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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;  
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### 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](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,

Happy New Year from all at War Memorials Trust. It is slightly belated but as the first chance to do so I wanted to offer the best wishes of War Memorials Trust staff to our members and supporters.

As many of you will be aware last autumn saw a wave of publicity around war memorials particularly stimulated by the issue of theft. The Carshalton war memorial, shown on the front cover of this Bulletin, was just one of those memorials which has suffered from the removal of its metal plaques. War Memorials Trust has been working with the local council and community to ensure appropriate repairs are undertaken and you can read more on page 6. The spate of thefts which were reported demonstrated the importance of the In Memoriam 2014 campaign. We have been delighted with the interest to date as applications come in through the website and SmartWater is sent out to communities. We have also received many words of support which show the value of the project. Thank you to all who helped spread the word, you can turn to page 10 for a more detailed update and information on the press coverage since last November. And if you ever want some additional Bulletins or In Memoriam 2014 leaflets to pass to custodians in your community, please do not hesitate to let us know. We are delighted to send them out.

War Memorials Trust is making great progress in developing its Learning Programme for young people and you can find out more on page 12 as Ruth Cavender reports on the work she has been doing. Following the significant donation received last year with the closure of the Polish Air Force Association, War Memorials Trust has instigated the recruitment of a third Conservation Officer. Emma Nelson will continue to lead on casework with a new person recruited to lead on grants. Amy Davidson will be moving to a new post focusing on policy. This will include developing the website, improving the helpsheets and moving into new ways of delivering our advice such as short video clips explaining how to complete a condition survey or clean a memorial. With the centenary of World War I likely to see a renewed interest in our war memorials we feel it is vital that the guidance about best practice is available in accessible formats for everyone to prevent damage caused by well-meaning action to our war memorials.



The new policy role will also build up the charity's links with other organisations. War Memorials Trust recently joined the Alliance to Reduce Crime against Heritage (ARCH). Led by English Heritage, this voluntary network seeks to reduce the amount of heritage related crime and promote local initiatives through the Heritage Crime Initiative. Amy attended the initial All Party Parliamentary Group on Combating Metal Theft, an issue which is generating a lot of attention in both Houses. Clearly being part of such groups and discussions is important for War Memorials Trust. We hope with an expanded Conservation Team we can improve such cooperation and contribute to the ongoing debates and discussions on key issues.

Alongside our ties within the heritage sector we also seek to build links with service and ex-service groups. I was delighted to attend the COBSEO - The Confederation of Service Charities - AGM in October last year, at which I had the privilege of being introduced to HRH The Prince of Wales on behalf of the charity. He was very interested in our work and particularly noted the challenges facing communities who had experienced theft from their war memorials.

Whilst the nation's attention turns more closely to our war memorials in November it is thanks to your support and generosity that War Memorials Trust can ensure it is able to help those dealing with war memorial issues all year round. We are looking forward to a busy, eventful and effective 2012 with enthusiasm and a renewed vigour having seen war memorials catch a wider audience whose interest we can look to build upon, particularly as we approach the centenary of the Great War.

Best wishes,  
Frances

## War Memorials Trust news

### BBC Radio 4 charity appeal

War Memorials Trust's BBC Radio 4 charity appeal was broadcast on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November and we hope that many of our members and supporters were able to tune in.

Lance Corporal Matt Croucher GC, who served in recent conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, kindly agreed to present the appeal on behalf of the charity.

During the appeal, Matt explained the continuing significance of war memorials as records of the brave acts of individuals in conflicts past and present. He also spoke about the importance of the preservation of our war memorials as places of remembrance and reflection.

The appeal is a wonderful opportunity to raise necessary funds so that we can continue to protect and conserve war memorials, as well as raise awareness of our work. So far the appeal has raised over £7,000 for War Memorials Trust – a great amount, particularly given the current economic climate.



Lance Corporal Matt Croucher GC recording the War Memorials Trust Radio 4 charity appeal at BBC Broadcasting House, London © WMT, 2011



Recent grant recipient Sparsholt and Lainston war memorial in Hampshire © Marie Bush, 2011

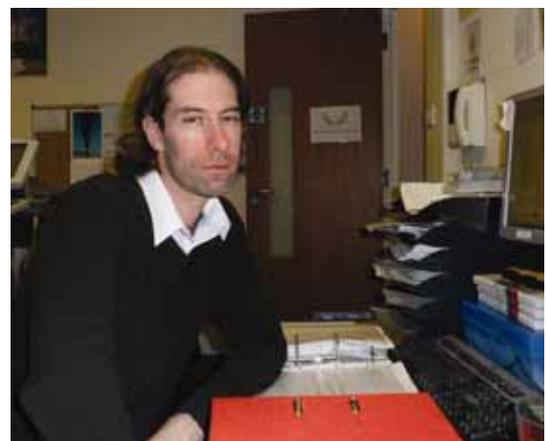
This money will be put towards our grant schemes to offer financial support to local communities conserving their war memorials, it will help us to provide our advice and advocacy services for anyone with a war memorial related issue and will help to raise awareness of our work amongst potential new supporters and communities in need of our help.

