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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 2016):

Annual membership: £20 individual or £30 joint

Life membership: £150 individual or £200 joint

### Grant schemes

War Memorials Trust administers a number of grant schemes for the conservation and repair of war memorials in the UK. Most types of war memorials are covered and all works funded need to be in-line with best conservation practice. Details are available at [www.warmemorials.org/grants](http://www.warmemorials.org/grants)



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](http://www.warmemorials.org/grants) or obtained from the Conservation Team on 020 7233 7356, 0300 123 0764 or [conservation@warmemorials.org](mailto:conservation@warmemorials.org).

**Please note that projects cannot be funded if they have already started or have finished.**

## Message from the Director

Dear supporters,

Welcome to the Bulletin, reaching you as we prepare to mark Remembrance Day 2016. This is the third 11<sup>th</sup> November we will commemorate during the centenary of World War I meaning there is just two years before Armistice Day 2018. The commemorations of the end of the war are likely to capture the public attention like no other centenary event. War Memorials Trust anticipates that 2018 will be associated with a further surge in activity around war memorials and an increased interest in their condition being 'suitable' to host commemorations and demonstrate that the community continues to pay its respects.

As we all know, repair and conservation projects cannot happen overnight and works undertaken quickly or without understanding the damage that inappropriate works can do are a threat to the long-term preservation of our nation's war memorials. Therefore, the next two years are a key moment for all those interested in protecting our war memorials. War Memorials Trust hopes that by continuing to work with our supporters, war memorial custodians, interested parties and the public we can spread the word about the importance of best conservation practice when looking after our war memorials, highlight the grant funding available and that the charity can offer expert advice from our Conservation Team to help communities do the right thing for their war memorial not just for 2018 but for many years beyond.

To help you get involved and make the next two years count this issue of the Bulletin is filled with ideas of how you can contribute to raising awareness of the charity, grants and the assistance available to custodians and communities. You could upload details of your local war memorials to War Memorials Online (p11); report memorials you spot in Poor condition to the Conservation Team; sign up as a Regional Volunteer to take on a more active role in your community (p13), research your local freestanding war memorial to apply to list it (p10); support the charity by buying our Christmas cards (shown right) or the new tote bags we have introduced (p14) to our merchandise range or donate to our Centenary Campaign. Every contribution helps protect and conserve war memorials across the UK. We hope you can **get involved**.



Our front cover image of Stickford clock tower in Lincolnshire is an example of what your help makes possible. £5,530 supported works to the clock mechanism as well as re-pointing and gentle steam cleaning of the stone. The lettering was also re-gilded using 24ct gold leaf to its original design. It is wonderful to see so many projects taking place across the country as the nation marks the centenary. Whilst there is much more to do, your contributions and support have a clear impact. It is, of course, about more than just grants. So, to help spread the word about best conservation practice and the right ways to look after our shared national heritage staff from the charity have been out and about at events recently. We delivered workshops in Northern Ireland (p5) and were delighted to be invited to present at a conference held by the National Association of Memorial Masons.

Before finishing, I would like to take this opportunity to apologise for the error in the last edition, spotted by some. The top photograph on page 9 should have been detailed as Llancarfan war memorial with copyright attributed to Llancarfan Community Council for the image taken in 2016.

We look forward to seeing some of our members at our AGM on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November. Overleaf there are details of how you can RSVP if you have not yet done so, or join as a member if you would like to attend. For those we will not see there I would like to finish by sending you our early good wishes for the approaching festive season and thank you again for all your wonderful support.

With kind regards, Frances

## War Memorials Trust news

### War Memorials Trust Annual General Meeting

War Memorials Trust's AGM will be held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016. As noted in the formal invitation sent to all members with the August issue of the Bulletin the meeting will begin at 2.30pm. It will be held at St James the Less Church in Pimlico, London.

After the AGM Clive Aslet will give a talk on 'The Meaning of War Memorials', looking at the different forms they take and how each community chose their unique way of expressing grief and remembering the fallen. Clive is an award winning writer and journalist and was formerly Editor of 'Country Life'. In 2012 he published 'War Memorial', which tells the story of the war memorial in Lydford in Devon, chosen almost at random to tell the story of everyman at war.

Clive is also co-founder of Remember WWI, a project to raise awareness of the centenary through grassroots activity, of which War Memorials Trust is a member. Remember WWI is a way of encouraging active commemoration. It is asking people to make a pledge to do something to commemorate the centenary. Find out more at [www.rememberww1.org](http://www.rememberww1.org).

