritage that the applications had been successful.

#### Magazine Promenade war memorial (WM4279)

The monument consists of three servicemen; a British soldier stands at the back, a British sailor on the right and a colonial soldier kneels on the left. It is made from Portland stone, and sits along the promenade next to the River Mersey. The architects were Thornton and Sons Ltd and the builder of the memorial was Briggs and Thornley. The memorial commemorates those who served and who lost their lives in the First and Second World Wars and was dedicated in January 1921.

English Heritage awarded the memorial Grade II listed status.

#### Eastham village war memorial (WM4281)

The 15ft high monument was sculptured by Charles John Allen. Surmounting the stele is a robed figure of Christ holding a crown aloft and looking down to the viewer. It is constructed from Hopwood stone and each of the faces is inscribed with inlaid bronze lettering. The memorial commemorates those who gave their lives in the First and Second World Wars and was dedicated in March 1924.

English Heritage awarded the memorial Grade II listed status.



Eastham village war memorial © Peter Jackson-Lee, 2010

## Listing

### Hoylake and West Kirby war memorial (WM634)

The memorial is a four-sided 60ft high granite obelisk with an arched top which stands on a substantial base. It has larger than life-size bronze figures on its west and east faces.

The figure on the west face is that of a woman dressed in long, textured, ecclesiastical-style robes with a hood covering her head. The woman holds a wreath made up of thick twigs intertwined with poppies and from her wrists hang heavy chains. The woman's head rests on a cruciform pillow made up of lilies with a large nimbus behind and on her chest there is an oval form that contains a baby that clings to her. The baby looks down at the viewer through the wreath and the woman stands on a globe that rests upon a granite cross.

The soldier on the east face is shown standing legs astride, fully dressed in World War I battle dress, complete with gas mask bag, water bottle, putties and his helmet pushed off the back of his head. He holds his rifle horizontally in front of him at waist height and looks beyond the viewer. At his feet there is German helmet and an impression of mud.



Hoylake and West Kirby war memorial © Peter Jackson-Lee, 2010



Robed figure on Hoylake and West Kirby war memorial © Peter Jackson-Lee, 2010

George Frampton recommended C. S. Jagger for this commission, which the sculptor began at home while recovering from war wounds in 1917. A. B. Burton was the founder of the figures.

The memorial commemorates those who have served in a number of conflicts, including the First and Second World Wars, the Korean War (1950-1953), the Cyprus Emergency (1955-1959), the Iraq War (2003-2009) and the current conflict in Afghanistan. It was originally dedicated in December 1922.

English Heritage awarded the memorial Grade II\* listed status.

The whole listing process for the three memorials took around 12 months to complete. However, Wirral Borough Council recognises the importance and significance of these war memorials and monuments. They are a testament to all the brave that have fallen in various conflicts whilst defending our realm. The monuments stand as a source of pride and comfort to many, particularly given the current conflict in Afghanistan. They

also serve as an education element within areas of the school curriculum and it is only right and proper that we seek to maintain and preserve these important structures.

My current attention is drawn to a two year phased project to create a new memorial within the grounds of the Hamilton Square cenotaph. Once this project is complete, I will endeavour to have the remaining war memorials listed and work on the council's preparations for the 2014 commemorations.

For further information, please visit: [www.wirral.gov.uk/my-services/community-and-living/war-memorials](http://www.wirral.gov.uk/my-services/community-and-living/war-memorials).



Soldier figure on Hoylake and West Kirby war memorial © Peter Jackson-Lee, 2010

## Get involved

### Legacy giving

Leaving a legacy in your will is an opportunity for you to make a significant difference to the charities you support and ensure your beliefs and ideals live on. When questioned 35% of people said they would leave a legacy to charity once they have supported family and friends but only 7% actually do so. According to Remember a Charity, if the number of people who left a legacy increased to just 11% an additional £1 billion would be raised for charities. Such funds have an incredibly significant impact, enabling charities to make a huge difference. For War Memorials Trust a legacy gift could enable the Trust to provide assistance to many more people and organisations, provide additional grants or support education work on the importance of preserving the nation's war memorials.

Often a legacy gift is a unique opportunity to give a significant donation. A gift, of any size, can and will make a difference. Wills and legacies are perhaps not something any of us want to think about but preparing them is a simple process and ensures that loved ones do not face unnecessary worry at a difficult time. If you have already prepared a will but wish to make a legacy gift this may be done through a codicil. War Memorials Trust provides legacy information at [www.warmemorials.org/legacy](http://www.warmemorials.org/legacy) or you can contact Frances on 020 7834 0200 or 0300 123 0764 or [frances@warmemorials.org](mailto:frances@warmemorials.org).

