

News statement

War memorials in Scotland



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War Memorials Trust welcomes the announcement of the Centenary Memorials Restoration Fund by First Minister Alex Salmond on 14th January 2013.

Frances Moreton, Director stated: "The charity looks forward to finding out more about the scheme and how communities across Scotland can access further support to assist with works to their local war memorials. War Memorials Trust believes that it is vital to preserve our war memorials, particularly with the approaching centenary. They are a touchstone to our past linking the past to the present and enabling people to remember and respect the sacrifice of those who died, fought, participated or were affected by conflict."

War Memorials Trust is delighted to work with Historic Scotland to support the repair and conservation of war memorials through the Small Grants Scheme in Scotland. The scheme, running since 2008, has helped 12 freestanding war memorials share £32,000 of grants. A further £15,000 has been offered to 3 projects with payment to be made once works are completed. In addition, War Memorials Trust supports non-freestanding war memorials through its general Small Grants Scheme. These are often smaller, less expensive projects but no less important to the communities cherishing their war memorial heritage.

War Memorials Trust encourages communities considering undertaking works to their war memorial to visit www.warmemorials.org for a range of information from legal advice to fundraising tips, from conservation techniques through to managing projects. Concerns about war memorials can also be reported through War Memorials Online www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk where memorials can also be edited or added to help create a greater understanding of the condition of war memorials as we approach the centenary.

Ends

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Notes to editors

1. War Memorials Trust is an independent registered charity. Established in 1997 due to concerns about neglect and vandalism it works to protect and conserve war memorials. It provides advice, information and administers grants schemes that assist the repair and conservation of war memorials across the UK. As a charity the Trust relies on voluntary contributions to undertake its work. Supporters include annual and life members, donors, charitable trusts and corporate contributors.

2. War Memorials Trust provides grants that can assist repair and conservation of war memorials. Contact the Conservation Team to discuss eligibility on 020 7233 7356 / 0300 123 0764 or conservation@warmemorials.org or download an 'Expression of interest form' from www.warmemorials.org/grants/.
3. War Memorials Trust provides a free advisory service to anyone with a war memorial enquiry. Specialist Conservation Officers are available on 020 7233 7356 / 0300 123 0764 or conservation@warmemorials.org.
4. Details of grants made can be viewed on the Trust's Grants Showcase www.warmemorials.org/search-grants/. You can search by area, scheme, value and type of work.

Recent projects in Scotland include:

- Craigie Village www.warmemorials.org/search-grants/?gID=854
- Lossiemouth www.warmemorials.org/search-grants/?gID=820
- Nelson Monument and Timeball Mechanism www.warmemorials.org/search-grants/?gID=725
- Glenelg <http://www.warmemorials.org/search-grants/?gID=510>
- Stratherrick and Foyers www.warmemorials.org/search-grants/?gID=515
- Garve www.warmemorials.org/search-grants/?gID=620

5. Photographs and images of war memorials, and grant cases, may be available from the Trust. If images are on the Showcase www.warmemorials.org/search-grants/ then we should be able to provide digital versions. However, we are not a photo library and whilst endeavouring to provide images cannot guarantee to be able to provide them as many of the images sent to the Trust are not accompanied by a copyright licence.
6. War Memorials Trust has had a membership since around 2,500. Annual members pay £20 per annum with lifetime members contributing £100. Joint memberships are available and the charity has a gift membership scheme for those who would like to give the gift of membership to a family member or friend.
7. War Memorials Trust has approximately 180 Regional Volunteers, members of the charity who act as local contacts. They raise awareness of the charity and also alert the charity to local war memorial issues.