If you are planning to attend the AGM we would be very grateful if you could RSVP either using the reply slip on the invitation letter sent in August, telephone us on 020 7834 0200 or email [info@warmemorials.org](mailto:info@warmemorials.org). There is no need to advise us if you are unable to join us.

If you are not a member but are interested in attending the AGM then have you considered joining the charity? For an individual an annual subscription is £20 or a lifetime membership is £150. If you would like to **join us** for the meeting to get a flavour of our work then please contact us to see if we have capacity.



### War Memorials Trust's partnerships

The First World War Memorials Programme is funded by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport. It seeks to improve the condition of war memorials and increase public engagement. Civic Voice runs workshops to encourage people to undertake condition surveys and list war memorials - to find out how to **get involved** visit [www.civicvoice.org.uk/campaigns/war-memorials](http://www.civicvoice.org.uk/campaigns/war-memorials). IWM's War Memorials Archive manages the <http://ukwarmemorials.org> website - a one-stop shop for war memorial information which could give you ideas to **get involved** - as well as improving the data held on war memorials. Historic England is providing resources for young people, developing materials for contractors on best conservation practice and increasing the number of war memorials listed on the National Heritage List for England. Details of how can you **get involved** with listing your local freestanding war memorial can be found on page 10. War Memorials Trust role is to support repair and conservation projects allocating the additional £2 million in grant funding - details of how **you can support** that objective can be found throughout this Bulletin.



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In Memoriam 2014 is the collaboration between War Memorials Trust and the SmartWater Foundation offering free SmartWater to war memorial custodians to help deter the theft of metal. As Boris Johnson MP said when the project launched, it is 'tragic when the monuments are cynically stolen so that the thief can make a few pounds.' **You can get involved** by noting if any of your local war memorials have metal elements (plaques, sculpture, fixings) and, if so, checking that the custodian knows about In Memoriam 2014. They can register for free SmartWater at [www.inmemoriam2014.org](http://www.inmemoriam2014.org). They will be sent the product to apply themselves and having registered will ensure the details can be used to assist the Police should anything happen to the memorial.

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## War Memorials Trust news

### Northern Ireland trip and workshops

In September 2016 War Memorials Trust delivered a series of workshops in Northern Ireland discussing the work of the charity, best conservation practice and grant funding. With a recent increase in enquiries from Northern Ireland we felt that it would be beneficial to meet as many people as possible through sessions such as these. Alongside the workshops in Derry/Londonderry, Enniskillen and Belfast staff also visited a number of war memorials whilst on their travels looking at both previous grant cases and possible future applications.



Workshop © WMT, 2016

During the workshops Director Frances Moreton introduced the charity and highlighted current sources of funding including the First World War Memorials Programme. She also discussed other sources of help such as In Memoriam 2014 and activities in which people can get involved like War Memorials Online. Conservation Officer Peter Lloyd presented what War Memorials Trust can and cannot fund and introduced the pre-application process. Fellow Conservation Officer Andrew McMaster then highlighted current best conservation practice and talked through the grant application process. Plenty of time was provided for questions and some interesting debates emerged.

As we often find on such visits different parts of the country have their own unique challenges. This can relate to materials from which war memorials are constructed, common features/designs or specific issues. Northern Ireland has its own set of concerns which emerged. Delivering a series of workshops such as this ensures War Memorials Trust can develop a better understanding of an area which can help improve our responses to enquiries from specific regions. We can also help address any local 'myths and legends' to ensure everyone has the right information to make informed decisions about war memorials.



Derry/Londonderry, County Londonderry (WM6036) © WMT, 2016

As a result of this trip we look forward to being able to support more projects from Northern Ireland and bring details to you either in the Bulletin or on our Grants Showcase at [www.warmemorials.org/search-grants](http://www.warmemorials.org/search-grants). If you live in Northern Ireland you can **get involved** with protecting your war memorials by adding details to War Memorials Online (p11), reporting concerns or identifying potential grant cases.

### Goodbye Roseanna Smith

After 5 months with the Trust I have moved on to embark on post-graduate study in Art History & Curating. As Digital Administrator in the Conservation Team I thoroughly enjoyed cataloguing and digitising historic files. It was eye opening to learn about the variety of issues and cases that War Memorials Trust can assist with (and very satisfying to clear some filing space in the office!)

Prior to working for War Memorials Trust my conservation knowledge was mainly object-based. It has been fascinating to consider different materials and settings, particularly exterior masonry. Working for the charity has fed my passion for conservation and spurred me on to pursue a career in heritage.



