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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 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 on the contact details left.

Please note that projects cannot be funded retrospectively.

Message from the Director

Dear supporters,

Welcome to the latest edition of War Memorials Trust's Bulletin which (should) reach you as we approach Remembrance Day when the nation will come together to pay its respects to the fallen. This year commemorations have seen particular attention on World Wars as well as campaigns such as Waterloo.

One such occasion was the Drumhead Service held on Horseguards on 15th August to mark the 70th Anniversary of VJ Day which I was privileged to be present at on behalf of the charity. The service, attended by our Patron HRH The Duchess of Cornwall, was a moving event at which it was wonderful to see, and meet so many veterans. From our former years of sharing the same office building as the Burma Star Association this event is close to our hearts. We have also been out and about seeking to raise awareness of how the Trust can help people care for their war memorials. With heightened interest due to commemorations it is important we engage with those who might be seeking to undertake works to their war memorials. Page 11 has details of Ruth's visit to Northern Ireland while Chris represented the Trust at the SLCC conference in Hinckley. Suzannah attended the Civic Voice Convention in Bristol whilst Brogan joined the MPGA at their AGM. Peter and Sheena have been undertaking some of the many site visits which we discuss further on page 6; whilst Allana, Helen and Andrew spent a week touring the Highlands meeting a large number of community councils and council staff to encourage grant applications. We also thank our Regional Volunteers across the country who have been representing the charity.

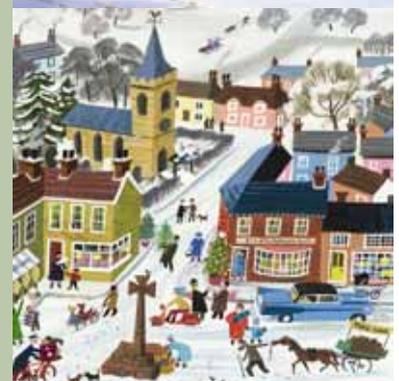
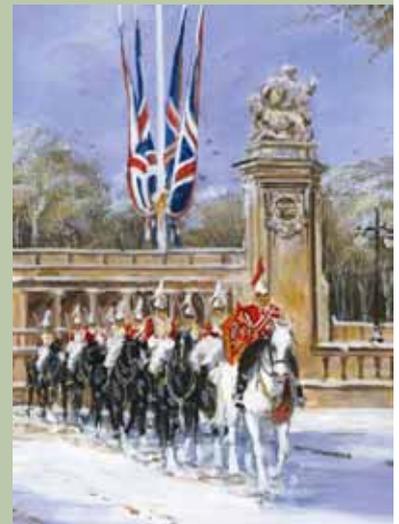
In order to help those whose interest in grants we hope to pique we have been looking at how to streamline our grant-making processes to make it as straightforward as possible. Page 5 has details of our changing deadline dates. In 2014 the Small Grants Scheme distributed over £150,000 to communities; as this Bulletin goes to press the 2015 figure for the renamed scheme, War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme, is approaching £200,000 for a nine month period. We are therefore already set for another record year and we thank our supporters for your help in making this possible. Your support is vital not just financially in providing the charity with the resources to help communities but also in identifying the war memorials which need attention. Turn to page 10 to see how Contributors to War Memorials Online have reported war memorials now progressing through the grant process. Our front cover features another grant beneficiary, Montgomery, with full details of the project on page 7.

Raising funds to support our work is vital. We welcomed a new member of staff, Andrew McMaster in September. You can find out more about Andrew overleaf as well as page 14 where we have details of how you can contribute to his aim to raise £1,916 by running the London Marathon (we are impressed with his commitment!). Our 2015 Christmas cards are shown right; turn to page 14 for details of how to purchase. In addition, this Bulletin encloses a copy of our new legacy leaflet. Legacy gifts are a unique way you could help protect the memory of those in whose name our war memorials have been erected. For further information turn to page 13; we hope you may consider such a gift when making or reviewing your Will.

War Memorials Trust recognises and hugely appreciates the support received from its members and supporters. Without you we could not achieve our shared objectives of protecting and conserving the nation's war memorial heritage. Thank you for your support and please accept our early best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

With kind regards, Frances

P.S. Our apologies for the error in Bulletin 66. The Cogenhoe war memorial on page 16 should have been cited as in Northamptonshire. Thanks to eagle-eyed readers for spotting!