War Memorials Trust is grateful to the BBC for providing the charity with the opportunity to make this appeal and spread the word about our work. We would also like to thank Matt for presenting the appeal and for his ongoing support of the Trust.

### Introducing Sam Barham

I have always been very interested in military history and studied for a history degree at university. I volunteered to help out at War Memorials Trust as I felt the work of the charity was important, was told they needed assistance and knew I would find the work interesting due to my love of history.

I have been volunteering at the Trust office since September and have enjoyed my time here, during which I have mainly been researching old war memorial cases and identifying the relevant points to enter on the conservation database. This work will enable the Conservation Team to quickly access relevant information when dealing with enquiries. I have also been helping out where needed, doing general office duties and gaining useful work experience.



Office Volunteer Sam Barham in the War Memorials Trust office © WMT, 2012

## War Memorials Trust news

### War Memorials Officers

We are delighted with the ongoing interest in the War Memorials Officer campaign and are pleased that we continue to have new contacts signing up from local authorities on a regular basis. Due to the large number of responses, we have had to expand the pages carrying details of War Memorials Officers on the website and are gradually working through every council to ensure we have something under their record so everyone can see how their local authority deals with war memorial issues. To check your council's details visit [www.warmemorials.org/wmo](http://www.warmemorials.org/wmo).

It has been rewarding to hear from other organisations how impressed they are with the campaign and their interest in speaking at future events for War Memorials Officers demonstrates the potential for this initiative. We are currently considering the programme for a War Memorials Officer conference later in the year and will be distributing details in early summer. We are now starting to receive regular enquiries from War Memorials Officers and were delighted to circulate to them details of recent publications by the Heritage Lottery Fund and English Heritage which may assist them in working with their local war memorials. Where possible Regional Volunteers are contacting War Memorials Officers to further enhance the network of people keeping an eye on this unique aspect of our national heritage. Turn to page 11 to see how Ipswich's War Memorials Officer has taken up the In Memoriam 2014 campaign.

### Member event: A talk by Gavin Stamp

On 7<sup>th</sup> December, architectural historian and Trustee of War Memorials Trust Dr Gavin Stamp gave a talk about the architecture of the Great War cemeteries and the war memorials of the architect Sir Edwin Lutyens in the UK and overseas.

It was a fascinating talk demonstrating the vast diversity of war memorial design and the sheer scale of the building which took place to provide appropriate places of remembrance for the large number of casualties from the First World War.



Gavin Stamp giving his talk at The Gallery, London © WMT, 2011



Sir Edwin Lutyens' war memorial cenotaph in St Peter's Square, Manchester © WMT, 2011



The Cenotaph on Whitehall, London, designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens © WMT, 2011

This was a joint event between the Trust and the Public Monuments and Sculpture Association (PMSA) with members from both of the organisations invited to attend. The profit from the event has been split equally between both organisations.

A number of our members have been kind enough to contact the Trust office to say how much they enjoyed the evening. We will be considering options for another member event in 2012 and details will follow in a future edition of the Bulletin.

The Trust would like to thank Gavin for taking the time to prepare and give the talk and for a very enjoyable and informative evening.

## Conservation news

### Carshalton, Sutton (WM1595)

Carshalton war memorial in Sutton was sadly subject to theft in September 2011 with 14 metal plaques, listing the names of 240 individuals, being stolen from the memorial. This memorial had previously been grant funded through the Grants for War Memorials Scheme in 2005 for necessary repairs and was listed at Grade II in 2010. You may recall reading about the memorial in previous Bulletins, most recently Bulletin number 50.

The memorial is a Portland stone cenotaph located on Honeywood Walk and commemorates members of the local community who lost their lives in World War I, World War II and subsequent conflicts.

The Trust was saddened to hear of this event and has been in contact with the London Borough of Sutton Council as well as monitoring the media reports on the case. The theft was widely publicised, both in newspapers and on television, and a reward for information was offered by Crimestoppers.