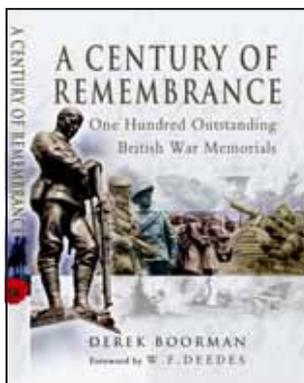
### Direct mail appeal 2011

Thank you to everyone who has responded to the recent direct mail appeal for the Learning Programme. By the middle of July £12,000 has been raised so we are on course to match the £15,000 raised by the appeal in 2010 which was focussed on the Small Grants Scheme.

The money raised through this year's appeal will go towards the development of the Learning Programme which will encourage greater understanding of our war memorial heritage amongst young people. Young people were often in attendance at the unveiling of our war memorials, particularly after World War I, either taken by the family or participating in the choir. Today, many are still centrally involved at our Remembrance Day events. We want to ensure they understand the importance of the memorials. We need to make certain that when they reach an age when they are responsible for our heritage they understand why it is important and also how to appropriately conserve, so they ensure war memorials are preserved for the generations which follow them.



Unveiling of the Lymstone war memorial, Devon  
© Farthing Collection

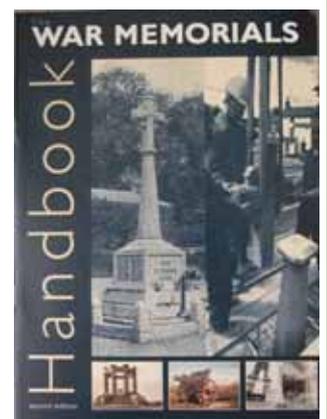


### A Century of Remembrance, by Derek Boorman

The book is a study of 100 outstanding UK war memorials which commemorate 20<sup>th</sup> 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.



## 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).



## Order form

Please complete this order form and complete details overleaf.

No.	Item	Total
	Pack(s) of Christmas cards at £4.50 (inc. 50p p&p) each	
	Member ticket(s) for talk by Gavin Stamp at £10 each	
	Non-member ticket(s) for talk by Gavin Stamp at £12 each	
	Set of 3 Trust pens at £4 (inc. p&p)	
	Set of 5 Trust pencils at £2 (inc. p&p)	
	Trust 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	
	<b>Total</b>	
	Donation	
	<b>Grand total</b>	

Please complete both sides of this form, detach and send to

**Frances Moreton, Director**  
**War Memorials Trust**  
**Freepost RSCE-GKJS-BSLT**  
**2nd Floor**  
**42a Buckingham Palace Road**  
**London SW1W 0RE**

Please remember using a stamp will save us money.  
 Thank you.

## Get involved

Please complete and return this form  
Bulletin 50

### Your details

Title First name  
Surname  
Address  
Postcode Telephone  
Email

I would like to join/donate to War Memorials Trust

- Individual annual membership £20  
 Joint annual membership £30  
(two people at the same address)  
 Life membership £100  
 Single donation of £.....

Use Gift Aid and you can make your donation worth more.  
For every £1 you give to us, we get an extra 28p from HMRC.

So just tick here.  It's that simple.

I want all the donations I have made to War Memorials Trust for the four years prior to this year and all future donations that I make from the date of this declaration to be Gift Aid until I notify you otherwise. I am aware that if I do not pay enough tax for the year of my donation to cover the Gift Aid repayment claim I am legally liable to pay the difference to HMRC.

- Gift Aid is not appropriate for my donation

### Payment

I am making my payment by:

- Cheque made out to War Memorials Trust  
 Cash  
 Credit/debit card (complete details below and ensure a telephone number or email address is provided in case of query)

Card number

□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□

Security code □□□□ Switch/Maestro □□□

Valid from □□/□□ Expiry □□/□□

Issue number (Switch/Maestro) □□

### Further information

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

- Standing order payments  
 Leaving a legacy  
 Becoming a Regional Volunteer

## Merchandise

Page 16

### Christmas card 2011



War Memorials Trust is delighted to introduce its 2011 Christmas card. The image is a representation of Horse Guards Parade in snow.

This card is 16 x 16cm (6¼ x 6¼ inches) and available in packs of 10. Inside there are details of the charity alongside the message: 'Season's Greetings'.

The card is being sold at £4 plus 50p p&p per pack. Please use the order form on page 15 to obtain your packs or visit [www.warmemorials.org/shop](http://www.warmemorials.org/shop) where you can order cards via our online shop. Other items featured in the Bulletin can also be purchased through the shop. We encourage you to use the online shop to reduce the administrative work for the Trust.

### Gift Aid

Gift Aid enables War Memorials Trust to reclaim an extra 25p on every pound you donate so your £20 subscription becomes £25 and your £100 gift, £125. 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.

*giftaid it*