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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 end of December 2015):

£20 annual member; £30 joint annual member and
£150 for a lifetime subscription

Grant schemes

War Memorials Trust administers a number of grant schemes for the repair and conservation of war memorials in the UK. Between them, these schemes cover the whole country 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 at the contact details left.

Please note that projects cannot be funded retrospectively.



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Message from the Director

Dear supporters,

Welcome to the latest edition of the Bulletin. This issue will reach you in May during which the nation will mark the 70th anniversary of VE day. It is important to remember, with all the attention on the centenary of World War I, that War Memorials Trust is able to help war memorials to all conflicts and a number of enquiries and applications for memorials associated with World War II have been received this year. Then, in June, the 200th anniversary of the Waterloo Campaign will be marked and the front cover this issue shows the Colonel John Cameron Memorial at Fort William in the Highlands; the plaque is shown right. This memorial received a Grant Offer of £15,400 from the Centenary Memorials Restoration Fund in October last year for works to be undertaken to ensure that the memorial to the Colonel of the Gordon Highlanders who died at Battle of Quatre Bras is repaired and conserved. The photographs were taken in 2013 by Roddy Mainland before works were undertaken and we are looking forward to receiving details of the completed work soon.



As seems to be the case in most editions of the Bulletin in recent times we have some hellos and goodbyes to say to the staff team. Emma Suckling, our Conservation Officer responsible for casework and Grants for War Memorials (England) went on Maternity Leave in March. We wish her and her family all the best with their new arrival and look forward to seeing her back next year. Also leaving us to take their next career steps as Heritage Consultants are Amy Davidson and Jon Wright. We would like to thank them both for their commitment to, and efforts for, the charity making vital contributions to the protection and conservation of the nation's war memorials. Joining in their stead we welcome Helen Bowman, Peter Lloyd and Sheena Campbell who you can find out more about on page 5. Helen is covering Emma's Maternity Leave focusing on the casework aspects. Peter and Sheena will be working on the grants side of the Conservation Team with Peter responding to the pre-application enquires and Sheena working on grant applications. Both will be based remotely from the London office in the north-west of England. We believe having staff in different parts of the country offers the charity the chance to undertake more site visits and assist more communities repair and conserve their local war memorials. Peter and Sheena spent their first couple of weeks 'on the job' doing their induction in the London office and the Conservation Officers undertook a number of site visits to memorials across the capital to understand each other's experiences and approach to ensure consistency across the Team.

All staff have also been attending the workshops being delivered by Civic Voice as part of the First World War Memorials Partnership. We would encourage all members and supporters to come along to a session to find out more about recording war memorials and their condition. Civic Voice have produced a video about the workshops which provides background about the content and purpose. Further information can be found on page 11 along with an update on the progress of War Memorials Online which we hope many of you will keep adding information to especially if we get the sort of summer where we can all get out and about visiting memorials. With War Memorials Trust receiving one-off additional funding of £3 million from the government for the centenary of World War I it is vital we all increase our efforts to locate and identify those memorial in 'Poor' and 'Very bad' condition and work with the communities in which those memorials are located to ensure that this unique opportunity is taken to repair, conserve and protect our shared war memorial heritage. The Centenary Memorials Restoration Fund is on target to allocate the £1 million available in Scotland but all our schemes need to sustain interest from communities and potential applicants to make certain this money is used to help those memorials which need attention. If you would like to know more about the funding, or how to help raise awareness please do get in touch.

Finally, on behalf of War Memorials Trust I would like to extend our sympathies to the family and friends of Lord Molyneux. A former Vice Patron for the charity in Northern Ireland Lord Molyneux passed away in March. He played a vital role in raising awareness of the charity in its early days and we greatly appreciated his support.

Frances

War Memorials Trust news

AGM and Annual Report and Accounts

War Memorials Trust's AGM will be held on Monday 20th July. The meeting will begin at 2.30pm and will again take place in the Parish Hall of St Peter's Church in Eaton Square, London. Full details can be found on the enclosed invitation. 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. After the AGM Dr Roger Bowdler, Director, Designation Department, Historic England (formerly English Heritage) will give a talk on the listing of war memorials and the role of Historic England. In November 2013 Historic England announced an ambitious programme to list 2,500 war memorials during the centenary of World War I. War Memorials Trust aims to contribute to 2,018 of these in some way, either by submitting listing applications directly or through the training provided to a network of volunteers; either Regional Volunteers or volunteers attending workshops. This is part of the First World War Memorials Programme discussed below. After his presentation Dr Bowdler will take questions and refreshments will be served. The event is scheduled to finish by 4.30pm. The photograph above right shows Dr Bowdler with War Memorials Trust's Patron HRH The Duchess of Cornwall alongside Thomas Knowles of Historic Scotland and Ian Harvey of Civic Voice; two more organisations with whom War Memorials Trust works in partnership.