Carshalton war memorial prior to theft © M. Shorthouse, 2009



Carshalton war memorial after theft © WMT, 2011

Following the theft it became evident that the metal plaques on the memorial were a later addition. It was clear that on the stone underneath the plaques, the names had originally been incised into the Portland stone and inlaid with lead. Due to this evidence, and the risk of further thefts, the Council has determined to replace the stolen bronze plaques in stone and this is expected to be undertaken towards the end of January 2012. Whilst the Trust would normally recommend stolen plaques be replaced on a like-for-like basis, it is felt that replacement in stone would be appropriate in this case as it replicates the original detailing and will be in the same material as the rest of the memorial, removing the risk of differential weathering. The Council is funding the entire work.

Whilst the original names are evident their legibility is poor in some areas and destroyed in others due to the introduction of the plaques. Fortunately a local historian had created a record of the names for

research purposes. This allowed for temporary plaques with names to be in place for Remembrance Day 2011 and will inform the works to be undertaken to address the theft. Such cases show the importance of keeping accurate records of war memorials and those commemorated on them.



The original incised lettering is just visible on the Carshalton war memorial in the areas exposed by the stolen plaques © WMT, 2011

Following the theft from the Carshalton war memorial the London Borough of Sutton Council has taken advantage of the In Memoriam 2014 project to mark other memorials within the Borough at risk of theft.

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



## Conservation - Small Grants Scheme in Scotland

### Lossiemouth, Moray (WM4225)

The choice of location and style for a war memorial is always an interesting insight into the community at the time it was erected. They can tell us about their attitude to war, the role of religion and the church at the local level, local politics and where the centre of the community was at that time. In the case of Lossiemouth, their war memorial sits proudly on Pitgaveny Street; built into the cliff face 100 metres from the sea and opposite where the old railway station used to be. Clearly this choice of location would have placed the memorial in a prominent position within the community.

The creation of a memorial was first suggested in 1919 and the design was by sculptor Mr Percy Portsmouth. The memorial was erected in 1922 and undertaken by a local builder, Mr H. Smith. The memorial was dedicated on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August 1922 by the Laird's wife, Mrs Brander-Dunbar. The Second World War names were unveiled on 13<sup>th</sup> November 1953.

The First World War names are from the Seaforth Highlanders and Royal Naval Reserves. The Second World War names represent the Royal Navy, Merchant Navy, Seaforth Highlanders and other services; making the seaside location even more poignant.

The 'Northern Scot' reported on the unveiling of the memorial with the following details:

"The body of the memorial, which is built into a part of the rock opposite the station, is constructed of polished freestone from Greenbrae with a heavy moulded base about 12 feet wide. It is surmounted by an entablature upon which a bronze panel with the names of the fallen inscribed is affixed. A bronze figure representing 'Victory and Peace' rests on the top. In his left hand is a sword pointing downwards. Both arms rest on the entablature."

However appropriate the memorial's location, being so close to the sea and the weather and salty air associated with it have taken their toll on the memorial in the 90 years since its creation. Therefore, in 2011 a grant of £7,500 was awarded under the Small Grants Scheme in Scotland. The project centred on the treatment of the bronze which included cleaning with minimal cleaning methods of deionised water, pH neutral soap and bristle brushes. This was sufficient to remove any deposits from the bronze but is not too abrasive as to remove the original patina or disturb the surface of the metal. The bronze was chemically re-patinated; this is a controversial area of metal conservation. However, while in many cases it may not be considered appropriate to re-patinate historic monuments and sculptures, in the case of war memorials there is a different prevailing attitude due to the importance of their commemorative function. Following re-patination the bronze was waxed; this protects the bronze from pollutants and water, which cause corrosion. This wax needs to be regularly removed and re-applied as part of the maintenance of the memorial to ensure its protection.

The stonework was cleaned with a biocide, water and non-metallic brushes. Due to the nature of the stone it is not possible to remove all the staining without using more aggressive techniques which may cause problems in the long-term. The stonework's current condition retains its patina of age and highlights the history of the memorial and is in-keeping with the surrounding rock. Open joints on the memorial were re-pointed with lime mortar and the wreath rail, a later addition to the memorial, had corroded and so was replaced.



Lossiemouth war memorial prior to conservation work © George Wilson, 2011



Lossiemouth war memorial following conservation work and re-patinated bronze © George Wilson, 2011

## Conservation - Small Grants Scheme

### The Co-operative Wholesale Society Building and Shop-fitting Department, Salford, Greater Manchester (WM3546)

Readers will unfortunately be all too aware of the increasing problem of metal theft which affects all types of historic buildings, railway and street infrastructure and, most shockingly to many, war memorials. There is therefore all the more reason to celebrate when there is a happy case of a memorial which was not sold on for scrap and has been saved.