Roseanna Smith © R. Smith, 2016

During my time here I have met some wonderful people and had some great experiences. I would like to wish everyone involved with the Trust the very best through the centenary and beyond. I'll definitely be keeping my eye out for war memorials in the future!

## War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme

### CA Grazebrook and the Officers and Men of Dudley, West Midlands (WM8777)

The Grazebrook Men of Dudley war memorial is located in the community's local park. It was funded by, and built on land donated to the people of Dudley, by Councillor Francis Grazebrook; a prominent local landowner and industrialist. The memorial commemorates his son, Charles Avery Grazebrook, who lost his life on the 10<sup>th</sup> March 1915 aged 27 whilst serving in the Kings Rifle Corps, as well as the wider Men of Dudley.

The memorial initially comprised an octagonal sandstone base surmounted by sandstone cross with polygonal shaft as shown in the top photograph on the right.

It is understood that the memorial was damaged around 1961 at which time the sandstone cross was removed. Little is known of the circumstances surrounding this although local reports suggest the shaft was either struck by lightning or vandalised. When the cross was taken away the sandstone plinth cap was replaced with granite and a metal cross inserted into what remained of the original cross base in 2002 as shown in the middle image.

In 2015, War Memorials Trust received a grant application to undertake works to reinstate the original cross and plinth cap based on the single photograph, top right, uncovered following a public appeal. Although the photograph is taken from a distance, it provided the project architect with enough detail to inform a reinstatement based on the original design.

This is an example of the importance of recording a war memorial. If something happens to it, whether weather damage, vandalism or theft, then reinstatement works are supported by clear historical evidence of the original and communities can ensure that the choices made by the loved ones of the fallen when they originally erected their war memorials are respected and maintained. **You can help** this in a number of ways, making sure there is a record on War Memorials Online (p11) is a start but for freestanding war memorials such as this one in England making sure it is listed can be a great help. Adding a war memorial to the National Heritage List for England ensures its importance is recognised. It also means a description, image, available historical detail and a recording of its inscriptions is held in the statutory record - a national collection which people can access if they need to find details. Through the First World War Memorials Programme there is an ambition to list an additional 2,500 war memorials through the centenary so if you want your local memorial to be one of them turn to page 10 to find out how.

Following assessment of the grant application, and discussion about the proposed reinstatement design, a grant of £12,880 through War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme, supported by the First World War Memorials Programme, was offered towards a total project cost of £16,070. The metal cross was carefully removed, appropriate supporting foundations were prepared to support the new cross, the new cross was constructed and it was erected with all construction joints pointed with lime mortar. Works were completed in 2016 having been managed by local group, The Friends and Residents of Buffery Park. Further details on this and all grant cases can be found at [www.warmemorials.org/search-grants](http://www.warmemorials.org/search-grants).



Historic photograph provided by Friends and Residents of Buffery Park



The memorial following the 2002 addition of a cross © Friends of Buffery Park, 2015



Reinstated cross © Friends of Buffery Park, 2015

## Grants for War Memorials scheme

### Tottenham, London (WM493)

The Grade II listed Tottenham war memorial stands within a defined hard landscaped area on Tottenham High Road. It is a granite pedestal surmounted by a bronze allegory of Peace holding a wreath. The front face of the memorial carries a bronze sword and the primary dedication. The memorial commemorates the fallen of both World Wars.

This is a case the charity has been involved with for many years. An initial site visit was carried out in 2001; another in 2003 following vandalism. The Trust provided the custodians, London Borough of Haringey, with advice on condition after each. One of our Regional Volunteers also undertook a condition survey in 2010. All of this information assisted when considering a grant application as the charity had access to photographs showing condition over a number of years. **You can help** in this way for other war memorials; checking your war memorial once a year then adding a condition update and photographs to War Memorials Online provides a historical record of the condition of the memorial. Or, if you do not have access to the internet you can encourage the custodian to do this, or perhaps see if a local school or youth group could take on the project.

In 2014, an application to the Grants for War Memorials scheme, supported at that time by English Heritage and The Wolfson Foundation, was received for a project with a total cost of £84,677. The works sought to address a number of concerns primarily focused on the sculpture and the hard landscaping. Completed in 2016 a grant of £30,000 supported the repair and conservation work.

Paint had previously been applied to the bronze sculpture which was removed. The concern was that paint can crack, leaving gaps to trap water against the surface of the metal leading to unseen corrosion. Once the paint was removed the metal was re-patinated and the surface treated with a protective microcrystalline wax.