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Normally with this issue of the Bulletin we circulate an extract of the Annual Report and Accounts. However, these are not finalised at the time of going to press. We anticipate these being available by the end of May at which point they can be downloaded from the website at www.warmemorials.org/financials. Alternatively please contact the office to pre-order a copy by calling 020 7834 0200 or emailing info@warmemorials.org and we will dispatch when available.

War memorials partnership

As discussed in previous editions of the Bulletin War Memorials Trust is part of a partnership receiving support from the Department of Culture, Media and Sport for war memorial work. The partners are Civic Voice, Historic England, Imperial War Museums and War Memorials Trust. Over the centenary the partnership will deliver: funding to help local communities repair and conserve their war memorials, practical conservation training, hundreds of public workshops to encourage people to record and protect their local war memorials and the listing of 2,500 memorials.



- War Memorials Trust is receiving up to £3 million to support grants and conservation advice. We need to raise awareness of this additional funding so please do spread the word or report any concerns
- Civic Voice is delivering workshops on war memorial issues around England. Visit www.civicvoice.org.uk/campaigns/war-memorials to find out when they are in your area, watch a short video about the programme and book one of the free events
- Historic England, formerly English Heritage, is working on increasing the number of listed war memorials in England and developing training for contractors and conservators
- Imperial War Museums is looking at databases and websites. In January 2015 a new website <http://ukwarmemorials.org> was launched. This new website seeks to guide anyone with a war memorial query directly to the relevant source of information amongst the myriad of organisations working in the war memorials field. An image of the front page is shown above, the changing images on the home page include some striking UK war memorials

War Memorials Trust news

Welcome Helen Bowman

I started working for the Trust in February 2015 as a Conservation Officer. Previously I worked in the English Heritage communications team for nine years until 2012. After a brief stint with the Museum of London press office I decided that I desperately missed conservation, planning and all things built heritage so joined the conservation team at Alan Baxter & Associates. There I gained valuable experience of the commercial heritage sector and embarked on a part-time MA in Historic Conservation at Oxford Brookes University. I have also done some volunteering with the Twentieth Century Society; I am particularly interested in inter and post war architecture and for my Masters dissertation will be exploring post war office design.



Helen Bowman © H Bowman, 2015

My role at the Trust is an opportunity to get focused, hands-on experience of conservation. English Heritage inspired my interest and curiosity for the built environment and also the politics of conservation – there is always a fascinating debate to be had about how heritage is identified and thereafter how it is managed and cared for. I am looking forward to being part of a team which helps to deliver positive and

Welcome Peter Lloyd

I joined War Memorials Trust in April 2015 and will be based in Liverpool. Prior to this role, I worked as a Historic Building Consultant and Technical Author after setting up my own consultancy in 2011. I gained an undergraduate degree in Architectural Technology at Northumbria University in 2008, which included a period of work experience at The National Building Specification, part of RIBA Enterprises.



Peter Lloyd © WMT, 2015

After graduating, I went on to work at a large multi-disciplinary consultancy in Durham as Architectural Technologist, Building Surveyor and Project Manager. In this role I was fortunate enough to be given the opportunity to lead a number of heritage projects involving Listed Buildings. This experience initiated my enrolment on a Masters degree at The University of Birmingham's Ironbridge International Institute for Cultural Heritage where I read Historic Environment Conservation, graduating in 2014. My role at the Trust is particularly exciting as it combines my experience and interest in the conservation of the built environment and the conservation of stone.

Welcome Sheena Campbell

I started as a Conservation Officer in April 2015 based in Hebden Bridge co-managing the War Memorials Trust Grant Scheme. Previously I have worked in six different local authorities in the north of England mainly as a Conservation Officer running grant schemes but also with a background in planning. This included a Townscape Heritage Initiative in Halifax and urban regeneration in Calderdale, Sheffield, and Kirklees; development control in the Peak District and Nottinghamshire; conservation in Cheshire.



Sheena Campbell © WMT, 2015

Following a degree in Geography (Leicester), Diploma and MA in Planning (Sheffield), I then completed a Post Graduate Diploma in Building Conservation (Reading) and Certificate in Urban Design (Leeds). I am passionate about conservation-led regeneration and do voluntary work with the local community to enhance a derelict listed rail station, the Rochdale Canal and school gardens. I enjoy seeking repairs through grant schemes, working with local community groups and am looking forward to a new challenge to repair our wonderful historic war memorials across the north.