In 2009 the Trust was alerted by staff at a scrap merchants yard in Trafford Park, Manchester to a plaque which had been there for 15 years, but it was unknown where it had originated from. The memorial is a large cast bronze plaque with cast decorative detailing. The inscriptions read 'Roll of Honour' '1914-1918' with a list of the fallen in the centre of the memorial. The name, regiment and manner of death, e.g. killed in action, died of wounds, are detailed for each casualty.

Research of the names on the memorial uncovered a number of addresses which all pointed to different areas of Manchester. Following local publicity on BBC Manchester by Regional Volunteer Mike Coyle, the Trust was inundated with suggestions as to where the plaque may have originated from and where it could be relocated to. A number of the suggestions identified a Co-operative Wholesale Society (CWS) memorial which was noted on the UK National Inventory of War Memorials as 'lost'. War Memorials Trust contacted the archivist at what is now The Co-operative Group, who sent the charity a copy of the CWS house magazine 'Ourselves'. On page 4 of the November 1930 edition it read:



The war memorial in poor condition before the restoration project © The Co-operative Group, 2010

"The Building and Shop-fitting Dept. at Manchester are the proud possessors of a very attractive memorial in the form of a bronze tablet, fixed to the wall of the entrance vestibule to the offices, where it is seen by all, both as they pass the open door or as they enter the premises. The wreath of Flanders poppies is renewed annually on Remembrance Day, accompanied by a short ceremony, which is arranged by ex-Serviceman of the department."

This information along with the accompanying photograph confirmed the identity of the memorial.

Once The Co-operative Group became aware of the memorial they agreed to arrange for its restoration and relocation. War Memorials Trust supported this restoration with a grant of £2,500 in 2010. The memorial was in very poor condition with bent and missing sections, holes and significant surface damage. Thankfully the majority of the names were still legible but there was still some damage to these. The works comprised repairing the damaged and bent sections through applying heat, damaged areas were welded back together, the lettering was repaired, a replacement section was cast for the missing corner and the memorial was re-patinated.



The war memorial once again stands proudly after restoration and relocation © The Co-operative Group, 2011

Following the restoration and repair work the memorial was permanently relocated to a Funeralcare branch in Salford. The memorial was unveiled in its new location in November 2011 and members of the families of some of the men named on the memorial were able to attend. Thankfully, once again colleagues of the fallen named on the memorial are 'proud possessors' of the memorial.

The Trust would like to particularly thank Mike Coyle for all his hard work regarding this memorial.

## Conservation - Grants for War Memorials scheme

### St Margaret's war memorial, Oxfordshire (WM3409)

St Margaret's war memorial is located on the edge of St Margaret's Churchyard in Oxford and is Grade II listed. The memorial consists of an oak cross with a cast-iron figure of Christ. The calvary is covered by a timber half domed canopy which is internally decorated to represent the night sky with a number of metal stars affixed to it. Beneath the calvary, on the stone plinth, is a bronze plaque. Further bronze plaques are attached to the stone plinth of the canopy with a dedication and a list of the names of the 47 men of the parish who fell in the First World War.

The dedication reads:

"They loved not  
their lives unto death  
For King and Country  
1914-1918"

The memorial was dedicated in 1920 and the cast-iron figure of Christ was cast by Lucy's Engineering Works in nearby Jericho. The figure is reported to have been one of 200 castings made. The style of the memorial is said to have been modelled on the shrines encountered at roadsides by troops in Flanders.

An application to the Grants for War Memorials scheme was received in March 2011 for works to address structural instability caused by a Death Watch beetle infestation and wet rot damage to the timbers supporting the canopy. The project also included some light cleaning, an additional plaque for later conflicts, re-fixing of stars and re-roofing. The project was awarded a grant of £6,185.



St Margaret's war memorial prior to conservation work © B. Simpson, 2011



St Margaret's war memorial after conservation work © B. Simpson, 2011

The costs of re-roofing were excluded from the grant funding as this was not based on historic evidence. However there was no objection to this being undertaken as it was an improvement from the existing covering and the finish proposed was traditional. The costs for the new plaque were also excluded as this is an alteration which cannot be funded through the grant scheme. Again, however, there was no objection to this element being undertaken by the applicants, demonstrating how the grant schemes can work in conjunction with the desires of local communities.

The St Margaret's War Memorial Appeal Committee ran a very successful campaign to raise funds locally through the production of a book about the individuals commemorated on the memorial and through the setting up of an appeal website.