The original hard landscaping - paved surface - had been removed and replaced with concrete paving at some point. This had become uneven and damaged so following archival research, whereby historic photographs and written accounts were uncovered, the decision was taken to replace the recent paving with a granite paving reflecting the design shown in the historic evidence gathered.

The fence chains hung between granite bollards enclosing the memorial had at some time been repainted in black paint. Whilst photographic evidence demonstrated this was too dark a shade to have been the original finish, paint tests failed to uncover the original colour and so in the absence of evidence a lead-grey paint was selected as an appropriate finish matching likely choices at the time. It is not always possible to know the original design but in this case all reasonable efforts were made to discover this prior to a final decision on what to do was made.

The main granite material survives in Good condition but as wider works were being undertaken a light clean using a combination of hand cleaning using natural bristle brushes and localised steam cleaning was undertaken. Localised re-pointing, where mortar had failed, using an appropriate lime mortar should prevent water ingress. The lead lettering was also cleaned and a missing letter reinstated.



Historic image of Tottenham war memorial in 1920s provided by The Regeneration Project



Works to the Peace sculpture © WMT, 2016



Completed works © The Regeneration Project, 2016

## Centenary Memorials Restoration Fund

### The Kitchener Memorial, Orkney (WM9006)



Before (above) and after (below) works on The Kitchener Memorial © WMT, 2015 and Orkney Heritage Society, 2016



The square battlemented tower is constructed from stone which was quarried close to the war memorial site. On the landward facing elevation there is an inset granite tablet which includes a commemorative inscription to the men of H.M.S. Hampshire. The memorial is located on the top of Marwick Head overlooking where H.M.S Hampshire sank.

As the memorial sits on an exposed cliff edge next to the sea it has had to withstand extensive weathering since its construction. There was cracking of the mortar within the joints and on the surrounding hard landscaping, allowing water to get into the memorial. In addition, alterations to the memorial had included blocking the original door preventing access into the tower; while the inscription on the commemorative plaque was difficult to read as some lead letters were missing.

In 2015, a grant of £30,000 was offered for repair and conservation work through Centenary Memorials Restoration Fund supported by Historic Environment Scotland and the Scottish government to help address these issues. The project, managed by Orkney Heritage Society, saw the failed mortar carefully raked out and then joints were re-pointed and repairs undertaken to the surrounding hard landscape. The original access in the tower was opened up and a door to match the original fitted. This has allowed access into the base of the tower for maintenance purposes. In addition, repair works were undertaken at roof level and the missing lead letters from the plaque were replaced on a like-for-like basis.

Historical records show that the tower was built by local contractor W. Liddle to a design by local architect J. M. Bakie. The unveiling was attended by 5,000 people with a 19 gun salute by H.M.S. Royal Sovereign.

The metal elements of the memorial were protected with SmartWater. **You can help** by ensuring custodians are aware that they can get free SmartWater to protect war memorials (p4).



### Strathblane, Stirling (WM4935)

Strathblane war memorial is located at the junction of Glasgow Road and Campsie Dean Road in the village of Strathblane (aside the village of Blanefield), Stirling. The Doddington sandstone memorial consists of a four-sided plinth sitting on a two-tiered base. A slender shaft, with intricately carved detail, is finished with a Celtic cross. The plinth has alcoves on each of the four sides inset with panels, three are inscribed with the names of World War I dead while the fourth panel has a general inscription. A paved path leads to the memorial which is set within a small walled garden.

In early 2016, a grant of £2,410 was offered for repair and conservation works. To address a build up of soiling and biological growth, cleaning of the memorial and its paving and steps using water and natural bristle brushes was undertaken. Defective mortar was carefully unpicked from the memorial and boundary wall. These joints were re-pointed using a lime mortar. Some deepening and sharpening of deteriorated lettering was undertaken to improve legibility.



Strathblane, Stirling (WM4935) © Strathblanefield Community Council, 2016

## Conservation news

### Definition of a war memorial and grant paperwork

As part of our efforts to continually develop and improve War Memorials Trust has been reviewing both its definition of a war memorial for funding purposes and updating some of its grants paperwork for clarity.

Following in-depth discussion at the Trustees meeting in June 2016 War Memorials Trust published a new '[Definition of a war memorial for funding purposes](#)' in July. The document is designed to be read alongside the 'Definition of a war memorial for recording purposes' published on [ukwarmemorials.org](http://ukwarmemorials.org) and followed by IWM's War Memorials Archive.