War Memorials Trust / Conservation news

Goodbye from Amy Davidson

After six years as a Conservation Officer at War Memorials Trust I left the charity in February to take up a new role as a Heritage Consultant. When I joined in 2009 I became the fourth member of staff and as I leave that number has nearly trebled. Suffice to say that the Trust has changed and grown enormously over the past six years which is something everyone can be proud of and I will definitely be keeping a look out for the work of the Trust in the future. When I joined in 2009 as Assistant Conservation Officer it was my first role in conservation and I have learned a huge amount. I have particularly enjoyed the UK-wide reach of the charity which has allowed me to see the range of war memorials right across the country and all the local and regional styles. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has been a part of my life at the Trust including Trustees, office and Regional Volunteers and last but certainly not least all my colleagues over the years. I wish the Trust, its staff, volunteers and members all the best for the future.



Amy Davidson with HRH The Duchess of Cornwall
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Goodbye from Jon Wright

After a fantastic year with the Trust, I left at the end of April to begin a new job as a full-time Heritage Consultant. As part-time Conservation Officer (Listing) it has been my job to research, write and help coordinate volunteers in support of the Trust's contribution to Historic England's aim to list 2,500 memorials between 2015-2019. It is an ambitious and potentially pioneering project that seeks to engage the volunteer sector directly in the designation of war memorials. It has been rewarding and challenging to start the project and I will watch with interest where it now goes. My interest in war memorials is now more longstanding than I would care to admit and to have had the chance to be so directly involved in their assessment, designation and future protection has been one of the highlights of my career in heritage. Over the past year, it has been my privilege to work alongside the dedicated and friendly staff in the office and I want to thank them all, so much, for the help and support they have given me. I want to extend my best wishes to all the office staff and all the volunteers, both in London and further afield that I have worked with over the past year and wish them the very best for the future.



Jon Wright © Jon Wright, 2014

Parks & Gardens UK Gazetteer of UK War Memorial Parks and Gardens

Parks & Gardens UK is a website dedicated to historic designed landscapes across England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. It gives online access to more than 7,000 records on historic parks and gardens contributed by England's County Gardens Trusts, the Welsh Historic Gardens Trust and other heritage organisations, such as Historic England, Cadw, Historic Scotland and the Northern Ireland Heritage Gardens Committee. Digitised maps, plans and images also compliment many of the records and there are a range of educational resources and articles on aspects of the design, social history, conservation and people involved with historic designed landscapes.

The website now incorporates a UK-wide Gazetteer of War Memorial Parks and Gardens, www.parksandgardens.org/projects/gardening-in-wartime. It is known that many hundreds of memorial parks and gardens were created, but until now there has been no national survey of them to encourage their enjoyment, appropriate management and especially an appreciation of their origins. Submissions and enquiries can be sent directly to Rachael Stamper at info@parksandgardens.org (do not send to War Memorials Trust). For new sites, please include the park or garden's address, some details of its history and especially how it came about and a brief description of the key features, especially any dedication stone. Photographs are very welcome and can include historic images.

Grants for War Memorials scheme

Todmorden (WM428)

Todmorden war memorial is a composite of three Gilbert Bayes statues of Portland Stone, a basin of water and a sandstone wall all set within a formal classical style garden known as Centre Vale Park. The statues were originally created to commemorate the dead of World War I. The names of the fallen from that conflict are carried on tablets on the wall with those who fell in later conflicts subsequently added.

The statues were listed a Grade II in 1984. The central figure of St George stands at over 11ft high. St George is depicted holding his sword and standing on top of the world with four dragon head spouts. Below this is a pedestal carved with female figures carrying votive offerings. The whole stands within a basin of water. Behind this is a sandstone wall which holds incised Portland stone tablets of names. Further along the path, towards the entrance to the garden, stood two further statues. These statues were stolen in the 1990s, leaving empty pedestals.

The stolen statues were lifelike scale depictions of children representing the Lamp of Memory and the Shield of Honour. In 2011, an application was received for the Grants for War Memorials scheme to have these two stolen statues replicated and re-instated so that the original design of the memorial gardens could once again be appreciated. A grant of £6,332 was offered towards the total project cost of £12,665.

A number of historic photographs and postcards were used to determine the original design of the statues. Before creating the replacement Portland stone statues clay maquettes were made to ensure that the design was appropriate. Following agreement on the maquettes the work to create the Portland stone statues which would be fixed upon the remaining plinths began. A rededication took place on 12th October 2014 95 years on from the original unveiling of the memorial and garden by Major R H Barker, MP for Sowerby on 9th October 1921. Within the garden there is a plaque to another former MP in the area, Sir Donald Thompson who was the Director General of Friends of War Memorials 1997-2005.