War Memorials Trust news

Introducing Andrew McMaster

I am delighted to be joining the team as a Conservation Officer based in the London office. Completing first an MA in European Studies, I continued with an MSc in European Urban Conservation at Dundee University. I began my career in conservation in Ireland developing the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage. After some time in heritage consultancy I took up a position at Historic Scotland in Edinburgh, working on the Traditional Building Skills Audit and then as Project Officer with Inverness City Heritage Trust. In 2012 I began work as a consultant working on positioning reports relating to the protection of historic urban cores across China.

I have a great admiration for the heritage and skill reflected in our wealth of memorials and the greatest respect for the fallen they commemorate. I am looking forward to working for War Memorials Trust in safeguarding these great and poignant assets. Although I did not expect the job to involve running the London Marathon - turn to page 14 to support me!



Andrew McMaster outside the Scottish National War Memorial on a site visit (WM675) © WMT, 2015

Meet our temporary staff and volunteers

Over the summer War Memorials Trust was delighted to be joined by a number of temporary staff and Office Volunteers; Robin Talbot, Noah Wentworth and Adam Whiley.

Robin and Noah were focussed on helping us convert our paper files into a digital record. With more remote staff it is important they can access the information held in the London office. Therefore, they were going through paper files, scanning materials and ensuring it was recorded on our casework database. Adam has been with us since the spring and wrote previously in the Bulletin about the work he did on listing. Over the summer Adam moved into helping with fundraising activity, preparing summaries of grant activity in different parts of the country to send to potential funders. If you know anyone who might like to join us as a volunteer in the office please ask them to get in touch.



Robin Talbot (left) and Noah Wentworth at the Rifle Brigade Memorial (WM9396) © WMT, 2015

Robin: I started working at the Trust in July and completed my post in September 2015 prior to resuming my academic studies. As a temporary Administrative Assistant, I was responsible for digitising historic general enquiries and identifying those cases that are related to war memorial conservation. Accurate and accessible digital records help the Conservation Team better understand and respond to conservation issues when they arise. From September I will be entering my second year of full-time education, studying BA Spanish and Russian languages at the University of Nottingham. I have taken part in charitable work and my interest in social issues is considerable. My time so far at War Memorials Trust has given me a fuller appreciation of the importance of honouring the sacrifices made in war and I am glad to have been able to make a small contribution.

Noah: For most of the year I work in a school, and wanted to use my summer holiday to volunteer for War Memorials Trust. In my role as a volunteer I am responsible for the digitisation of grant cases and other files so that they are quick and easy to access by remote staff, which in turn helps the Conservation Team to work more effectively. Prior to the summer holidays I had also been updating records on War Memorials Online on behalf of the Trust and will continue to do this in the future. My time has given me a greater insight into the scope and importance of the work the Trust does and I feel my contribution has been both meaningful and appreciated in helping to preserve the memory of those who fought and died for this country. I hope this experience will also help as I develop the next steps of my career.

War Memorials Trust news

Introducing Russell Walters

War Memorials Trust is delighted to welcome Russell Walters who joined as a new Trustee in September 2015. Russell worked for English Heritage for over 16 years before taking over as Chief Executive of a charitable foundation in 2013. At English Heritage he spent a number of years overseeing the grant to War Memorials Trust. And was the English Heritage lead on the joint English Heritage/War Memorials Trust War Memorials Online project as part of his English Heritage role as lead on their World War I commemorations at the time. Russell is also a Trustee of the Canterbury Oast Trust and the Battlefields Trust as well as being Chair of Governors at his local infants school.



Russell Walters meeting HRH The Duchess of Cornwall © Paul Burns Photography Ltd, 2014

On becoming a Trustee, Russell said "I am delighted to be joining War Memorials Trust's Trustees after previously having been so involved and am particularly keen to continue the work with War Memorials Online, whilst helping to develop the organisation for the future."

Grant scheme deadlines

To assist War Memorials Trust in supporting applicants applying for funding from the various grant schemes it oversees the decision has been made to amend some of the application deadline dates. From 2016 the deadline dates for all schemes will be the same as we look to streamline the process. This means that from January 2016 the deadline dates for Centenary Memorials Restoration Fund and War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme fall back a month from the current dates.

The deadlines dates for applications for all grant schemes in 2016 will be:

31st March
30th June
30th September
31st December

If you are currently considering making an application and were unaware of the date changes and believe this could cause a problem for your project then please get in touch. The dates have been notified over the last couple of months to those who have submitted Grants Pre-application forms. For information on applying for grants please visit www.warmemorials.org/advice-for-applicants.