Whilst the general principles about what a war memorial is are agreed there are some slight differences when it comes to funding. Exclusions include 'dedications that have been added to other gravestones which commemorate a war casualty buried elsewhere' - whilst these additions are war memorials the complexities around ownership of graves/burial law, the often challenging locations of these sites and the difficulty in calculating the percentage of a project which relates to the war memorial inscription (which is all the Trust could assist) makes the administration of such projects difficult given our resources. Any memorials commemorating representatives or associates of groups that have appeared on the government's list of 'Proscribed terrorist groups or organisations' are also specifically excluded from funding. It remains the case that the Trustees of the charity retain the right to make a final decision on what they deem to be a war memorial as well as which war memorials are funded. Staff refer unusual or challenging cases to them.

In July we also published new guidance titled '[What we can and cannot fund](#)'. Replacing previous 'Principles and eligibility criteria' guidance for each scheme this streamlines the documentation explaining what is eligible for funding. With one document covering all the works the charity can and cannot support the idea is to make it easier for those contemplating a grant application. You can focus on whether works can be funded rather than worrying about which grant scheme might apply. The guidance can be downloaded from the [What we fund](#) section of the website or a hard copy requested.

Alongside the new funding guidance the grant application process has been streamlined. A single Application Form and Guidance Notes now cover all grant schemes. Endeavouring to keep the administrative burden on applicants as low as possible the single form seeks only the information needed for assessment. Full details of how to apply for a grant can be found at [www.warmemorials.org/grants](http://www.warmemorials.org/grants). The requirements on an applicant differ depending on the amount of money they are asking for - we feel it is reasonable to ask for additional information for the largest grants.

In 2015-16, 117 grants were offered thorough Trust managed schemes; the average grant was £7,457 however the mean grant was £2,250. 77 of the 117 projects had a project cost of less than £5,000 - meaning two thirds of applicants would have had to meet the minimum requirements of the new Application Form i.e. to provide two comparable quotes. A further 22 (19%) had a project cost between £5,000 and £10,000 which requires a third quote to be provided. The remaining 17 projects (15%) were over £10,000 which in England, Northern Ireland and Wales requires a tender process to be followed (£20,000 threshold in Scotland). But as such projects have to involve a conservation-accredited professional advisor (whose fees can be supported) applicants have the benefit of someone to run their project for them thus ensuring the tender process is overseen by someone with experience.



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## Listing

### Get your local war memorials listed and protected

As many supporters will be aware, War Memorials Trust is actively engaged with Historic England to increase the number of war memorials recognised on the Statutory List for their architectural and historic interest. It is Historic England's intention to add an additional 2,500 war memorials to the List over the course of the centenary. This will see the number of Listed memorials nearly tripled from 2014. It will provide a lasting legacy recognising the importance of our war memorial heritage and helping to protect it for future generations. To assist with this ambition the Trust has a part-time Conservation Officer, Emma Suckling, who is responsible for submitting listing cases on behalf of the Trust. Since the post started in 2014 through to August 2016 the Trust has submitted 310 list descriptions for consideration. Whilst this number will undoubtedly assist in reaching the 2,500 target it needs to be maintained to reach the target number. **You can help with this.**

There are a number of ways in which you can assist:

#### 1. Apply to Historic England directly online

Anyone is able to apply for the listing of a war memorial directly to Historic England. This can be done through the form available on their website <https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/apply-for-listing>. They also have Selection guides which can help you to determine if your memorial is eligible <https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/selection-criteria/listing-selection>.

#### 2. Write your own list description

War Memorials Trust's partner Civic Voice is running a number of workshops to train people in the researching, drafting and submission of list entries. Details of their courses can be found on their website [www.civicvoice.org.uk/campaigns/war-memorials](http://www.civicvoice.org.uk/campaigns/war-memorials). These workshops have already seen a number of applications made for listing including East Grinstead (WM2957); after attending training the East Grinstead Society successfully applied for the listing of the memorial which is now Grade II. You can also obtain copies of guidance from Historic England on how to write a List Description from <https://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/listing-war-memorials-in-england> or contact us for a copy. This will guide you through what you need to produce.

#### 3. Research a memorial

War Memorials Trust is in the process of producing a research pro-forma to assist with information gathering. This will shortly appear on our website and will allow Regional Volunteers, members and the public to undertake research on a memorial and submit it to the Trust. On receipt the Trust will use the information supplied to draw up a list entry for submission to Historic England. In some cases it is not possible to find much information on the history of a memorial, but it is often easiest to look locally for this. Even if history cannot be found it does not mean that a memorial can not be listed but it is helpful to be able to demonstrate efforts have been made so if you have a look and cannot find anything you could still tell us. The Christ Church memorial on the Isle of Dogs (WM88) was recently listed despite there being limited history available.