The project involved War Memorials Trust Regional Volunteer Paul Clarke who is also part of Todmorden Civic Society which was instrumental in driving the project. Gilbert Bayes who designed the statues was a prominent sculptor whose parents originally came from Todmorden. The architects for the memorial Messr Thorp and Claypole also had connections with the area through Norman Thorp's late father. This project demonstrates how local groups and societies can be key to conserving the war memorials in their communities. When the community engages with this work it can also stimulate long-term interest and increase the chances of memorials being maintained and preserved for future generations as people are more aware of them.



Centre Vale Park © Paul Clarke, 2014



Replicated statues on display © Paul Clarke, 2014

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War Memorials Trust Grant Scheme / Small Grants Scheme

St John the Evangelist Church, London (WM6954)

This memorial is located in the Churchyard of St John the Evangelist's Church which is located at the corner of Green Lanes and Bourne Hill in Palmers Green. The memorial is made of Portland stone and composed of a three-stepped base surmounted by a three-sided plinth. The plinth contains carved detailing in relief including grieving angels and a wreath surrounding a shield carrying the dates of the First World War. On the plinth is a sculpture depicting Christ comforting a wounded soldier whilst stood in front of a cross with a crown detailed on the top. The memorial is dedicated to the fallen of the First World War and 77 names are incised on the back of the cross. The memorial was designed by Sir Frank O Salisbury, sculpted by John Angel and the masons were Taylorson and Rutland.



The memorial following cleaning and repair © A. Hall, 2014

In 2013, War Memorials Trust offered a grant of £2,500 towards conservation works. The stone had some weathering and had been affected by pollution as well as significant biological growths. Therefore, the works included steam cleaning the memorial to remove the deposits. Some further cleaning was required on sheltered areas of the stone where pollution crusts had formed. The rear panel containing the names of the fallen was consolidated where weathering had reduced legibility. In addition, some repairs were required which included re-pointing of the defective joints using lime mortar, indenting new matching stone and repairing sections of the steps. The cleaning of the memorial helped to improve the legibility of the inscriptions and the stonemason recommended that the inscriptions were not re-cut due to the condition of the stone. There is another memorial inside the Church which also details the names of the fallen. As the memorial is Grade II listed and in the grounds of a church a Faculty was required for the works and the project completed in 2014. To help support more projects like this make a donation at www.warmemorials.org/donate or post.

St Thomas a Becket Church, Shirenewton, Gwent (WM5826)

This memorial is located on the tower of St Thomas a Becket Church in Shirenewton. The memorial is a clock with a face on each elevation of the tower. A stone memorial in the centre of the village notes that the clock is a war memorial. The Church is listed and located in a conservation area. The clock was built by Gillett & Co. and was second-hand when it was installed in the early 1920s; the date '1921' on the clock has been painted over another date which supports this.

In 2014, War Memorials Trust offered a grant of £2,040 towards repair works. The clock is regularly serviced but the parts within the tower which are difficult to access had deteriorated and the gears had corroded which was causing the clock to stop. Therefore, repairs were essential to allow the memorial to function. The repair works included removal of the hands from all four clock faces and dial motion works which were accessed by a Bosun's chair. The motion works were dismantled, cleaned, repaired and re-bushed. Following the repair works the dial motion works and face hands were re-installed and the clock is once again fully-functioning.



The memorial clock faces on the Church tower © Shirenewton Community Council, 2014

War Memorials Trust is currently supporting war memorials in Wales by offering top-up grants to projects applying to the Grants for War Memorials scheme in Wales. Anyone interested in obtaining a grant towards works to a war memorial repair and conservation grant in Wales should contact Cadw in the first instance as a single application to Cadw can then be forwarded to War Memorials Trust for consideration if the project is eligible for funding. Details can be found at <http://cadw.wales.gov.uk/historicenvironment/help-advice-and-grants/grants/grantsforwarmemorials/?lang=en>.

