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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 (membership rates valid until the end of December 2014):

£20 individual annual member, £30 joint annual member,
£150 individual life member and £200 joint life member.

Grant schemes

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



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Between them, these schemes cover the whole of the UK and all types of war memorials. Details on each scheme are available at www.warmemorials.org/grants or by contacting the Conservation Team on 020 7233 7356, 0300 123 0764 or conservation@warmemorials.org.

For enquiries about eligibility for funding a Grants Pre-application 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 Grants Pre-application form can be downloaded at www.warmemorials.org/grants or obtained from the Conservation Team.

Please note that projects cannot be funded retrospectively.

Message from the Director

Dear supporters,

I am delighted to introduce the latest edition of the Bulletin which is packed full of information. It was a little scary when we had our meeting back in February to discuss the content that we already had too much to include several months in advance of publication. But that reflects the volume of activity in which the charity is currently engaged and follows on from a very busy 2013.

In 2013, the Small Grants Scheme offered a record £106,700 to 90 projects. Between April 2013 and March 2014 the Centenary Memorials Restoration Fund offered £160,000 in its first year to 23 projects and the Grants for War Memorials scheme, co-funded by English Heritage and The Wolfson Foundation, offered £115,900 to 15 projects. The Grants for War Memorials scheme marks a decade of supporting communities this year and the Trust would like to thank its partners for their ongoing support of this scheme. Our expectations of growing demand in 2014 have been borne out with January and February 2014 seeing three times as many Grants Pre-applications submitted as in the same period in 2013. I would like to thank our Conservation Team and Administrator for all their work dealing with these. We are working through them as quickly as we can but patience will be required in recognition of the sheer volume we are dealing with. With similar increases in general conservation enquiries and other areas, we are having to balance our work and ensure everything is dealt with in a fair manner prioritising those cases of greatest concern.

In 2014 we have also been getting out and about delivering conferences, workshops and talks to raise awareness and offer guidance to those approaching the charity to ensure they provide all the relevant information to enable us to deal quickly with their enquiry or application. In January and February staff delivered condition survey and grants training to volunteers involved with Preston Remembers and a presentation was given to Havering Historic Environment Forum, in March talks were given at the Greenwich Heritage Centre and to the Cambridgeshire Gardens Trust and a visit made to the Lincolnshire County Council war memorials project. On pages 7 and 11 you will find further details of the conferences attended by the charity in Wales and Scotland in association with Cadw, Historic Scotland and others.

We were also privileged in February to have the opportunity to hold a reception at Clarence House, home of our Patron HRH The Duchess of Cornwall. Turn to pages 4-5 for photographs from the event. The evening was an opportunity to say thank you to some of our volunteers, supporters and partners and we greatly appreciate the time our Patron spent with guests. It was a wonderful way to start 2014 and certainly inspired all those in attendance to continue efforts to protect and conserve war memorials in the vital centenary years ahead. At the Trustees meeting this March Trustees were pleased to welcome on board new Vice Patrons; Lord Rogan in Northern Ireland and Thomas Lloyd in Wales. We will bring you further information on these new recruits in the next edition!

Similarly inspiring for staff were the responses to the supporter survey distributed with the February Bulletin. Thank you to everyone who returned their form; we really appreciate how many of you are willing to engage with this. Congratulations to Mrs Rosen who was the recipient of a copy of 'A century of remembrance' in the survey draw. Our wonderful Office Volunteer Martin has been busy transferring all the responses into data for analysis and we hope, as long as we have the space available, to bring you some details of the results in a Bulletin later in the year.

You will find enclosed with this Bulletin an extract of the Annual Report and Accounts and on page 6 details of our Annual General Meeting which will take place on 14th July this year. We hope to see many of you there. Another event to draw to your attention is that in the next couple of months the charity will be distributing its annual direct mail appeal which will again be seeking support for the Small Grants Scheme. With the record spend in 2013 and the significant interest already in 2014, it is very important the charity can respond to the needs of communities across the UK who want to repair and conserve their war memorials. We hope that, if you can, you will respond when the appeal lands on your doorstep.