We hope you will consider helping us with this important project to protect war memorial heritage in England by using one of the above routes to apply for the listing of your local war memorial(s).

### How To Get Historic Buildings or Sites Protected Through Listing

You can apply for a historic building or site to be protected through the listing system by completing our online application form. Please note, you can return to unfinished applications at any time.

You can apply to protect:

- Buildings
- Monuments, including war memorials (currently one of our major priorities)
- Parks, gardens or battlefields and
- Maritime wreck sites

If successful, the building or site will then be added to the National Heritage List for England (NHLE).



East Grinstead, West Sussex (WM2957) © David Larkin, 2013



Isle of Dogs, London (WM88) © WMT, 2015

## War Memorials Online

In November 2016, War Memorials Online marks its fourth birthday. It has seen fantastic progress to date with 3,500 of you signed up as Contributors. You have added 30,000 war memorial records and over 19,000 condition reports helping to create a much greater understanding of the condition of war memorials in the UK.

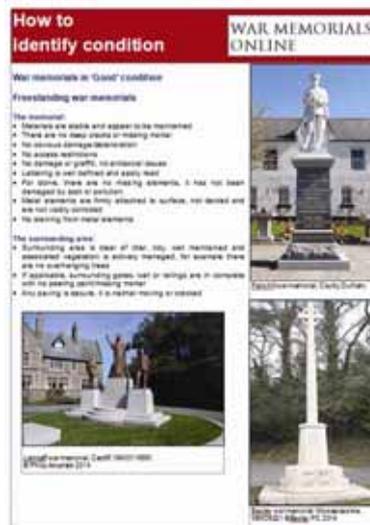
This information allows the Trust to identify new casework and find grant cases. With your help we are reaching more communities who may benefit from the advice and funding available from the Trust for their local war memorials. The Trust recently funded conservation works to Howle Hill war memorial (WM8837) pictured right. The Trust's relationship with the custodians of this memorial began following a Poor condition report on War Memorials Online about another memorial in their care. Thank you to everybody who has contributed so far, we have provided grants and supported projects we would not have known about otherwise. However, there is still a long way to go.



Howle Hill, Here (WM8837) © Walford Parish Council, 2015

### How you can help?

War Memorials Online is designed to be a website on which you can add information about your local war memorials. Using this tool we hope to collate condition information about the estimated 100,000 war memorials in the country. If you are willing to visit your local war memorial(s) and record information online, it is easy to register on War Memorials Online and begin to contribute. Why not photograph your memorial and check the condition at your Remembrance Sunday service? Then go home and share the details on the website.



War Memorials Online allows you to search for your local war memorial using the keyword search or (as we would recommend) the map search. If the war memorial has been added already you can just add any photographs you have taken, an up-to-date condition report and amend any inaccurate information, if necessary, based on your local knowledge. If the memorial is not already recorded you can add a new war memorial record. We would always recommend searching thoroughly for a memorial before you add a new record to avoid duplication. There is guidance available on the website and Brogan Warren, our War Memorials Online Officer, is always happy to answer any enquiries on [info@warmemorialsonline.org.uk](mailto:info@warmemorialsonline.org.uk).

### Tools available to help you to complete a condition survey



War memorials condition survey workshop, Bristol © WMT, 2015

As mentioned, the aim of the site is to gather information about the condition of war memorials across the UK. As such there are resources on the site to help you to determine which of the four condition levels your local memorial is in: Good, Fair, Poor or Very bad. Condition level helpsheets for each of these are available on the condition report page or the [FAQs](#) page. These helpsheets include photographs and what to look out for (pictured above). You can download these from the site or if you would like copies emailed to you, please get in touch with Brogan. In addition to the resources on the website, Civic Voice has produced a War Memorials Condition Survey Toolkit which includes helpful videos illustrating how to do a condition survey, how to share your survey results and more about the First World War Memorials Programme. Civic Voice is also continuing its condition survey workshops, which include a site visit. Find out about dates and locations of these on their website, [www.civicvoice.org.uk/campaigns/war-memorials](http://www.civicvoice.org.uk/campaigns/war-memorials).