In Memoriam 2014

In Memoriam 2014 continues to offer communities the opportunity to mark their war memorials with SmartWater. This offers a deterrent for thieves and unobtrusively marks the memorial with a unique code to make it traceable if stolen. Anyone whose war memorial has yet to be protected can apply for their free SmartWater at www.inmemoriam2014.org and advice on protecting war memorials from theft can be found in the helpsheet 'War memorial theft: Prevention and solutions' available at www.warmemorials.org/a-z/#W.

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Whilst it is welcome to see a continuing trend of low numbers of thefts or attempted thefts around war memorials reported to, or picked up by, the charity it is important we all remain vigilant. In October the Sentencing Council announced new guidelines for England and Wales in relation to theft. These "set out for the first time that if an offence involves the theft of historic objects or the loss of the nation's heritage, this can make an offence more serious. This could include damage to war memorials when thieves steal metal plaques from them, or even theft of objects from an historic shipwreck." This will be welcome news for communities who suffer when their war memorials are damaged by theft.

Conservation news

Site Visits

Visits by Conservation Officers to war memorials as part of grant and casework activity are an increasingly important part of our work. If a grant case is particularly complex, involves numerous proposed works, or if it is difficult to understand the condition of a monument from photographs alone, a site visit can be invaluable. The opportunity to see a memorial 'in the flesh' can often help unlock a challenging case and improve our understanding of the structure. The feedback we receive about the benefit of meeting with grant applicants and custodians on site is overwhelmingly positive.

Conservation Officer Sheena Campbell undertook a site visit in July to the Grade II listed Eleanor Cross style memorial at Sledmere, Yorkshire (WM9116). The visit was focused on exploring the type of works required to secure the fabric of the elaborate memorial. Including the local authority Conservation Officer also helped to understand what works would be appropriate to protect the integrity of the memorial. In September Conservation Officers Helen Bowman and Peter Lloyd visited Ryton-on-Dunsmore, a small village near Coventry. It was an opportunity to meet the parish council to better understand the nature of works required, assess structural soundness and discuss how local expectations of how the memorial would look after works could be managed.



Sledmere war memorial before work (WM9116) © WMT, 2015

Between January and September 2015, staff undertook 154 site visits across the UK compared to 35 during the same period in 2014. This increase is largely due to the significant rise in requests for funding driven by the massive interest in our war memorial heritage through the centenary of World War I.

Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire Listings

Through the year, War Memorials Trust has continued to play an active role in the Centenary Listing Project. In July 2015 it submitted over 50 listing applications to Historic England, the majority of which were written by Office Volunteer Adam Whiley. Another Office Volunteer, Alasdair Glass, has also continued to make a significant contribution to the project by carrying out research on war memorials which could be upgraded to Grade II* and I as part of the project.

A large number of war memorials which have received grant funding from the Trust were added to the National Heritage List for England for the first time in 2015, which we hope will steadily increase as we move into 2016. In Cambridgeshire four war memorials which have previously received grants now appear on the list. These are Hinxton, Carlton, Bourn and Swaffham Bulbeck; all are either traditional Latin or Celtic crosses. The Trust has had even greater success in Northamptonshire where five war memorials have been designated at Grade II. Of particular interest is Brackley war memorial, pictured right, which was listed in March. The war memorial was unveiled on 5th October 1920 and records the names of those who lost their lives during the First and Second World War as well as the recent Afghanistan conflict. In 2014 WMT funded the cleaning of the war memorial as well as re-painting lettering which had become illegible over time.



Brackley war memorial (WM2117)
© Brackley Town Council, 2014

To get involved and ensure your local war memorial is listed you can either visit the Historic England website <https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/showcasing/war-memorials-listing-project> or email War Memorials Trust at listing@warmemorials.org.

Small Grants Scheme

Montgomery, Powys (WM953)



Montgomery war memorial after work © Montgomery Town Council, 2015

Montgomery county war memorial is sited on the summit of Montgomery Town Hill. The memorial is a Grade II listed limestone column topped by a square capping with a square plinth and base. The memorial commemorates those who lost their lives in both world wars, with the inscriptions in both English and Welsh.

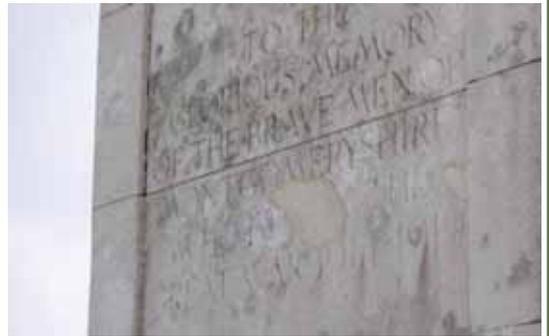
In 2013 a grant of £1,590 was offered through the Small Grants Scheme towards repair work to the stone. Indent repairs were undertaken, piecing in Portland stone, secured with epoxy resin and pointed with

lime mortar. Re-pointing of joints was also undertaken where necessary. The works were completed in late 2014 and the grant paid in 2015 after War Memorials Trust received the Completion Report confirming works were undertaken in-line with best conservation practice. As costs turned out to be lower than expected a grant of £1,260 was paid.