Centenary Memorials Restoration Fund

Bearsden war memorial, East Dunbartonshire (WM8224)

The Bearsden war memorial, located at the junction of Drymen Road and Roman Road, Bearsden, consists of two bronze figures; a winged angelic figure supporting a dying young man clad only in a loincloth. The sculpture acknowledges the national consciousness of the sacrifice made by the country's youth and also Victory, it is the work of Alexander Proudfoot A.R.S.A (of Glasgow). Both figures are placed on a limestone plinth with a band of laurel wreath running around the top and seven plaques on the lower section. The top row contains the names of and dedication to the fallen from the First World War and the lower row, added later, carries the names and dedication to the fallen from the Second World War. The plinth is raised on a single stepped base. The memorial was unveiled on Sunday 14th May 1924 by Sir Iain Colquhoun of Luss, Lord Lieutenant of Dunbarton. There was comprehensive coverage of the unveiling ceremony in *The Glasgow Herald*, 16th May 1924. The importance of this memorial was formally recognised in April 2002, when it was category B listed.

In May 2014, War Memorials Trust offered a grant of £9,240 for repair and conservation work. The issues faced included the corrosion of the bronze elements due to exposure to weather and pollution; this in-turn had caused run off staining on areas of the stone. The construction joints on the memorial were in poor condition with cracks or missing mortar which meant that water was getting into the memorial. In addition, previous unsympathetic repairs and painting of stone and bronze had been undertaken and these were starting to fail; distracting from the overall aesthetics of the memorial.

In September 2014, work started to clean and repair both the stone and bronze elements of the memorial. The applied paint finishes were appropriately removed and run off staining on the stone has been lessened through a series of poultices which draw the staining out of the stone. The joints were re-pointed with a lime mortar. In addition the water run off pipe, to the rear of the memorial, has been lengthened to prevent water running down the face of the bronze plaque and surrounding stonework.

The conservation works to the memorial have been well received by the local community, Councillor Ashay Ghai, Depute Leader of East Dunbartonshire Council and Convener of Neighbourhood Services, said: "This work has dramatically improved the Bearsden war memorial, ensuring a fitting tribute to the residents of East Dunbartonshire who paid the ultimate price fighting for their country. It is particularly fitting that this work took place in the year of the 100th anniversary of the First World War when so many perished. The memorial provides people with a place to go and pay their respects. I could not be more impressed with the work which has been carried out."

As part of the project the bronze elements were marked with SmartWater, a crime prevention fluid, which is being made available at no charge, making memorials uniquely identifiable, and offering robust traceability should a theft occur. Anyone interested in obtaining free SmartWater for your local war memorial should visit www.inmemoriam2014.org to benefit from the In Memoriam 2014 initiative, a partnership between the SmartWater Foundation and War Memorials Trust.



The memorial after cleaning and repair © East Dunbartonshire Council 2014



The bronze figures after cleaning and waxing © East Dunbartonshire Council 2014

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Listing

Making the Grade II

When the Centenary Listing Project began in May 2014, the number of listed memorials stood at 1,350. Just under a year on, it is approaching 1,800 with new listings and improved recognition of war memorials within the system. This is an impressive start to Historic England's target of adding 2,500 war memorials to the National Heritage List for England (NHLE) over the course of the centenary. War Memorials Trust has had a significant input into the listings so far. In the last Bulletin listing upgrades to the highest grade, Grade I were discussed. The work to increase recognition at the highest level is ongoing and includes assessments of new potential Grade II* memorials, some of them upgrades from current Grade II's and others that are still unlisted. However, if the target is to be met the bulk of the 2,500 increase will come from the listing of memorials at Grade II, the lowest grade which makes up the vast majority of listings. These memorials have been our focus in the past few months.



WMT staff and Regional Volunteers work together to write a list description at a listing training day. Kent © WMT, 2015

There is currently a Historic England 'presumption in favour of listing' for all freestanding war memorials. War Memorials Trust has initially been selective in its submissions focussing on war memorials which have previously received a grant. These submissions have been made using a new system. Usually, memorials, or indeed any structures, are put forward for listing via an online form and assessed by Historic England who draw up recommendation reports and list descriptions. For the war memorials during centenary, this process has been streamlined significantly, with War Memorials Trust writing list descriptions and submitting them directly in a form which will appear on the NHLE. This process change will allow Historic England to list their target number.

Aside from putting memorial list descriptions forward directly, the Trust has been working on a range of training materials and documentation to assist volunteers to put forward memorials in this 'new way'. Two pilot training days, in London and Kent, have helped ascertain the effectiveness of the materials. Once the sessions are finalised, following a further trial in the north west of England, delivery of training workshops will be part of the First World War Memorials Programme.

If you want to protect your local war memorial by listing, or attend a workshop to gain a greater understanding of the process watch this space for details of training or contact rv@warmemorials.org.