## Learning

### School visits

The autumn term is often busy for the Learning Programme as many schools and youth groups seek to use Remembrance Day as an opportunity to educate their young people about local war memorials and the events commemorated. This year, the charity's first school visit of the academic year was to Bryn Deri Primary School in Radyr, near Cardiff. Those of you that have received our Bulletin in previous years may remember that our Learning Officer, Ruth, has visited this school on several occasions already since 2012. Her visits, at the beginning of the school year, help the school's Year 6 pupils to begin their studies of World War II. During this visit, Ruth taught the class about the history of war memorials generally and pupils spent time looking at different examples and evaluating different types and designs. The rest of the day focused on their local memorial in Radyr ([www.warmemorials.org.uk/node/120541](http://www.warmemorials.org.uk/node/120541)) which the class visited to carry out a condition survey. Their survey was then uploaded to War Memorials Online, and their findings can be seen by following the link above. After that, the afternoon was spent learning about some of the men whose names are inscribed on the memorial. This was particularly relevant to the class's current studies as they were able to find out about what had happened to local people during the wars. Pupils were taught how to carry out some simple research and then had a go at doing their own - in doing so discovering how fascinating such research can be!

We have other visits lined up for the rest of term but we are always keen to work with more schools and youth groups. One of the ways **you can help** the Trust is by promoting our Learning Programme - both visits and our teaching materials - spreading the word with schools and youth groups where you live. Visits to schools and youth groups can be adapted for any age group but are particularly suitable for ages 7 to 14. We have visited schools across the UK and are keen to engage with schools in as many different areas as possible, so location is not necessarily a restriction (although we do ask schools to bear in mind their distance when deciding how long a visit they would like and perhaps liaise with their local colleagues so we can arrange several visits in one trip). For more information about the programme, please contact Ruth Cavender at [learning@warmemorials.org](mailto:learning@warmemorials.org).

### New learning resources

Alongside carrying out school visits, a key part of our Learning Programme is the development of learning materials that can be used by schools and youth groups. These are all available on our learning website, [www.learnaboutwarmemorials.org](http://www.learnaboutwarmemorials.org). Our Learning Officer is currently producing a comprehensive set of new resources focusing on World War II, supported by the Tanner Trust, available for Remembrance Day 2016.

The new resources cover the main events of World War II, with different versions for primary schools and secondary schools. While giving an overview of these events, the new resources also focus on how those events are now commemorated and what the impact of them on communities was, by looking at some of the war memorials that remember them. This includes the Kennington Park Civilians memorial, shown in the photo to the right. This memorial commemorates the people who died in 1940 when a bomb fell on the air raid shelter in Kennington Park. Other subjects taught through these resources include evacuation, the role of women during the war and, for older pupils, events such as the Holocaust and D-Day. Pupils also have the opportunity to reflect on recent commemorations of the end of the war and how these memorials are still important parts of community history.



Kennington civilians memorial, London © Martin Shorthouse, 2015

As with our school visits, we are keen to promote these new resources to schools that may find them useful in the lead up to Remembrance Day, and hope that our supporters can **help us** promote them. The resources are available, along with our range of other materials, on our learning website at [www.learnaboutwarmemorials.org](http://www.learnaboutwarmemorials.org).

## Regional Volunteers

### Regional Volunteers - what they, and you can, do

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 but all share a belief in the importance of the repair and conservation of war memorials.

War Memorials Trust is always keen to hear from those who are interested in becoming a RV, and we are particularly looking to recruit new RVs in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, as well as parts of northern England. On this page we explain some of what our RVs do and how **you can get involved** too.

#### Monitoring and reporting on war memorial condition

RVs play a vital role in our work by acting as War Memorials Trust's 'eyes and ears' in their locality, and a key part of this is visiting war memorials about which we have a concern and reporting back to us about its condition. This can be done either through submitting a condition survey to the Conservation Team or by updating War Memorials Online (p11). This enables our Conservation Team to better assess what works are required to a memorial and to provide better advice to custodians across the UK.

#### Researching and listing war memorials

Since 2014, 310 war memorials have been submitted for listing by War Memorials Trust staff with RVs contributing their own proposals for others. Listing gives war memorials additional protection and, as outlined on page 10, War Memorials Trust is actively engaged with Historic England to list an additional 2,500 memorials over the course of the World War I centenary. Among those listed by RVs is the war memorial cross at Ashley Green, shown in the photo on the right. War Memorials Trust is currently producing new materials to guide people, including RVs, to carry out research that can contribute to list descriptions.



Ashley Green memorial, Buckinghamshire © Inspire Conservation, 2012

#### Events

With RVs based across the UK another aspect of the charity's work that they support is attending rededication services, military shows and other events where the charity can be promoted. Many RVs also give talks to groups such as local history societies or schools, to promote the work of the Trust and raise awareness of the importance of war memorials.