The monument was designed by George Hubbard. It was built in 1923 and unveiled in the same year by the Lord Lieutenant, Sir Watkin William-Wynn, with the Archbishop of Wales conducting the dedication ceremony. Hundreds of people attended; with special trains run from all over the county. A marching band led attendees, ex-servicemen and a detachment of the Territorial Army 7th Royal Welsh Fusiliers up to the memorial.

Those currently seeking a grant to support a war memorial conservation project in Wales are encouraged to contact the Welsh heritage agency, Cadw. Cadw are operating the Grants for War Memorials scheme giving up to 70% at up to £10,000. War Memorials Trust can also offer a top-up for projects with a total cost of more than £1,000 but applications must come through Cadw as War Memorials Trust will use the

same material as Cadw require to avoid you having to complete multiple application forms. To find out more about Cadw's Grants for War Memorials visit <http://cadw.gov.wales/historicenvironment/help-advice-and-grants/grants/grantsforwarmemorials/?lang=en> or call 01443 336000. Cadw also have two key documents to use when approaching a repair and conservation project: Caring for War Memorials in Wales and Caring for War Memorials in Wales - Technical Advice. These are available from the above website or by calling. These should be used by custodians to inform any works to ensure they follow best conservation practice to enhance the long-term preservation of their war memorial and avoid damage.



Above, Montgomery war memorial with damaged inscription before work and below, repair work underway © Montgomery Town Council, 2013 and 2014



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Grants for War Memorials scheme

Canwick, Lincolnshire (WM8235)

Canwick's war memorial is a shrine in a decorative gothic style and constructed of limestone. It is located in the grounds of All Saints Church, Canwick. The roof has fish scale lead tiles and the gables have decorative pinnacles on each of the four corners. The front and sides of the shrine are open under arches; the rear is closed with a relief inscription. Each of the four corners are columns with decorative capitals. At the base of the memorial there is a bath stone plinth with a commemorative inscription carved in relief. Inside the shrine a replica of a 15th century Italian relic sits on the base. Above it an iron framework supports an effigy of Jesus made of timber.

In 2014 a grant of £2,445 was awarded through the Grants for War Memorials Scheme for repair and conservation work. The stone and lead roof was covered in biological growth and soiling which was holding water onto the surface of the stone. The mortar in the joints had cracked or was missing and parts of the decorative stone carving was lost. In addition, the ferrous metal was corroded and the paint finish peeling off. The timber effigy was in a poor condition with the figure missing an arm and much of the gilding gone.

Before work started on the memorial paint analysis was undertaken to find out how the memorial was decorated. This can be important in ensuring both appropriate paint and colours are used to avoid damage to the materials and to ensure the memorial is returned to its original design. The memorial was then appropriately cleaned and stone repairs were undertaken. The construction joints were re-pointed with a lime based mortar. The timber effigy was repaired and re-gilded to match the original finish and the metal elements were cleaned and re-painted in light of the paint analysis finding.

The memorial was the vision of Claude George Melville Pym and his wife Lucy Victoria Pym, the parents of Claude John Pym and Francis Leslie Melville Pym who died in the Great War. It was funded by the Pym family with the help of the community. The memorial itself was designed by Mr S. Parvin of Messrs Turner, Lord & Co. of London and the very fine execution is by Messrs M. Tuttell and Son of Lincoln. It is also believed that some part of the work was undertaken by Ernest Pickering, stonemason/artist of Bracebridge, Lincoln. The shrine was dedicated on the evening of Tuesday 24th June 1919. The service was of a two-fold character, it included a special memorial service for Francis

Leslie Melville Pym of the Irish Guards and Joseph Oxby of the Northants Regiment. This was distinct from the dedication of the shrine and followed the tradition of the village which had held memorial services for each named man on the memorial as news of their death had been received.



Canwick war memorial shrine after works © Canwick War Memorial Restoration Group, 2014



Canwick war memorial shrine before works © Canwick War Memorial Restoration Group, 2014



Above and left, Canwick war memorial shrine after works © Canwick War Memorial Restoration Group, 2014

Centenary Memorials Restoration Fund

Highland Workshops

As part of War Memorials Trust's commitment to promote the Centenary Memorials Restoration Fund (CMRF), and support applicants through the funding process, it has been working closely with local authorities, community councils and local interest groups across Scotland.