Finally, we would like to offer our congratulations to Trust Conservation Officer Amy Davidson who recently became a full member of the Institute of Historic Building Conservation.

With many thanks for your support, Frances

Clarence House reception

On 5th February 2014 War Memorials Trust was delighted to be welcomed to Clarence House, the London home of our Patron HRH The Duchess of Cornwall. Her Royal Highness hosted a reception attended by around 80 supporters of the charity who had the opportunity to meet our Patron. They were also able to mingle with other supporters, Trustees and staff providing the opportunity for some stimulating and fascinating conversations; and hopefully some new ideas and opportunities for the charity to take forward. The charity would like to thank our Patron for her ongoing support of its work and thank all our guests who were able to join us for the evening.

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HRH The Duchess of Cornwall with Blondel and Algy Cluff (left) and Peter and Kathryn McCormick. Mr Cluff was WMT Chairman of Trustees from 2002 to 2013 with Mr McCormick taking over as Chairman in July 2013



HRH The Duchess of Cornwall with Peter McCormick, Lady Getty and Diana Graves (WMT Area Vice Patron England)



HRH The Duchess of Cornwall with Paul Clarke (Regional Volunteer), Phil Cleary (SmartWater - WMT's In Memoriam 2014 partner) and Peter McCormick



HRH The Duchess of Cornwall with supporters Christina Mercer and Margaret Hartnett



HRH The Duchess of Cornwall with Paul Richards (The Pilgrim Trust) and Paul Ramsbottom (The Wolfson Foundation)

Clarence House reception



HRH The Duchess of Cornwall with Martin Fairley (Historic Scotland) and Will Holborow (English Heritage)



HRH The Duchess of Cornwall mingled with guests throughout the reception



Allana Hughes (WMT Conservation Officer in Scotland), Peter Hipkiss and Rachel Ingles (teachers at Discovery School, Kent who have been working with WMT's Learning Programme)



HRH The Duchess of Cornwall with Meg Hillier MP (WMT Trustee) and Lord Faulkner (Chair of the All Party Parliamentary War Heritage Group)



HRH The Duchess of Cornwall with June and Jim Marriage (Regional Volunteers)



At the end of the evening Peter McCormick thanked HRH The Duchess of Cornwall on behalf of the charity for her hospitality on the night and ongoing support for our work

War Memorials Trust news

War Memorials Trust AGM and Annual Report and Accounts

War Memorials Trust's AGM will take place on Monday 14th July. The meeting will begin at 3pm and, like last year, will take place in the Parish Hall of St Peter's Church in Eaton Square, London. Full details can be found on the enclosed invitation which is accompanied by an extract of the Annual Report and Accounts (please contact us if you do not have a copy). Full copies of the Annual Report and Accounts can be downloaded from the website at www.warmemorials.org/financials or contact the office for a copy by calling 020 7834 0200 or emailing info@warmemorials.org.



St Peter's Church, Eaton Square © WMT, 2013

If you are planning to attend the AGM we would be very grateful if you could RSVP using the reply slip or email info@warmemorials.org. There is no need to advise us if you are unable to join us.

Prior to the AGM there will be an opportunity to join staff members on a war memorial walk led by Office Volunteer Martin Shorthouse. The walk will begin at 12pm and take approximately two hours. The walk will visit various memorials in the Chelsea and Battersea area, including the Dragoon guards war memorial in Ranelagh Gardens, war memorials in Battersea Park and the Chilianwalla memorial at Chelsea Hospital. The plan is to stop for lunch in Battersea Park so attendees can either bring their own packed lunches or purchase lunch from the cafe which will be additional to the ticket price. The walk will end on the north side of Albert Bridge from where the 170 bus will return people to Victoria in time for the AGM. Tickets for the walk must be booked in advance as places are limited. Tickets are £5 per person and do not include either lunch or bus travel. To reserve your place, please return the reply slip attached to the AGM invitation with your payment. Alternatively, contact the office on 020 7834 0200 or email info@warmemorials.org.

Conservation and Commemoration study day

To mark the centenary of the start of the First World War the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB), War Memorials Trust and ChurchCare, the national resource of the Church of England, together present Conservation and Commemoration, a study day exploring the significance and stewardship of the architectural and memorial legacy of the war.