The cleaning of the memorial was undertaken using water, soft natural bristle brushes and a non-ionic detergent to remove the build up of dirt and algae. The damage to the timber supports was localised, as such, it was addressed by limited piecing in of new timber. This approach allows maximum retention of historic fabric. The works were completed in October 2011.

Further information on the project can be found at: [www.stmwarmem.org.uk](http://www.stmwarmem.org.uk). Further information on those commemorated on the memorial can be viewed at: [www.headington.org.uk/oxon/stmargaret](http://www.headington.org.uk/oxon/stmargaret).

**Details of all grants given by the Trust are available on the Grant Showcase: [www.warmemorials.org/search-grants](http://www.warmemorials.org/search-grants).**

## In Memoriam 2014

# IN MEMORIAM 2014

In Memoriam 2014 launched in a blaze of media coverage last November. Coming at the time when metal theft and the issue of the cash trade at scrap metal yards was hot news, In Memoriam 2014 hit a nerve and the office went into PR overdrive. We gave 24 TV and radio interviews, dealt with 50 enquiries and have evidence that the charity and/or the campaign was mentioned in nearly 100 articles in the press (and suspect there are many more we didn't pick up on). The experience of doing 12 interviews to BBC local radio stations between 7 and 9 in the morning whilst sat in a tiny room at the BBC Milbank studios is not one to be forgotten in a hurry! We have been keeping a record of everything we have come across on the website [www.warmemorials.org/press](http://www.warmemorials.org/press) and if there is anything missing on there that you have seen please do let us know. The interest has also continued since November with a Boxing Day call from the Washington Post amongst the ongoing press enquiries we have responded to.

On the BBC, The One Show featured the issue of metal theft and Sir Bruce Forsyth and Gyles Brandreth were amongst those debating the issue. Sir Bruce expressed his disgust for the crime whilst Mr Brandreth explained to viewers about the work of the Trust and encouraged people to keep an eye on their war memorials. A couple of weeks later Dan Snow spoke about In Memoriam 2014 on the same programme, with fellow guests Peter Snow and Gary Lineker joining the discussion.

The work to promote this project undertaken by many of our Regional Volunteers has been fantastic and we extend a huge thanks to them all. Many built upon links established with journalists the previous year when promoting the War Memorials Officer campaign and were able to get articles, interviews and letters into their local publications.



Regional Volunteer Paul Goodwin being interviewed by Border TV news at Maxwelltown memorial, Dumfries © Paul Goodwin, 2011

The combination of national, regional and local press has been really important. Whilst many of the nationals have taken specific angles or focused on issues such as metal theft, the regional and local coverage has often been more specific on the actual In Memoriam 2014 campaign. This has meant that war memorials have had a big national profile and people have been able to find out what they can do in their local communities through their local media - a great combination to encourage action.

Amongst the national papers some of the more prominent to cover war memorials and the theft issue have been the Sunday Telegraph, Daily Express and Daily Mail and the charity has been building relationships with journalists from these and many other publications. Some of you may have been reading the ongoing campaign in the Sunday Telegraph regarding war memorials. Please be assured that they are aware of the work being done by War Memorials Trust and we are actually receiving from them all enquiries submitted to their campaign email address to see if we can help people reporting war memorial concerns. As a result of the campaign we are also working closely with the Heritage Lottery Fund and we are an important part of an action group of organisations working with war memorials which is being convened. It is an exciting time for the charity and the opportunity to work with new organisations on the back of a high national profile is something we are ensuring we make the most of. So, keep your eyes peeled for more stories and coverage through 2012 as we seek to ensure all war memorials are protected in time for 2014.



BBC's Angus Crawford interviewing Lord Tope at the Carshalton war memorial for a piece that went out on BBC TV, radio and online. WMT's Director Frances Moreton and In Memoriam 2014 Project Officer Annette Gaykema were amongst those pictured waiting to be interviewed © M. Shorthouse, 2011

## In Memoriam 2014

### Messages in support of In Memoriam 2014

**David Cameron, Prime Minister:**

"I, like most people, have been appalled by the instances of theft from, and desecration of, our war memorials in recent times.

Of course, the Government commends any initiative that commemorates the sacrifices of those who served in Her Majesty's Armed Forces and died in the service of their country. It is to be hoped that the forthcoming centenary of the outbreak of the First World War will raise awareness about the condition of our war memorials. I recognise and appreciate the sterling work being carried out by the War Memorials Trust to help bring this about, so I would like to wish it every success in its efforts."