A good example of this type of working were the series of workshops run in partnership with the Highland Council at the start of October. To ensure that as many communities as possible across a large geographical area were able to attend workshops were organised in three locations; Thurso, Inverness and Fort William. These workshops were open to anyone who wanted to find out how to obtain funding through the CMRF to support repair and conservation works to their local war memorial. As well as offering an opportunity to understand how the Highland Council could also assist projects.

Over the course of the three workshops we welcomed 50 interested individuals. The team of three Conservation Officers, Allana, Andrew and Helen, enjoyed having the opportunity to both present information and hear about plans for potential projects. There were plenty of interesting questions asked along with stimulating discussions about appropriate war memorial repair and conservation.

Alongside the workshops, travelling across the Highlands provided an ideal opportunity to undertake a series of site visits. While a number of meetings had been planned prior to leaving for the Highlands, staff were amazed by the number of war memorials passed en route. Around 20 different memorials were visited with photographs taken and condition noted (to be added to War Memorials Online on our return!). In addition to the memorials that were passed en route, it was also good for staff to meet CMRF applicants to discuss their projects in specific cases.

A visit to the Helmsdale war memorial clock tower, above right, which sits elevated above the village, provided a fascinating opportunity to gain access to the tower and climb the three cast iron ladders in order to see the clock mechanism and associated bells in the tower. This visit allowed for a greater understanding of the issues the memorial faced and the requirement for both repair and conservation works to the tower and clock. It was agreed with the applicant how the project should be progressed to ensure that the best outcome for the memorial is obtained.

While visiting projects in the planning stage is helpful, it was also beneficial to visit projects that have previously been funded. The Lovat Scout memorial in Beauly, shown right, received a grant of £15,480 in 2014. It was wonderful to see it in Good condition compared to a previous visit in 2013 prior to works.

We hope that as a result of the workshops and the site meetings new Grants Pre-application forms will be submitted and that others who have already started the process of making a CMRF application will be inspired to continue and obtain their share of the remaining funding. As we marked the halfway point of the scheme in September it was wonderful to report that £500,000 has been offered. But we need to ensure applications continue to ensure the remaining half of the £1 million is allocated. If you know a project that could benefit from help please do get in touch or pass our details onto the custodian.

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Fort William workshop © WMT, 2015



Helmsdale war memorial (WM139)
© WMT, 2015



Lovat Scout war memorial, Beauly
following repair and conservation
works (WM4368) © WMT, 2015

War Memorials Online

War Memorials Online and grant applications

When Poor and Very bad condition reports are submitted to War Memorials Online or a concern is reported via the site, War Memorials Trust uses this information to take action. Our Contributors help us to identify memorials and work with custodians who perhaps would otherwise not have sought our help. In the last few months we have contacted numerous custodians who have subsequently submitted Grants Pre-application forms for funding, and in turn grant applications, or otherwise expressed an interest in our advice for conservation of their memorials.

One such example is Walford in Herefordshire pictured right (WM911). This memorial received a Small Grant from the Trust back in 2003 when minor repair works and cleaning were required. Over ten years later one of our Contributors reported via the website that the memorial's condition had deteriorated. We got in touch with the memorial's custodians, who in turn submitted an application for funding. We were delighted to offer a grant of £3,990 towards works which will be taking place imminently. As the custodian of the memorial is the parish council and the Clerk had changed since 2003, War Memorials Online acted as a tool to put the Trust back in touch.

We received a condition report for memorial B, right, in 2014 which stated that the condition of the memorial was Poor. The report was accompanied by photographs of the memorial as a whole in addition to photographs illustrating the areas of concern close up. War Memorials Trust contacted the custodians of this memorial following the report and received a Grants Pre-application form in response. One of the Trust's Conservation Officers also visited the memorial and issued the relevant Application Form. We are currently awaiting the returned form.

Memorial C, below right, was reported as being in Poor condition earlier this year. One of our Contributors used War Memorials Online to raise concerns about the legibility of the inscriptions. We contacted the custodians of the memorial following the report over the summer and a Grants Pre-application form is currently under assessment.

War Memorials Online continues to prove an invaluable resource to the Trust, as our Contributors help us to reach the custodians of those memorials in need of conservation. By submitting the information and photographs via the website you can help us ensure our advice and funding is reaching those who may benefit. Our current statistics indicate that around 8% of war memorials are in Poor condition and 2% of war memorials are in Very bad condition. This means up to 10,000 war memorials in the UK may be in Poor or Very bad condition. Our Contributors are helping us to find these memorials; if you are not yet part of the team perhaps reading this and seeing what a difference you could make will inspire you to get involved at www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk.