The event will explore themes including the conservation challenges presented by war damage and repairs, the diverse architectural legacy of the war, the 'hidden' war memorial heritage in church buildings and current approaches to caring for the countless memorials created to commemorate the dead and missing. In addition to presentations on these subjects, there will be the opportunity for a panel discussion. Confirmed speakers include representatives of War Memorials Trust, SPAB, Oxford University, English Heritage, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and War Memorials Trust Trustee Gavin Stamp.

The day will appeal to anyone with an interest in the impact of the First World War on buildings and places, but will be especially relevant to those responsible for caring for war memorials.

The study day is recognised as Continuing Professional Development by the Institute of Historic Building Conservation (IHBC).

The event will take place on Thursday 19th June 2014 from 9.30am to 5pm at The Gallery, 75 Cowcross Street, London EC1M 6EL. The attendance fee for the day is £20 and includes refreshments and a sandwich buffet lunch. Bookings are currently available but there are limited numbers so please book early to avoid disappointment. Please note that bookings are being managed by SPAB; War Memorials Trust is unable to take any bookings. To make a booking and for further information on the day please visit the SPAB website www.spab.org.uk/spab-events-awards/conservation-and-commemoration.

Conservation news - war memorials in Wales

The last few months have seen a lot of activity around war memorials in Wales. War Memorials Trust has been heavily engaged with Cadw and other organisations to ensure there is a joined up approach with clear information.



On 27th March Frances Moreton and Andrea Levin attended the 'Conserving and maintaining Welsh war memorial heritage conference' at the Royal Welsh Showground in Builth Wells. In his opening address John Griffiths AM, Minister for Culture and Sport, announced a new funding scheme to support the repair and conservation of war memorials in Wales through the centenary of World War I alongside the publication of new guidance on looking after war memorials produced by Cadw.

The guidance produced comes in two parts. Caring for War Memorials in Wales provides an overview of issues faced by custodians and covers how the local community can get involved. This is supported by technical guidance looking at more detailed issues associated with repair and conservation. The two documents are available on the Cadw website alongside details of the new grant scheme at <http://cadw.wales.gov.uk/historicenvironment/help-advice-and-grants/grants/grantsforwarmemorials/?lang=en>.

The new Grants for War Memorials (Wales) scheme will be managed by Cadw. This scheme has £400,000 available through the centenary to support repair and conservation to war memorials of any type or date within Wales. Grants will be awarded at up to 70% of eligible costs up to a maximum grant of £10,000. Applications will need to be submitted directly to Cadw. In discussions around this scheme War Memorials Trust recognised that communities in Wales are likely to find the 70% available through this scheme more attractive than the 50% available through the Small Grants Scheme. However, the charity does not want to remove the Trust's involvement in Wales. It has therefore been agreed that within the application form submitted to Cadw, applicants can request that their application be passed to War Memorials Trust for consideration of a 'top-up' grant. This ensures that applicants do not have to complete multiple application forms reducing administration for them and the charity. It also enables War Memorials Trust to target resources and support projects as efficiently as possible. Therefore where projects have a total cost of £1,000 or more they may be eligible for an additional 15% grant from War Memorials Trust up to our normal Small Grants Scheme maximum of £2,500.

At the conference War Memorials Trust discussed how it can also assist with conservation and technical advice and highlighted some key conservation principles. Projects such as In Memoriam 2014 and War Memorials Online were debated and there was the opportunity for attendees to get advice on their local projects. The Heritage Lottery Fund also presented, providing those in attendance with an understanding of the funding options available for different types of projects.

Also discussed at the conference was the Welsh Government's programme of commemorative activity to mark the centenary of the First World War. Cymru'n Cofio Wales Remembers 1914-1918 will develop over the years to come, and will link with the wider commemorations of the First World War that are taking place in the rest of the UK and around the world. It will be a fitting and Wales-wide commemoration which will pay tribute to those people whose sacrifice is justly remembered by us all. The Framework Programme for the Commemoration in Wales 2014-2018 sets out the Welsh Government's vision and approach for the centenary and outlines some of the key events that are planned for the commemoration period from 2014 to 2018. For more information and for details of events taking place to mark the centenary, go to www.walesremembers.org. You can also submit your own events for inclusion.