Office Volunteer Adam Whiley describes his work on the Centenary Listing Project

I began volunteering at War Memorials Trust in February 2015 as part of studying for an MA in Museum Studies at UCL which I am doing having finished a BA in History at Oxford. I was drawn to volunteering at the Trust because of an interest in Britain's historic built heritage, but I was also keen to experience some of the day-to-day work in the charitable sector. My current role in the main London office centres on helping out with Historic England's First World War Centenary Listing Project.

I have been writing list entries of freestanding war memorials all across the country, including their physical description and the architectural and historical interest of each one. These list descriptions are sent off to Historic England to be entered onto the National Heritage List for England ensuring these war memorials will be protected into the future.

At War Memorials Trust I have enjoyed the chance to explore the social significance of war memorials, which often serve as a focal point for community identity. A challenging yet also enjoyable aspect of my role has been conveying the architectural features of each memorial in writing, especially as every war memorial is unique. Most of all, I have really appreciated the opportunity to work with the extremely friendly staff at War Memorials Trust during the centenary period.

War Memorials Online

War Memorials Online and Condition Surveys

Since November 2012, War Memorials Online has received over 11,000 condition reports for war memorials across the UK. This is a great start, and we hope our supporters will continue to add information to the site so eventually we can collate condition information and photographs of the estimated 100,000 memorials in the country. There are currently over 20,000 war memorial records on the site.

Memorials can be identified as being in 'Good', 'Fair', 'Poor' or 'Very bad' condition. Those which are reported to be in 'Poor' or 'Very bad' condition are automatically flagged up by the Trust, but it is equally as useful to ensure information about memorials in 'Good' and 'Fair' condition is added to the site, not least because it will allow the Trust to monitor the level of deterioration of any memorial. Additionally monitoring the condition of your local memorial periodically will help the custodians of the memorial to prepare a maintenance plan.

Condition survey information is invaluable to all aspects of War Memorials Trust's work, including the grant schemes and casework. For those memorials which present a cause for concern, the Trust can provide advice and information to the custodians of the memorial about funding which may be available. This means more organisations and individuals can ensure their local memorials are protected and conserved. Condition survey data also allows us to paint a clearer picture about the condition of memorials across the UK and review our casework approach if necessary. Thank you to all our supporters who continue to make War Memorials Online a wonderful resource to War Memorials Trust and many others.



Records with both photographs and condition updates are particularly useful for the Trust

How you can find out more about War Memorials Online and Condition Surveys

In 2015 Civic Voice has been running War Memorial Condition Survey workshops all over the country. These workshops are designed to help volunteers to complete condition surveys so that vital condition survey information is available to War Memorials Trust and other relevant organisations. There is also a session on using War Memorials Online and how you can input information onto the website. Anybody can take part and the workshops include undertaking a site visit to a local memorial to put the training into practice. Further workshops are planned in various locations around England and if you are interested in taking part, please visit Civic Voice's website for further information www.civicvoice.org.uk/campaigns/war-memorials.



Birmingham Condition Survey Workshop © Anna Wilson 2015

The day includes presentations, workshop based exercises and visiting a local war memorial (as well as refreshments!). The workshop is free of charge and some of our Regional Volunteers and supporters have already attended and we have received positive feedback.

Regional Volunteer Richard Thackrah attended the workshop in Leeds and noted, "I much enjoyed the day and gained much knowledge about memorials and completing condition surveys. The speakers were of good quality and wide ranging discussions took place. It was rewarding to prepare an actual survey of the Leeds City Memorial and then discuss how to place our findings on the War Memorials Online website. The workshop concluded with a general debate about the next steps one can take to record all war memorials in the community and attendees were provided with details of useful websites and contacts."

Learning

School and youth group visits

2014 was an incredibly busy year for the Trust's Learning Programme was no exception, with new learning resources produced and the development of our Learning Volunteer role. School visits also reached record levels with our Learning Officer, Ruth, and the Trust's new Learning Volunteers carrying out 53 visits between them and working with a total of nearly 4000 young people during the year. This increase in interest in the Learning Programme in 2014 was of course due to the start of the centenary of the First World War – 29 school visits were carried out in June and July alone – but we are keen to maintain this success and continue to offer support to schools studying local history and the conflicts being commemorated over the coming years.

2015 has started well with several visits already done. We are working with Historic England and Civic Voice to produce a resource that will help young people use War Memorials Online to carry out condition surveys of local war memorials, and Ruth and Historic England staff have been visiting schools involved in the Heritage Schools project to trial this resource. One visit to Manchester (shown in the photos to the right) saw a Year 5 class carry out a condition survey on the war memorial in their school that commemorates former pupils. They then added the information to War Memorials Online. It is great that as well as teaching young people about the history and importance of war memorials we are also involving them in caring for their future. By getting the next generation to use War Memorials Online we hope that we can continue to build a record and understanding of the condition of our war memorials in the future.