It is also crucial memorials which are in Good or Fair condition are recorded on War Memorials Online with photographs and a condition update. This allows us to monitor any level of deterioration in the condition of the memorial and the record itself proves invaluable when creating maintenance plans or planning conservation projects. This information also works on a wider scale and gives us an idea of the condition of war memorials across the UK generally. Thank you to everyone who contributes and keep up the good work!



Walford, Herefordshire (WM911) © John Nelson 2013



War Memorial B © DJ Johnston-Smith 2014



War Memorial C © C Moreton 2015

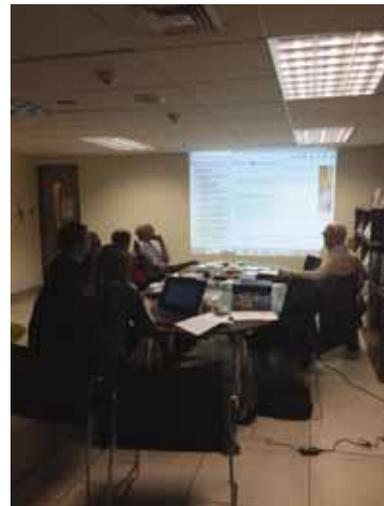
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Learning training for Regional Volunteers

On 16th September we were pleased to join some of our Scotland Regional Volunteers (RVs) in Glasgow for a training day. This focused mainly on the Learning Programme and how RVs can support its delivery by giving talks to young people. Since we started our schools visits in 2012 WMT has worked with over 50 schools and around 6,000 young people, helping them learn about the history and importance of our war memorials and the stories behind the names on them. With demand for visits rising several RVs have expressed an interest in visiting schools in their local areas on WMT's behalf to talk to young people and the Glasgow training explained how RVs can do this.

The RVs who attended heard about how the Learning Programme has developed since it began in 2011 and the resources on our website, www.learnaboutwarmemorials.org. The training also looked at how these resources could be used by RVs as the basis for talks in schools or for youth groups. Because RVs often have knowledge of particular memorials in their area they are in an especially good position to offer talks to young people about local history and memorials. We do not expect RVs to deliver full lessons in the same way staff do but they can, for example, use their knowledge to give a talk to a class about why we have war memorials or to answer questions about the people named on a local war memorial.

Since the training took place we have been delighted to hear that several of the RVs who attended are now keen to put it into practice by visiting schools. We hope that this will help us work with more young people in Scotland and encourage them to care for war memorials. We also hope to extend this training to other areas of the UK and RVs should have received details of this in the October RV newsletter.



RVs at the training day in Glasgow
© WMT, 2015

School visits in Northern Ireland

Last month our Learning Officer travelled to Northern Ireland for a three day visit. This was a fantastic opportunity to promote the charity in Northern Ireland, visit schools in the area and meet some of our RVs.

Ruth went to four schools in Carrickfergus, working with pupils from 5 to 18 years old. These visits taught pupils about the history of war memorials, what they commemorate and how young people can contribute to their care and protection. We aim through the Learning Programme to encourage young people to look after war memorials in the future and these visits have hopefully helped us make an impact.

Ruth also met with some of our Northern Ireland RVs to discuss WMT's work. It is always wonderful to meet the volunteers who support us and we are grateful to those who gave their time to meet Ruth in Belfast.

The visit concluded with a community event at Downshire School. Ruth gave a talk to those attending about the work of WMT and grant cases in Northern Ireland. The event was a great way to end the visit and we would like to thank Downshire School for hosting it and Major Reynold Kirk, who organised the visit on behalf of the North Irish Horse Regimental Association.



Ruth teaching and giving a talk at Downshire School © Downshire School, 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 interested in recruiting particularly in Cheshire, Cumbria, East Yorkshire 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 Paul Goodwin nominated for Scottish Heritage Angel Award!

The Scottish Heritage Angel Awards took place on 28th September in Edinburgh and WMT is delighted that one of our Regional Volunteers, Paul Goodwin, was nominated for the Lifetime Contribution to the Historic Environment award. He was joined on the evening by WMT's Vice Patron in Scotland, Rear Admiral Roger Lockwood, who was there to support Paul on behalf of the Trust.

Alongside his many achievements in heritage, this nomination recognised Paul's work with WMT and the Scottish War Memorials Project (SWMP). Paul has been a RV for WMT for six years and in that time has made a significant contribution to helping the charity 'punch above its weight' in Dumfries and Galloway.