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



Conservation news

New war memorial guidance published by English Heritage

We are pleased to announce new technical guidance dedicated to war memorials which was published by English Heritage in March, called 'The Conservation, Repair and Management of War Memorials'. The guidance was written by David Odgers (who was the Contract Administrator for the recent conservation works to the Cenotaph on Whitehall). War Memorials Trust was on the Project Board for the guidance and was heavily involved in its production which will ensure it is relevant to the range of people interested in the conservation and repair of war memorials.

The guidance is comprehensive and with a focus on best practice technical conservation methods. Topics covered include advice about the role of professionals and volunteers; legislation; a consideration of the main materials featured on memorials, their decay and deterioration and their conservation treatment including repair and cleaning as well as their maintenance and management.

You can access the guidance along with all other helpsheets on the Trust's website as well as English Heritage's website www.english-heritage.org.uk/publications/conservation-repair-management-war-memorials.

War memorial listings - England

As mentioned in the previous edition of the Bulletin, English Heritage has announced an intention to list 500 war memorials a year over the centenary period and War Memorials Trust is aiming to help reach that target. In the first quarter of this year 14 war memorials have been listed.

These include Little Ness war memorial (WM1907) which was awarded a grant from the Grants for War Memorials scheme in 2007 for works to clean, re-point and address the condition of the lettering. The memorial was listed at Grade II in February.



Little Ness war memorial © L.White, 2012

Bournemouth war memorial, located in the Central Pleasure Gardens opposite the Town Hall has been upgraded to the higher Grade II*. The reasons for upgrading the listing of this memorial include the memorial's artistic interest with carved lions by the well known memorial mason W. A. Hoare and the group value it has with the registered Central Pleasure Gardens and listed town hall.

War Memorials Online

War Memorials Trust is delighted to see interest in War Memorials Online continuing to grow. Record numbers of war memorials were added in the first months of 2014 and March saw us reach 15,000 entries.

Of particular interest is seeing some of the stories emerging from the website indicating that it is of interest to people and an opportunity to show the condition of memorials over time. One memorial which drew attention is a simple timber cross dedicated to the memory of Flying Officer Peter Guerin Crofts sited at the roadside near Warbleton, East Sussex (www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/node/106637). In just a matter of months two 'Poor' and one 'Good' condition reports have been submitted. Initially reported as 'Poor' due to a missing cross, an update was provided to indicate a new cross had been erected. However, a later report suggested some problems at the site. This information not only helps the Trust follow up any concerns but also provides everyone with an opportunity to learn more about the history of the memorial. The map should provide a guide to the location of the memorial with the photographs showing the site at different times. The condition updates show how people saw the memorial at different times while comments enable a discussion about the record and links provide details about other aspects. In the case of Flying Officer Crofts, there is a link to the location of his grave at All Saints Church in Tilford, reminding us that he is among the many casualties from both World Wars buried in the UK.

Grants for War Memorials scheme

Duke of Bedford memorial (WM2065)

As noted on page 3 this year marks the 10th anniversary of the partnership funding from English Heritage and The Wolfson Foundation for the Grants for War Memorials scheme. During this time the scheme has helped a total of 281 projects. A recent project supported is the Duke of Bedford war memorial.

The war memorial consists of a Latin cross atop a three tiered hexagonal base with projecting pedestals. On the cross head is a bronze sword and the ends of the cross arms and capital have carved foliate detailing. The memorial is Grade II listed and constructed of Portland stone. It originally had twelve bronze plaques making up the roll of honour with additional bronze dedicatory plaques. The memorial sits within the Grade II registered Ampthill Park and is on the boundary of a Scheduled Ancient Monument.