**Nick Clegg, Deputy Prime Minister:**

"Projects such as In Memoriam 2014 are a testament to this country's determination to remember our dead. I was particularly interested in learning about the role SmartWater can play in preventing crime and helping to ensure that our memorials serve as a focal point for commemorations."

**Boris Johnson, Mayor of London:**

"War memorials are there so that people of our generation, and the next generation, would never forget the sacrifice that was made. They were intended to be a permanent reminder of the sacrifices brave men and women made, and of the losses sustained by families and communities. The whole purpose of the memorial is to act as a physical reassurance that the deaths have not been in vain. It is a promise from the living to the dead – that we will always revere what they had done. It is therefore tragic when the monuments are cynically stolen so that the thief can make a few pounds. As for desecrating a memorial, the act is beneath contempt. I encourage our communities to look after the memorials and thank all the volunteers who are already doing this."

### Ipswich Borough Council and In Memoriam 2014

Ipswich Borough Council was amongst the first to mark the war memorials for which it is responsible with free SmartWater through the In Memoriam 2014 campaign. The Council's War Memorials Officer submitted details of the war memorials online at [www.inmemoriam2014.org](http://www.inmemoriam2014.org). These were promptly assessed and the SmartWater solution dispatched by the Project Officer. On receipt of the solution the War Memorials Officer was able to personally mark the memorials, amongst which were the Ipswich Cenotaph and Boer War (Suffolk Soldiers) memorial, protecting them on behalf of the people of Ipswich.



Ipswich's War Memorials Officer marking the Cenotaph © Ipswich Borough Council, 2011

Ipswich Borough Council has identified heritage crime, and metals theft in particular, as a serious issue to which it is devoting resources. The Council was one of the first to sign the associated Memorandum of Understanding initiated by English Heritage, the Association of Chief Police Officers and the Crown Prosecution Service. As part of this approach, and thanks to the In Memoriam 2014 scheme, the opportunity has been taken to forensically mark all the memorials in the Council's care as a matter of priority as this has proved to be a concern of Councillors particularly in the light of national media coverage. Liaison is also being maintained with Suffolk Police, local Royal British Legion representatives and the Council's Community Safety Team and all the Council's senior managers have been briefed about the heritage crime issue.

**To join Ipswich Borough Council and protect your war memorials whether you are a council, church, school or individual then visit [www.inmemoriam2014.org](http://www.inmemoriam2014.org) or contact 07990 936 276, email [enquiry@inmemoriam2014.org](mailto:enquiry@inmemoriam2014.org) or write to In Memoriam 2014, c/o War Memorials Trust, 42a Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 0RE.**

## Learning

In the November issue of the Bulletin we introduced our Learning Officer, Ruth Cavender, and outlined our initial plans for the Trust's new Learning Programme. We have received some very encouraging feedback from our members and supporters to these plans, and we are so pleased to know that there is enthusiasm for our aim of building a greater understanding of our war memorial heritage and educating the next generation of war memorial custodians.

An amazing amount of progress has been made with the Learning Programme since then. Our Learning Officer has been busy meeting with colleagues from many museums and heritage organisations, including the Imperial War Museum, English Heritage, the National Archives, the Royal British Legion and the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. She has also visited several schools and youth organisations, including three secondary schools and a Scout group during a busy trip to Dorset. A particular highlight was attending the service of Remembrance in Hoxton on 11<sup>th</sup> November with Meg Hillier MP, one of our Trustees (shown right). It was wonderful to see the work that local children had put into the preparation of this service, and the experience really highlighted how the Learning Programme could work with schools to benefit pupils and protect war memorials into the future.



Meg Hillier MP and local children at the service of Remembrance in Hoxton © WMT, 2011

As a result of these meetings we have been able to plan the next phase of the programme. Our plans and what we are able to achieve currently depend on the amount of funding we are able to secure, but we do have clear ideas of where we would like to take this exciting project next. The Trust greatly appreciates all the generous help received so far in getting the Learning Programme underway over the last six months, and looks forward to working with these and other organisations as the programme continues to develop.

The really hard work starts now, with the creation and testing of our learning materials. Our main task currently is to design our new learning website, [www.learnaboutwarmemorials.org](http://www.learnaboutwarmemorials.org), which will be central to the Learning Programme and the key way for teachers and other users to access our educational materials and resources. We are working with web developers to build this and hope to have the site live by the summer.

In addition to the website, we will be developing lesson plans for teachers to use in schools to enhance and support their teaching about war memorials. Primary school materials are currently being created and we will extend this to secondary school materials later in the year. In the future we also hope to be able to offer schools the opportunity to have Trust staff or volunteers visit to give talks or support teaching, and we are working closely with some teacher training providers to offer trainees and new teachers support on teaching this topic. If successful, this element of the Programme will be offered more widely.