As well as this work it is crucial that we actively promote the Learning Programme so that schools know what we can provide, and we hope this will be something Bulletin readers can help us with. If you know of someone who works in a school or is involved with a youth group such as Scouts, Guides or Cadets who may be interested in our Learning Programme please encourage them to visit our learning website, www.learnaboutwarmemorials.org, for information about our visits to schools and youth groups. We cover all schools in the UK (2014 saw us travelling to Scotland and Wales as well as many counties in England) and aim our resources particularly at young people aged 7 to 14. We would be delighted to discuss as we can offer with teachers and leaders who are interested in booking a visit from us.

Many of our Regional Volunteers have already been helping us with this by distributing our learning leaflets to schools in their local area, and our sincere thanks go to those RVs who have supported the Learning Programme in this way. Copies of our learning leaflet, which includes information about the programme and contact details so teachers and youth group leaders can get in touch, are available from the office – if you are able to distribute these to local schools please do get in touch with Ruth on 07410 441 397 or learning@warmemorials.org and we will send some to you.

We are extremely grateful for your support with this and hope that with the help of our members promoting the Learning Programme we can continue to help young people engage with and care for our shared war memorial heritage.



Ruth's visit to a Manchester school to help pupils do a condition survey of their memorial (shown in the bottom photo) © D Horsley, 2015

Regional Volunteers

War Memorials Trust's Regional Volunteers (RVs) are members of the charity who wish to take on a more active role to help the charity achieve its aims and objectives. RVs are registered by county across the UK and have become involved with the charity for a variety of reasons because of a shared belief in the importance of the protection and preservation of war memorials.

The activities in which RVs can be involved include:

- monitoring and reporting on the condition of war memorials
- 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 events
- representing the charity at rededication ceremonies or similar events
- supporting and assisting with ongoing Trust projects, such as the War Memorials Officer campaign, In Memoriam 2014 and War Memorials Online

We are particularly keen to recruit RVs in Cornwall, Cumbria, East Yorkshire, Isle of Man, Rutland, Tyne and Wear and all areas of Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. If you are interested in becoming a RV, please contact Suzannah for further information at rv@warmemorials.org, on 020 7834 0200 or visit www.warmemorials.org/regional-volunteers.

Regional Volunteer end of year report 2014

At the end of 2014 RVs were asked to complete an end of year report which gathers details on the activities RVs have undertaken through the year. This information is incredibly useful for War Memorials Trust to be able to demonstrate the important contribution RVs make to the charity and develop support for them. From the reports returned (49% response rate) RVs participated in about 1,950 activities in 2014 and gave approximately 3,893 hours of time. This means that on average each RV undertook approximately 19 activities and gave 21 hours of time. The Heritage Lottery Fund 'values' volunteer time at £50 per day; using this model RVs contributed an amazing £23,920 worth of time to the charity in 2014.

War Memorials Trust greatly appreciates the support RVs give and would like to thank each and every one; the surveys show the incredible efforts made. With the member of staff liaising with RVs changing in 2014 the level of contributions were even more appreciated. Nancy Treves left the charity in July and Suzannah gradually took on responsibility for RVs after a training period. RVs carried on helping Trust staff during this time by completing condition surveys, submitting listing applications, promoting the work of the charity at events and giving talks within the counties. There were fewer 'Requests for help' given to RVs from the office in the second half of 2014 due to the staff changeover, however it was wonderful that RVs helped to make this transition as smooth as possible by carrying on with RV tasks. In 2015 there will be more 'Requests for help' added to the RV section of the War Memorials Trust website which will give RVs everywhere in the UK a chance to get even more involved.

At the end of 2014 the number of RVs throughout the UK had increased to 184 with 44 new RVs joining last year. This shows a very positive interest in, and desire to be part of, the work of the charity. The workload at the office increased significantly in the lead up to and into the centenary of World War I and having more RVs helping us gather the information needed to assist as many communities as possible to protect and conserve their war memorial heritage is hugely appreciated.

The target set by Historic England to list a further 2,500 freestanding war memorials during the centenary period is a task that the Trust will be encouraging RVs to become more involved in and it was very pleasing to read from the reports that there was a high level of interest from RVs to do more listing training. As described on page 10 guidance material is being developed and trialled and more information about the listing workshops will be available soon.

Finally, it was great to read that RVs feel that volunteering with War Memorials Trust is enjoyable and many would recommend the role to others. I hope 2015 continues to be as enjoyable! And if you would like to join the RV ranks then get in touch at the details above and get involved!