Duke of Bedford war memorial before repair © C. Garrand, 2012



Duke of Bedford war memorial before repair © C. Garrand, 2012

In 1970 ten of the plaques were stolen. In 2012 an application to the Grants for War Memorials scheme was made to replace the stolen plaques, as a record of the names had recently come to light, clean and treat the remaining plaques and clean and make minor repairs to the stone. A grant of £21,397 was offered towards a project cost of £64,934.

The remaining plaques had lost their original patination and were exhibiting evidence of oxidisation. At first the level of cleaning required was unclear. However, after undertaking an initial clean using a steam clean process it was evident that the metal remained in good condition and no further cleaning was required. This case highlights the importance of undertaking cleaning in a staged manner. Originally more abrasive methods were considered necessary, however, undertaking a less invasive initial clean proved that more aggressive methods were not necessary. The lost plaques were recast using the font style on the remaining originals and using the discovered list of names.

The memorial was erected in 1919 and designed by Cecil Greenwood Hare. It commemorates 707 men of the Bedfordshire Regiment who lost their lives in the First World War. The Bedfordshire Regiment had a training camp in Ampthill Park. The land was gifted by the 11th Duke who was also the first commander of the regiment.



Duke of Bedford war memorial after repair © WMT, 2013

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It is important when undertaking projects such as this that appropriate anti-theft measures are undertaken to reduce the risk to the metal elements once replaced. In this case the plaques have been fixed with anti-theft screws and have been identified on the rear as being the property of the town council. In addition the applicants took advantage of In Memoriam 2014. This project is designed to increase the protection of metal elements on war memorials by offering SmartWater free of charge to custodians.

Further details about In Memoriam 2014 can be found at www.inmemoriam2014.org.

Small Grants Scheme

Alsager war memorial, Cheshire (WM6400)

Alsager war memorial, located in Cheshire, consists of a stone carved figure of a First World War serviceman in full uniform and putties, carrying a rifle with bayonet. The soldier surmounts a granite column which bears the names of the men who died in service during World War I, incised and painted black into one face. The names of the fallen from World War II are incised into another face of the column which also bears a metal plaque of the town arms. The war memorial stands at the junction of Sandbach Road South and Ashmores Lane on land that was donated by Dr Crutchley. The memorial was dedicated and unveiled at a ceremony held on 19th June 1920 and the cost of construction was raised through public subscription.

In 2014, War Memorials Trust offered a grant of £2,130 towards repairs to the memorial. In the past a temporary wooden bayonet had been attached to the rifle using a cement mortar, and was later strapped for support using metal wire, which had subsequently begun to rust. Rust



A close up photograph showing the missing bayonet © L. Bickerton, 2013

can stain and cause damage to stone so it is important that any ferrous

metals which are exposed to the elements are either appropriately maintained and treated or are removed, where appropriate. In this case, as the strapping was a temporary solution it was removed and the bayonet was carefully taken down. All traces of cement were stripped from the surrounding stone and a new, historically accurate bayonet was carved using a stone to match the soldier. A new stainless steel armature was led into the hand and secured using an epoxy resin, then the rifle end was formed around that and the bayonet was attached to the rifle using a screw thread. Finally, the memorial was cleaned using a low pressure steam cleaning system and the sky-facing joints were re-pointed using a lime mortar.

Steam cleaning using a low pressure setting is a gentle yet effective method of cleaning and sterilising stonework. It removes organic growth from the stone without the use of harsh chemicals or abrasive methods. Over-cleaning of stone is one of the most common causes of irreversible damage to war memorials as it involves the incremental erosion of the surface of the stone and wears away detailing and carving and it can cause stones to become friable or crumbly, particularly softer stones such as sandstone. By only cleaning historic stone where absolutely necessary (i.e. if deposits are causing damage to the stone or obscuring the inscriptions), it is possible to preserve the fabric of the memorial and prolong its lifespan so that the war memorials existing today can continue to serve their commemorative purpose for future generations.

If you wish to discuss the cleaning of a war memorial, or any other conservation works with the Conservation Team then please do contact us by email at conservation@warmemorials.org or telephone 0207 233 7356. The Small Grants Scheme is now being assessed quarterly due to the level of interest in the scheme so it is important that grant applications for conservation projects are submitted well in advance of the desired completion date in order to allow plenty of time for your application to be considered.