The Trust has recently added information about our proposals for the Learning Programme to our main website, at [www.warmemorials.org/learning-programme](http://www.warmemorials.org/learning-programme). There are also details here of how to get in touch with Ruth if you would like to know more about our plans or get involved in any way. We are always happy to discuss our work and would welcome comments from supporters.

As the plans outlined here get underway, the Trust will be looking to visit schools to give the Learning Officer an opportunity to teach lessons using some of the materials created. This is a crucial phase in the Learning Programme as it will give us chance to edit and improve the resources so that they provide a really useful tool for teachers and positive learning experiences for pupils. While some schools have kindly agreed to take part in these trials, in order to get a representative sample of schools across the country it would be great to hear from others that are willing to help. If you work in a school, or know someone who does and think that your pupils and staff would like to support the Learning Programme by allowing us to trial our materials in your school, please contact Ruth Cavender on 020 7834 0200 or 0300 123 0764 or [ruth@warmemorials.org](mailto:ruth@warmemorials.org).

## 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).

Below is a list of current Regional Volunteers by the main county they operate in (as of 13<sup>th</sup> January 2012):

### England

*Bedfordshire:* Joan Howe, Ann Kelly, Ian Mould; *Berkshire:* David Haylock, Julia Kelsall; *Bristol:* Sara Burnard; *Buckinghamshire:* Chris Leach, Taz Szulc, Derek West; *Cambridgeshire:* Charles Clark, Charmain Hawkins, Brian Krill, Raymond Leach, David Neilson; *Cheshire:* Peter Clarke, David French, Ian McKay, John Western; *Cornwall:* Paul Holmes, Tina Robinson; *County Durham:* Danny Cassidy, Steve Erskine, James Pasby; *Cumbria:* Elspeth Griffiths, Stuart Morton; *Derbyshire:* Steve Goodwin, Kevin Miller, Paul Sephton; *Devon:* Steven Batty, Alan Graveley, David Jackson, Peter Townsend, John Vanderwolfe, Nigel Williams; *Dorset:* Michael Arnold, Tim Craven, Chris Moreton, Katherine Seymour; *East Yorkshire:* Stephen Clarke, Eddy Howard, Paul Ryan, Marigold Vodden; *Essex:* Katie Allwood, Bob Newsam, Peter Taylor; *Gloucestershire:* Nikita Hooper; *Greater London:* Alan Affleck, Anthony Bradbury, Jack Clarke, Paul Courtney, Paul Dyer, Terry Giles, Kell Webb; *Greater Manchester:* David Brown, Harry Mills; *Hampshire:* Alan Cawsey, Michael Lambert, Charles McKenzie, Peter Miller, Deirdre Nicol, Neil Smith, Vicki Villers; *Herefordshire:* Martin Levick, Bea Morris, David Williams; *Hertfordshire:* David Armstrong; Brian Wingate; *Isle of Wight:* Geoff Allan, David Gammage; *Kent:* Roy Chadwick, James Day, Gerald Greenwood, Martin Hydes, Christopher Morley, John Stone; *Lancashire:* Stuart Clewlow, Michael Coyle, Ian Johnston, Carol Littler, Jane and Nick Paul, Carol Stephens, Jayne Waring; *Leicestershire:* Roy Birch, Rachael Bodycot, Trevor Hearn, Denis Kenyon, Chris Stephens; *Lincolnshire:* John Kimbrey, Tony Stubbs; *Merseyside:* Ian Chapman, Graham Cox, Peter Jackson-Lee, Stephen Nulty, Ashley Webster; *Norfolk:* Roland Buggay, June and Jim Marriage, John Whiteside, Stephen Williams; *North Yorkshire:* Morris Charlton, Richard Thackrah, Clive Whincup; *Northamptonshire:* Tom Keyes; *Northumberland:* Janet Brown; *Nottinghamshire:* Arthur Clarke, Rachel Farrand, Phil Stant; *Oxfordshire:* Trevor Hodgkinson, Pete Phipps, Alec Powell; *Shropshire:* Leslie White; *Somerset:* Sue Cable, John Cope, Cyril Davies, Derek Francis, William Hanna, Ash Jones; *South Yorkshire:* Anne Diver; *Staffordshire:* David Allan, Ray Cope, Peter Kent-Baguley, Philip Plimbley; *Suffolk:* Gerry Ford, Adam Gurdon, Bryn Lewis; *Surrey:* Bob Crawley, Tony Davie, Clive Gilbert; *Sussex (East):* Bill Highway, David Ware; *Sussex (West):* Dave Donaldson, Anne Paton, Richard Pledger, Ann Sharp; *Tyne and Wear:* Jeremy Fegetter, Tony Ludden; *Warwickshire:* John Hale, Malcolm Thomas; *West Yorkshire:* Peter Bennett, Anne Brook, Paul Clarke, Steve Taylor; *Wiltshire:* Ian Homersham, Simon Loaring, John Nelson, Angela van der Horst; *Worcestershire:* Carys Aldous-Hughes, Ronald Bubb.