Get involved

1918 by 2018 campaign update

In the last issue of the Bulletin we launched a campaign to recruit 1,918 new members by 2018. In order to reach this target we need to recruit 480 new members in 2015. We are delighted to have welcomed some new members already but we urgently need your help to recruit more.

Members play an important role in War Memorials Trust's work and we are very grateful for their continued support. Recruiting 1,918 new members in the next four years would have a huge impact on War Memorials Trust's work and the income generated from these additional membership subscriptions could:

- fund War Memorials Trust's Casework Programme, which protects and preserves war memorials which are at risk of loss or permanent damage, for one year
- enable 16 war memorials to be conserved and repaired
- help children and young people understand the importance of war memorials so that they can care for them in the future through funding its Learning Programme for one year

The best way to recruit new members is by a personal recommendation from an existing member. If every member were to recruit just one member we would more than exceed this target. To recruit a new member you could:

- give a copy of the Bulletin to a friend and ask them to complete the membership form on the back page. Remember to ask them to write your name in the 'Introduced by' section
- ask War Memorials Trust for leaflets and give these to anyone who you meet who may be interested
- direct them to the membership pages on War Memorials Trust's website www.warmemorials.org/join
- purchase War Memorials Trust membership as a gift for a friend or family member www.warmemorials.org/gift-join

The 15 members who recruit the most new members by 31st October 2015 will be invited to a special war memorial walk followed by afternoon tea.

World War I themed fundraising events

War Memorials Trust is very grateful to have been the beneficiary of funds raised from two special events commemorating the centenary of World War I.

On Saturday 13th December 2014 Jeff Nicholls and his friends Nick Humphreys, Jon Ward, Phil Nisbet, Adam Garside, James Howes, Neil Penman and Adrian Hawkins did a 10 mile sponsored walk in the snow-covered Peak District in Derbyshire. Along the way they visited three war memorials: one in Edale Parish Churchyard (WM3051) which War Memorials Trust gave a grant to in 2010, one in Castleton (WM2074) and the Grade II Listed war memorial at Hope (WM5912) which War Memorials Trust gave a grant to in 2012.

Through both online sponsorship and collection tins carried during the walk Jeff and his friends raised almost £300. Jeff said "People took a real interest in who you were and what you did and we raised the profile of the Trust. The people we met were only too pleased to contribute to such a worthy cause."

On Saturday 7th March 2015, Lauren Trim, Ashley Warne, Elle Young, Kyrrie Dawson and Natalie Goh - students studying Events Management at the University of Chester organised a World War I Memorial Day at Cheshire Military Museum. The event included World War I themed poetry readings by 'The Saturday Scribes', a performance of World War I songs and a reading from a World War I diary. Information from Chester Archives was also displayed. Following the event guests enjoyed a pub quiz at the Albion Inn in Chester, owned by Mike and Christine Mercer who are long term members and supporters of War Memorials Trust. It was Mike who suggested that War Memorials Trust be the beneficiary of the proceeds of the event. The event was well attended and raised £175.

We are very grateful to all who organised, took part and contributed to these events. If you would like to get involved by organising your own event, running the London Marathon in 2016 or making a donation please contact Vikki Thompson, Head of Fundraising on 020 7834 0200 or vikki@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). Last few remaining on these key rings.



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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.

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(membership rates valid until the end of December 2015)

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Our supporters

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As a charity War Memorials Trust relies on voluntary contributions. Each year it needs to raise over £450,000 to undertake its important work.

In 2014 the Grants for War Memorials scheme and the Small Grants Scheme funded 180 projects in England at a total cost of £421,055 with an average grant of £2,340. If this average grant were to be awarded to just half the estimated 9,000 war memorials which require attention War Memorials Trust would need over £10,000,000.

War Memorials Trust is immeasurably grateful for the support it receives from all its members and supporters, without which it would not be able to carry out its important work.

Since 1st January 2014 the Trust has received major contributions to its work from the donors listed below:

- A E B Charitable Trust
- Dept. of Culture, Media and Sport
- Heritage Lottery Fund
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- The 29th May 1961 Charitable Trust
- The Alice Ellen Cooper Dean Charitable Trust
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- The Westminster Foundation
- The Wolfson Foundation

War Memorials Trust would like to thank all its donors and members for the important contribution that they make. The charity needs to constantly fundraise in order to fulfil its mission to conserve and protect all war memorials in the UK. If you would like to make a donation to War Memorials Trust please contact Vikki Thompson, Head of Fundraising on 020 7834 0200 or vikki@warmemorials.org.