Alsager war memorial at the start of works © L. Bickerton, 2013



The soldier on completion of the works © L. Bickerton, 2013

Conservation news - war memorials in Scotland

Centenary Memorials Restoration Fund (CMRF)

At the end of the first year of this scheme, we are delighted to report that a total of 23 grant offers totalling £159,288 have been announced by the Scottish Ministers. On 22nd February 2014, the First Minister Alex Salmond, announced that £103,535 of grant funding had been awarded to ten memorial projects, while on 3rd April 2014, a further round of ten grant offers were announced by Cabinet Secretary for Culture and External Affairs, Fiona Hyslop. Included in these grant offers are:

Earl Frederick Sleigh Roberts VC, Kelvingrove Park, Glasgow (WM6877):
Grant offer £26,250

This memorial was damaged in the past by painting of the bronze. There are missing bronze elements including letters from the inscription and evidence of graffiti. Water is getting into the memorial through cracked or missing mortar which is damaging the stone. This means extensive conservation works are required. The grant will support the removal of the paint and corrosion from the bronze figures along with required repair work and the replacement of the missing/stolen bronze elements. The cracked and missing mortar will be removed and re-pointed using a lime mortar. Stone repairs and cleaning will also be carried out



Earl Fredick Sliight Robert VC memorial in existing condition © WMT, 2013

Fair Isle, Fair Isle Graveyard, Shetland (WM7755): Grant offer £448

Over time the painted inscription on the memorial has worn away. This has made the inscription difficult to read. The grant will support work to re-paint the existing inscription. In addition, a Second World War inscription will be added to the memorial which will include the name of Lance Corporal Stewart Wilson who died 4th March 1943, aged 29, whilst in action in Tunisia, North Africa.

For further information on all the CMRF grant offers which have been made please visit the press section of our website www.warmemorials.org/news. In the next few months we look forward to hearing about completed CMRF projects and hope to be able to provide some case study examples.



Fair Isle war memorial in existing condition © Shetland Island Council, 2013

Repair and Maintenance of War Memorials seminar

On Thursday 4th April the Trust was delighted to co-host a day-long seminar with Historic Scotland on the Repair and Maintenance of War Memorials. The event held in Edinburgh welcomed a range of interested parties, including some War Memorials Officers and Regional Volunteers from across Scotland.

The seminar was separated into two main sessions which comprised of a total of nine presentations. Talks dealt with a wide range of topics including the conservation approach and philosophy of dealing with memorials, to both the general approach to repair and specific materials such as stone, metal and stained glass. Guidance was also on offer on how to survey and record a memorial as well as practical advice on project planning and undertaking works. The Trust was pleased to contribute to the seminar by presenting information on the work of the charity and also the CMRF grant scheme and application process to obtain funding.

In addition to the hosted question and answer panel with speakers at the end of each session, guests were provided an opportunity to discuss their individual projects and obtain further guidance from speakers and other organisations who all had stalls within the exhibition space. At the end of the day delegates were invited to visit the National War Memorial inside Edinburgh Castle.

Learning

Visit to Overmonnow Primary School, Monmouth

Our Learning Officer Ruth has continued to be busy with visits to schools since the start of the year. With only two school terms to go until the start of the First World War centenary many schools across the UK are asking us to work with their pupils on projects around war memorials and commemoration. One such visit took place on 10th February at Overmonnow Primary School in Monmouth, Wales. The two Year 6 classes there have been learning about the First World War and were keen to find out about their local war memorial and the men from the area who died during the First World War.

The day started with a walk from the school to the memorial. On the way the pupils explained what they had learned about the First World War and their knowledge was impressive – it is always good to see young people taking an interest in the issues covered by our Learning Programme and their enthusiasm really showed. When we arrived at the memorial the children heard about its unveiling, recorded the features of the memorial and noted some of the names recorded on the memorial's plaques. They were particularly interested to see the different ranks recorded alongside the names. After returning to school each class had a lesson with Ruth during which they used the internet to research the names that they had noted down. This research produced some fascinating stories; with one pupil even finding out that one of the men named on the memorial had once lived in the pupil's current house.