#### RV benefits

War Memorials Trust greatly appreciates the support of its RVs and is keen to ensure that volunteering with the charity is an enjoyable and worthwhile experience. To achieve this, we have developed a range of support materials and training events to help RVs carry out their volunteering activities. When RVs register they receive a comprehensive information pack giving details about the charity, the RV role and further information about the activities RVs can do. This is in addition to a bi-monthly newsletter giving updates on RV matters. If they choose to, RVs can also receive access to a password protected section of War Memorials Trust's website which lists contact details for fellow RVs, current requests for help and forthcoming training and other events. War Memorials Trust staff offer training sessions for RVs around the UK, which give volunteers the opportunity to meet fellow RVs and receive specific advice on various aspects of their role. Recent training sessions have been held in Edinburgh and Birmingham and have covered how to carry out a condition survey and giving talks to schools. Additionally, RVs are welcome to attend the workshops run by Civic Voice mentioned on page 11. These workshops give information and advice on carrying out a condition survey. They are open to everyone, not just RVs, and further information about them can be found on War Memorials Trust's website at [www.warmemorials.org/workshops](http://www.warmemorials.org/workshops).

We hope that this information will encourage some new RVs to join us! If you are interested in becoming a RV, please contact Ruth Cavender for information on 020 7834 0200, [rv@warmemorials.org](mailto:rv@warmemorials.org), or visit [www.warmemorials.org/regional-volunteers](http://www.warmemorials.org/regional-volunteers).

## Get involved

### Christmas cards 2016

War Memorials Trust is delighted to offer our supporters a choice of two Christmas cards in 2016. They are already selling well and we would encourage ordering early to secure yours. Each pack of Christmas cards purchased will make an important contribution to War Memorials Trust's work.

The first image 'Horseguards Parade' measures 11.4cm/4.5 inches high by 16cm/6.3inches wide. The card is available in packs of 10 and the greeting inside reads 'Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year'. The second design, 'Three Ships' measures 14cm/5.5inches square. The card is available in packs of 10 and the greeting inside reads 'Seasons Greetings'.

The cards cost £4 a packet plus 75p p&p each. **Please order online at [www.warmemorials.org/shop](http://www.warmemorials.org/shop) or complete and return the order form on page 15.**



### NEW Tote bags



We are pleased to announce that War Memorials Trust branded tote bags have been added to our merchandise range. Tote bags are becoming increasingly popular, particularly since the 5p charge for plastic bags was introduced. An ideal Christmas gift perhaps?

The lightweight bags, which bear the War Memorials Trust logo on one side, measure 38cm by 42cm, excluding handles, and can easily fold up into a pocket or handbag. They should be washed and tumble dried at 30 degrees celsius.

The bags cost £5 each including p&p. Every purchase will make an important contribution to the Trust's work. **Please order online at [www.warmemorials.org/shop](http://www.warmemorials.org/shop) or complete and return the order form on page 15.**

### In Memoriam Giving

In Memoriam gifts are donations collected in lieu of flowers at a funeral or donations given in memory of the deceased. They are a special way to give to a charity that was close to someone's heart. It may be their choice left in instructions for their funeral or it could be a family decision.

War Memorials Trust would like to thank the families and friends of those whose passing has been marked in this way. The charity can recognise your loved one by adding their name and an inscription to a page of remembrance on our website, [www.warmemorials.org/those-remembered](http://www.warmemorials.org/those-remembered).

If families wish War Memorials Trust to be the beneficiary of In Memoriam gifts the charity would be extremely grateful. All contributions will make a significant difference to our work.

If you choose to support War Memorials Trust with an In Memoriam gift then all donations should be forwarded by the Funeral Directors or family to War Memorials Trust, 2nd Floor, 42a Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 0RE. The name of the person in whose memory the gift is being made should be given alongside the contact details of the family so the charity can acknowledge their gift.

## 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 £150 gift, £187.50. 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 case 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 'Horseguards Parade' Christmas cards at £4.75 per pack of 10 cards (inc. p&p)	
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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 Horseguards Parade/Three Ships		
	<b>NEW</b> 1 Tote bag at £5 (inc. p&p)	
	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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Please complete both sides of the order form, detach and send to:

**Frances Moreton, Director**  
**War Memorials Trust**  
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Bulletin 71

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(membership rates valid until the end of December 2016)

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## Our supporters

### Centenary Campaign

War Memorials Trust's Centenary Campaign has now raised £48,000 of its £55,916 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 detailed below:

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