### Northern Ireland

*County Antrim:* Archie Davidson.

### Scotland

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

### Wales

*Clwyd:* Richard Aldrich; *Mid Glamorgan:* Derek Luker; *Powys:* Peter Cannon, Alastair Jones; *South Glamorgan:* Ceri Jones.

## Get involved

### Membership recruitment

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

Do you know anyone who might be interested in joining? We are always delighted to send out copies of the Bulletin to anyone who thinks they could put them to good use. One for a neighbour, a dozen for your Legion branch or one for your local library, doctor's surgery or dentist. Contact Claire on 020 7834 0200 or 0300 123 0764 or [info@warmemorials.org](mailto:info@warmemorials.org) to order some copies.

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

### Gift Aid

Gift Aid is a valuable source of income for War Memorials Trust. Since the introduction of the scheme in April 2000 the charity has claimed additional funds that have assisted its work to protect and conserve war memorial heritage. In 2011, just over £15,500 was collected through the scheme, a significant sum given by supporters at no cost to themselves.

Completing the Gift Aid declaration when you donate to, or join War Memorials Trust will enable the charity to receive an additional 25p for every pound you give. Gift Aid can be claimed on subscriptions and donations, but not when you purchase merchandise or a gift membership or donation.

War Memorials Trust would like to thank everyone who enables us to claim Gift Aid for their contribution. If you are unsure if you can make the Gift Aid declaration then please contact Claire to discuss on 020 7834 0200 or 0300 123 0764 or [info@warmemorials.org](mailto:info@warmemorials.org).



### Share giving

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

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

It is estimated that over 12 million people in the UK own shares with a total worth of around £200billion. Just 1% of this donated to charities would make an enormous difference. For further information visit the Trust's website at [www.warmemorials.org/share-giving](http://www.warmemorials.org/share-giving) or contact Frances on 020 7834 0200 or 0300 123 0764 or [frances@warmemorials.org](mailto:frances@warmemorials.org).

## Merchandise

### Pens and pencils

Discreetly branded with War Memorials Trust's name and website is a stylish ball point pen, green in colour with white lettering. Plain white pencils with a rubber tip carry War Memorials Trust's name in green. Both are ideal for use at home and in the office. These pens and pencils help promote the charity and raise funds for our work.



### Lapel badges

War Memorials Trust lapel badges feature the logo and charity name. The 1 inch wide badges are enamel with a butterfly pin on the back. The badge costs £3.50 (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
	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 Derek Boorman at £12 (inc. 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 52

### 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 25p 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 the date of this declaration 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

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- 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)

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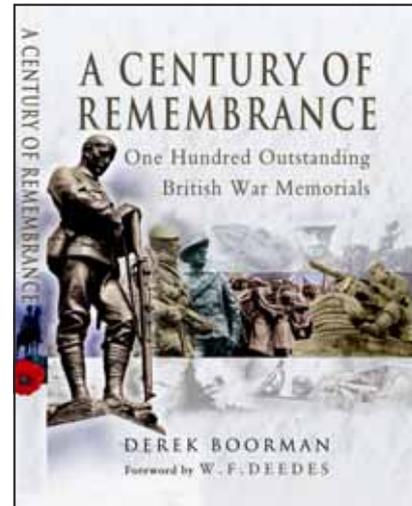
### Further information

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

- Standing order payments  
 Leaving a legacy  
 Becoming a Regional Volunteer

## Merchandise

### A Century of Remembrance by Derek Boorman



'A Century of Remembrance' is a study of 100 outstanding UK war memorials. Published in 2005, it covers memorials which commemorate 20<sup>th</sup> century conflicts from the Boer War to the Falklands and Gulf Wars.

With a short description of the featured memorial's background and significance accompanied by photographs of the whole and detail, each entry is highly informative. The book would make an excellent present for anyone interested in the UK's war memorial heritage and is available for £12 (including p&p).

### 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.

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