At the end of the day both classes were shown the War Memorials Online website and helped to update the record for the memorial they had visited. We are pleased to see that increasing numbers of young people are engaging with this project through their schools and youth groups and hope this continues throughout the centenary and beyond.

More visits to schools across the UK are booked during the rest of the year. If you know of a school or youth group in the UK who would like to book a visit from our Learning Officer or a Learning Volunteer, please contact Ruth on 020 7834 0200 or learning@warmemorials.org.

Learning Volunteer training

Regular readers of the Bulletin will be aware of the Trust's project, funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, to train a group of Learning Volunteers in Kent. The role of Learning Volunteer is a new one for the Trust and will involve visiting schools and youth groups in the volunteer's local area to deliver lessons, assemblies and talks or to support activities and projects on subjects covered by our Learning Programme. By increasing the number of people able to offer such visits we can offer direct support to more schools and young people than we can with a single Learning Officer, at a time when interest in war memorials is high.

Eleven Learning Volunteers were recruited in Kent earlier this year and their training has recently been completed. The volunteers spent three afternoons at the Beaney House of Art and Knowledge in Canterbury with the Trust's Learning Officer, finding out more about the new role, the work of War Memorials Trust and learning how to deliver sessions about war memorials to young people in different settings effectively. Each Learning Volunteer has also been given a pack of resources to use when visiting schools. The next phase of the project will see the Learning Volunteers offering visits to schools and youth groups in their locality to help young people learn more about war memorials and related issues. The project will also see the development of new learning resources focused on Kent war memorials, which will be made available on the Trust's learning website (www.learnaboutwarmemorials.org).



Some of WMT's Learning Volunteers attending training in Canterbury © Jan Leeming, 2014

Schools and youth groups in Kent can arrange a visit by a Learning Volunteer by contacting the Trust's Learning Officer, Ruth, on 020 7834 0200 or learning@warmemorials.org.

Regional Volunteers

Introducing our Regional Volunteers (RVs): Stuart Clewlow, RV for Lancashire

Why did you become a RV? In 1999 I was contacted by Sir Donald Thompson (former Trust Director General). He had heard how I had bought a war memorial from an antique fair, researched where it was from and returned it to Coventry. Once I had understood the nature and purpose of the charity, I felt it was something I wanted to be a part of. I had long had an interest in local and military history and felt that I could hopefully engage in the activities of the Trust in my local area.

What volunteering activities have you been involved with? I am engaged with regularly checking war memorials in and around the borough of Chorley. I have compiled and published a directory of all the memorials in my home borough. In addition to RV activities, I am currently a Trustee of the Chorley Pals Memorial Group, Executive Committee Member of the Euxton War Memorial Group and also the newly formed Chorley in the Great War group. I regularly write articles for the local newspapers covering local history stories, often including local memorials.



RV Stuart Clewlow © Stuart Clewlow, 2014

What is the most rewarding thing about volunteering for the Trust? The knowledge that I am helping to keep alive the memory of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice on our behalf; whether that be through writing about, monitoring or safeguarding local memorials.

Would you encourage others to get involved? Being involved can range from donating money, researching memorials or exploring your locality for memorials and assessing their condition. Whether it be sitting at home researching online or travelling to assess a memorial's condition, each is as valuable and as necessary to fulfilling the overall aims of the Trust and it allows RVs to offer their individual strengths.

RV re-registration and end of year reports

At the end of 2013, all RVs were asked if they wished to re-register as volunteers. This process takes place every three years and provides the opportunity for the Trust check the details we hold for each volunteer as well as giving RVs the opportunity to consider whether they wish to or are able to continue as a Trust volunteer. We had a positive response with 140 of the 190 RVs registered at the end of 2013 re-registering (74%).

All RVs were also asked to complete an end of year report, as they are at the end of every year. This report compiles details of the activities RVs have participated in on behalf of the Trust over the past year as well as providing an opportunity for RVs to feedback on the volunteer role. In 2013, we had a 66% response rate (2012 = 50%) which gives a good overview of RV activities.

