



Introduction

It is essential that appropriately skilled and experienced contractors and advisors are selected for war memorial projects to ensure the memorial receives the best treatment possible. The level of expertise required will depend on the materials of the memorial, its age, condition and any listed status. War Memorials Trust has produced detailed guidance on [Types of contractors and their roles](#) to help determine the appropriate type of contractor for a particular project. In general WMT recommends that any contractors working on war memorials have experience of working with historic structures.

WMT is unable to recommend any contractors or companies. The charity does not have the resources to assess works in detail or provide the level of quality assurance that recommendation would require. However, the charity has compiled details of registers, professional bodies and conservation-accredited professional advisors to help you identify a suitable contractor. Please note that many contractors will travel as part of their work so you do not only need to look in your immediate area.

If you are unsure about the skills of a particular contractor you can ask for examples of previous relevant work and references.

Registers, directories and professional bodies for contractors

• The Building Conservation Directory

There is no formal accreditation required to be included in the Directory and a fee is paid to be included.

The Directory includes details of companies as well as suppliers of a wide range of conservation products and services.

The Building Conservation Directory
c/o Cathedral Communications Ltd
High Street, Tilsbury SP3 6HA
T: 01747 871717

E: info@buildingconservation.com
www.buildingconservation.com/directory

• The Conservation Register (ICON)

Companies have to meet criteria which includes professional accreditation to be included in the Register.

The Register has details of professionally qualified conservator-restorers and is managed by the Institute of Conservation.

The Conservation Register
c/o Icon, The Institute of Conservation
Unit 1.5 Lafone House, The Leathermarket
Weston Street, London SE1 3ER
T: 020 3142 6799

E: conservationregister@icon.org.uk
www.conservationregister.com

• Institute of Historic Building Conservation - Historic Environment Service Providers

Contains details of companies working in any area of historic environment conservation. Companies become members of the IHBC to be able to advertise, for quality control.

www.ihbc.org.uk/hespr

• National Association of Memorial Masons

Experience with historic buildings will vary between individuals so you should make enquiries.

1 Castle Mews, Rugby CV21 2XL
T: 01788 542 264

E: enquiries@namm.org.uk
www.namm.org.uk

• National Association of Master Letter Carvers

You may wish to consider contracting a member of the NAMLC for sensitive projects involving inscriptions or if the inscriptions are in poor condition.

www.namm.org.uk/faqs/master-letter-carvers

Conservation-accredited professional advisors

Conservation-accredited professional advisors will have proved their experience and skills in working with historic buildings so should be used on complex or large projects or those involving listed memorials. You may also wish to involve a conservation-accredited professional advisor to ensure that a project is managed appropriately.

There are a number of professions related to war memorials that have conservation-accreditation. Many of these professional conservation-accreditations cover the whole of the UK but there are some which may be specific to an individual country.

Architects

- Architects Accredited in Building Conservation

Register of Architects Accredited in Building Conservation

c/o 11 Oakfield Road, Poynton SK12 1AR
T: 01625 871 458

E: info@aabc-register.co.uk

www.aabc-register.co.uk (search online database)

- Royal Institute of British Architects - Conservation Register

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Conservation Registrar

66 Portland Place, London W1B 1AD
T: 0207 580 5533

E: conservation.register@inst.riba.org

www.architecture.com/FindAnArchitect/FAAHome.aspx

(enter you location then use the Services option on the results page to select 'Conservation and Restoration' to find conservation-accredited Architects)

- Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland

The Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland

15 Rutland Square, Edinburgh EH1 2BE
T: 0131 229 7545

E: info@rias.org.uk

www.rias.org.uk/services/conservation

Conservation Architectural Technologists

- Conservation Institute of Architectural Technologists - Directory of Accredited Conservationists

Chartered Institute of Architectural Technologists –
Directory of Accredited Conservationists

397 City Road, London EC1V 1NH
T: 020 7278 2206

E: info@ciat.org.uk

www.ciat.org.uk/en/members/conservation-register.cfm

Building Surveyors

- Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors - Building Conservation Accreditation

Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors

Parliament Square, London SW1P 3AD

T: 0870 333 1600

www.rics.org/uk

Engineers

- Conservation Accreditation Register for Engineers

The Institution of Civil Engineers

T: 020 7655 2102

E: registers@ice.org.uk

www.careregister.org.uk

Other sources of help

- Memorials by Artists

This is a commissioning service provided The Lettering and Commemorative Arts Trust. It aims to connect people with lettercarvers or artists who can create memorials through a Directory of Artists which can be searched by region and material.

64 West Stockwell Street, Colchester, CO1 1HE
T: 01728 688934

www.memorialsbyartists.co.uk

Please note that this helpsheet is intended to offer informal advice and is a distillation of experience. The information contained in this helpsheet is not exhaustive and other sources of information are available. War Memorials Trust is not responsible for the content of external sources.

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