Paul's interest in war memorials started over 20 years ago when he was researching his family history. He found that a number of the memorials he visited during this time were in poor condition. Paul has worked tirelessly to ensure these memorials have been recorded with historical, condition and location information primarily through the SWMP and also War Memorials Online.

In total Paul has recorded over 500 war memorials in Dumfries and Galloway and has worked hard to make others aware of the importance of caring for memorials, for example through public engagement and helping to deter metal theft through [In Memoriam 2014](#). He has worked within the community to apply SmartWater to many memorials in the county which has actively helped to guard against metal theft, a problem which has seen many war memorials targeted in recent years but is now decreasing thanks to this initiative. Paul also raises awareness of the work of WMT by delivering talks to school students, community groups and antiquarian societies and by promoting our work through local press.

Paul's achievements are an excellent example of the incredibly valuable work RVs do for the charity and, although he just missed out on the award, WMT is very grateful to Paul for all his hard work and commitment to the Trust.

Well done Paul!



WMT Vice Patron Rear Admiral Roger Lockwood (left) attended the awards to support Regional Volunteer Paul Goodwin © Paul Goodwin, 2015

Get involved

Your legacy, their memory

On 7th October 2015 War Memorials Trust was delighted to invite a number of members and their guests to a Legacy afternoon tea. This was hosted by the charity's Trustees and staff. After a welcome from War Memorials Trust's Chairman Peter McCormick, the architectural historian and War Memorials Trust Trustee Gavin Stamp gave an illustrated talk focusing on why war memorials matter making particular reference to them as works of art and architecture.

Following Dr Stamp's presentation Vikki Thompson, Head of Fundraising, gave a short talk on the importance of fundraising and explained that the charity needed to raise nearly £500,000 each year to fulfil its vision to protect and conserve all war memorials in the UK. She spoke about War Memorials Trust's legacy campaign and the importance of leaving a gift to the charity in a Will. Vikki also welcomed Elaine Lightfoot, a Senior Associate from McCormicks Solicitors, who specialises in Wills, who was in attendance to offer advice and answer any questions from those who were considering supporting the charity in this way. War Memorials Trust is grateful to our landlords the Grosvenor Estates whose top floor reception area at their offices in London was kindly donated through the Westminster Foundation to enable us to host the event.



Left to right: Peter McCormick, Vikki Thompson, Gavin Stamp and Elaine Lightfoot at the afternoon tea © WMT, 2015

Since War Memorials Trust was founded it has received over £250,000 from gifts which members and supporters have generously bequeathed in their Wills. Leaving a gift to War Memorials Trust in a Will is a special way to give as it costs nothing now and a gift of any size will make a big difference to the charity. Legacies do not get taxed so every penny comes straight to War Memorials Trust. It can also reduce inheritance tax because the taxable value of an estate is calculated after charitable bequests are made. We were delighted to have our new legacy leaflet at the event and you should find a copy enclosed with this Bulletin. We hope the leaflet will provide you with some information to enable you to consider leaving a legacy to War Memorials Trust.

We appreciate that leaving a gift in your Will is a big decision and that you will want to take care of your loved ones first. However, if the time is ever right we hope that it is something that you will consider. A legacy left by you could be your memorial to help protect our nation's war memorials. The Grade II listed Ferryhill (WM6032), in County Durham which appears on the front of the leaflet is just one of the memorials which has benefitted from the Trust's help. It received a grant of £1,022 in 2013 towards cleaning, re-pointing and re-gilding the lettering. Our ability to help such projects depends on securing funding for the charity.

As discussed in the leaflet before writing your Will you may wish to consult a solicitor. They will need the registered charity number, charity name and address. If you have already written your Will but would like to amend it to include a gift to War Memorials Trust you can complete a Codicil form and send it to your professional advisor. You should take advice to ensure that it does not conflict with your current Will. Codicils are a simple and cheaper way of amending a Will without going through the entire process.

War Memorials Trust intends to hold future afternoon teas to raise awareness of leaving a legacy. If you would like to be added to the guest lists or would like to discuss leaving a gift in your Will please contact Vikki Thompson, Head of Fundraising on 020 7834 0200 or by email at vikki@warmemorials.org.