The results from the reports showed that the total number of activities and the average number of activities per RV increased in 2013 (2013 = total 3,604, average 19; 2012 = total 1,613, average 9). RVs gave an estimate of the amount of time they gave to RV activities; this also increased from 3,515 hours in 2012 to 5,730 hours in 2013. The Heritage Lottery Fund 'values' volunteer time at £50 per day so using this model RVs contributed an amazing £40,950 of time in 2013 for which the Trust is very grateful.

In addition, 64% of RVs stated that the level of support and training provided by the Trust was 'very good' or 'about right' which is an encouraging response although the Trust will continue to look at ways of improving volunteer support. RVs were also asked if they would recommend the Trust as a place to volunteer. 63% stated that they would be 'extremely likely' or 'moderately likely' to recommend the Trust as a place to volunteer which we feel is another positive result.

The Trust would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our volunteers for their time and energy and for the valuable contribution they make to the work of the charity.

Get involved

Standing orders

Standing order payments are a method of making an efficient donation to War Memorials Trust, helping the charity's financial planning and reducing administration costs ensuring more money goes directly to war memorial conservation.

Thank you to those supporters who have set up a new standing order recently. For those annual members in receipt of a renewal letter this year you will also find a standing order form enclosed. If you would like to switch to making payments by standing order then please complete the form and return it to the Trust.

Most commonly a standing order will cover an annual membership subscription so £20 is collected once a year. Alternatively, some people like to give a little each month; £2 a month covers an annual subscription with an additional £4 contribution. Even if you are already a life member you may wish to make further contributions. All standing order payments can be covered by a single Gift Aid declaration so you would continue to give that vital bit extra even when paying by standing order.

Further details about standing orders can be obtained by contacting us on 020 7834 0200, info@warmemorials.org or via the Trust's website at www.warmemorials.org/standing-orders.

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 2013, just over £12,000 was collected through the scheme, a significant sum given by supporters at no cost to themselves.



Completing the Gift Aid declaration when you donate to or join War Memorials Trust will enable the charity to receive an additional 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 gift donation.

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

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, particularly during the First World War centenary, 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. Perhaps one for a neighbour, a dozen for your Legion branch or one for your local library, doctor's surgery or dentist? Please contact Nancy on 020 7834 0200 or info@warmemorials.org to order extra 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 of the Trust would be an appropriate gift? For further information about gift memberships, or any membership enquiries, please contact Nancy on 020 7834 0200, info@warmemorials.org or visit the Trust website at www.warmemorials.org/join.

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. £4 for 3 pens (including p&p).



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. £2 for 5 pencils (including p&p).



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 £1.50 (including p&p).



Order form

Please complete this order form and your details overleaf then send to the address details at the bottom of this page.

| No. | Item | Total |
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| | 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 £15 (inc. p&p) per copy | |
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I would like to join/donate to War Memorials Trust (membership rates valid until the end of December 2014)

Individual/ joint annual membership £20/£30
(joint = two people at the same address)

Individual/joint life membership £150/£200
(joint = two people at the same address)

Single donation of £.....

Please tick if you DO wish to receive a receipt for your payment.

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 War Memorials Trust otherwise. I confirm that I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year that is at least equal to the amount of Gift Aid that all charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify.

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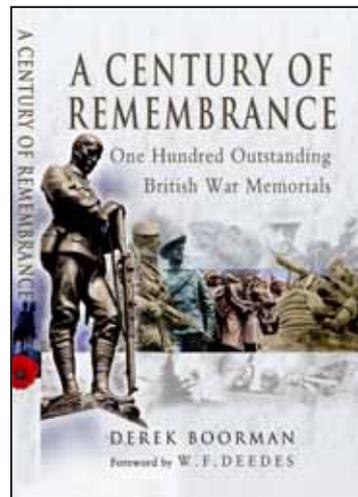
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Merchandise

A century of remembrance by Derek Boorman



This book is a study of 100 outstanding UK war memorials. Published in 2005, it covers memorials which commemorate 20th 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 is being offered at **£15 (including p&p)**.

Please note that we have a limited number of copies of 'A century of remembrance' so please place your order early to avoid disappointment.

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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