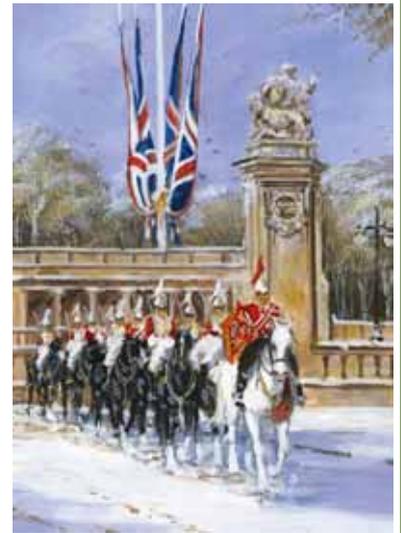
Ferryhill war memorial (WM6032), County Durham © Ferryhill Town Council, 2014

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War Memorials Trust Christmas Cards

War Memorials Trust is delighted to offer supporters a choice of three Christmas cards. Each pack of Christmas cards purchased will make an important contribution to War Memorials Trust's work. Having featured in the August Bulletin these are selling fast with over half already purchased so please do order early to secure yours.

The first image 'Guardsmen on Patrol' is shown right and features Guardsmen on horseback in a wintry scene. These cards measure 11.4cm/4.5inches wide by 16cm/6.3inches high. They come in packs of 10 and inside read 'With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year'.



The second image 'Winter Village' is shown left, an image of a picturesque village in the snow. This card was chosen because it depicts (what may be) a war memorial in the centre of the village, signifying the importance of war memorials to local communities. These cards measure 14cm/5.5inches square, come in packs of 10 and inside read 'Seasons Greetings'.



The third image 'Dove of Peace' is shown below. It features a dove in a stained glass window design – particularly fitting given the number of stained glass war memorial windows. These are sold in packs of 10, measure 16cm/6.3inches high by 11.4cm/4.5inches wide and the greeting inside reads 'Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year'.



The cards are £4 a packet plus 75p p&p per pack. When ordering please let us know whether you would like to substitute your order for one of the other designs if your chosen design has sold out. Please order online at www.war memorials.org/shop or complete and return the order form on page 15.

London Marathon 2016

The Virgin Money London Marathon 2016 will take place on Sunday 24th April. With 2016 marking the half-way point of the World War I centenary as well as the centenary of the Battle of the Somme, we are delighted to announce that our new Conservation Officer, Andrew McMaster, will be running on behalf of War Memorials Trust. Andrew is a keen runner and cyclist and has already run several half-marathons. He is running the Virgin Money London Marathon for War Memorials Trust because "War memorials are an important part of our history and heritage and we must ensure that those commemorated on them are not forgotten."

Andrew is aiming to raise £1,916 for War Memorials Trust. If you would like to sponsor him you can do so via the Virgin Money Giving website at www.virginmoneygiving.com (search for 'Andrew McMaster' in the 'Sponsor your friend' field). Alternatively, you can send sponsorship donations directly to the Trust clearly indicating that it is for the London Marathon 2016.



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. Pack of 3 pens costs £4 (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. Pack of 5 pencils costs £2 (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).



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 c e a s e paying tax.

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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
	Pack(s) of 'Guards on Patrol' Christmas cards at £4.75 per pack of 10 cards (inc. p&p)	
	Pack(s) of 'Winter Village' Christmas cards at £4.75 per pack of 10 cards (inc. p&p)	
	Pack(s) of 'Dove of Peace' Christmas cards at £4.75 per pack of 10 cards (inc. p&p)	
If ordering cards please indicate if you are happy to accept an alternative card if your card has sold out: I do / do not want the Guards / Village / Dove		
	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	
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	Donation	
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Please complete both sides of the order form, detach and send to:

Frances Moreton, Director
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Please remember using a stamp will save us money.

Thank you.

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Bulletin 67

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I would like to join/donate to War Memorials Trust
(membership rates valid until the end of December 2015)

- Individual/ joint annual membership £20/£30
(joint = two people at the same address)
- Life membership £150
- Centenary Campaign 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.

Gift Aid is not appropriate for my donation

Payment

I am making my payment by:

- Cheque made out to War Memorials Trust
- Cash
- Credit/debit card

(complete details below and ensure a telephone number or email address is provided in case of query)

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Our Supporters

Centenary Campaign

War Memorials Trust's Centenary Campaign has now raised almost £40,000 of its £50,452 target for this year.

Many supporters have pledged to give a donation each year throughout the Centenary. Some have pledged to be Centenary Ambassadors (£500 per year), Centenary Champions (£250 per year) or Centenary Pioneers (£100 per year). A list of supporters who have made this generous commitment is below:

Centenary Ambassadors

Mrs Sandy Foster
Mr Warren Spencer

Centenary Champions

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You can donate to the Centenary Campaign by completing the form on the left or by contacting Vikki Thompson, Head of Fundraising on 020 7834 0200.