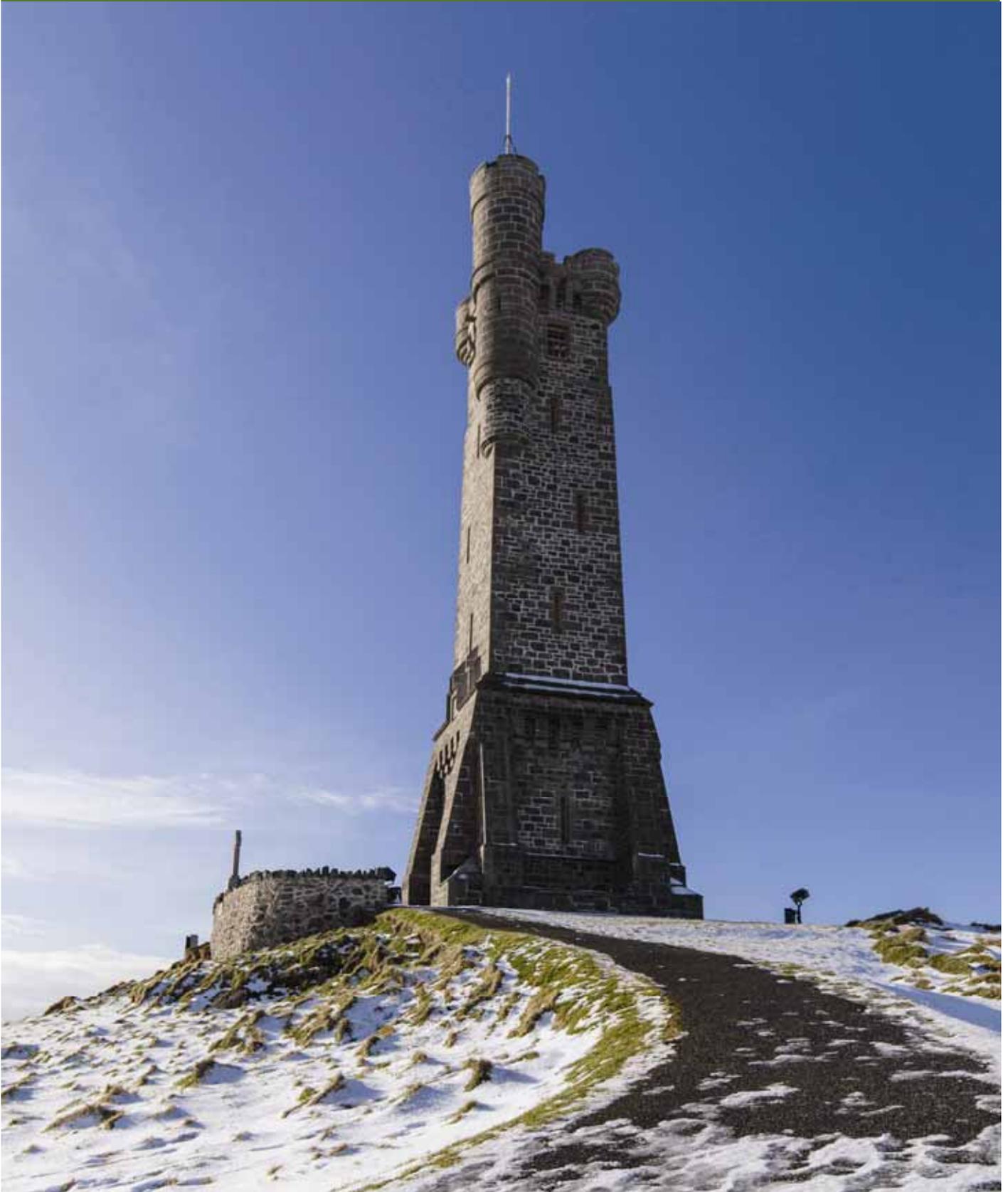


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War Memorials Trust works to protect and conserve all war memorials within the UK

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 2018):

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 repair and conservation 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.



To find out if your war memorial project could get a grant you need to fill in a Grants Pre-application form. A member of the Conservation Team will review the form to identify the type of memorial, the appropriate works and costs. If your project is eligible we will send you an Application Form. The Grants Pre-application form can be downloaded at www.warmemorials.org/grants or obtained from the Conservation Team on 020 7233 7356, 0300 123 0764 or conservation@warmemorials.org.

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

Message from the Director

Dear supporters,

This issue we bring you some tales of tall towers! Our front cover shows the Isle of Lewis war memorial in the Western Isles courtesy of Colin Cameron's 2018 image. Following the largest grant awarded by the charity to date, £132,100, works were undertaken last year to conserve the tower. Further details can be found on page 7 where, alongside the Isle of Lewis memorial, we also feature Crich Stand, the Derbyshire lighthouse memorial which has received £74,270 in grant funding - it is shown right under scaffolding in an image courtesy of Peter Rogan from 2016.



Some of you may recognise these memorials, as well as memorials from previous Bulletins, from the recent direct mail campaign where the donation slips featured war memorials specific to different parts of the UK. Thank you so much to all those of you who have donated to date, it is greatly appreciated and will make a significant impact on the work the charity can undertake during this centenary year.

These two projects are examples of how, through the centenary of World War I, War Memorials Trust has been able to work with its partners to facilitate grants that support repair and conservation projects across the UK.

In 2017-18, the charity made more than 200 grant offers with recipients sharing over £950,000. The average grant was £4,500 whilst the median award was £1,600. These figures demonstrate the impact the charity has had - maintaining its support for smaller projects which make up the bulk of demand but being able to extend its support to larger projects.

As we enter 2018-19 we are on track to allocate the one-off additional government funding early in the year to enable projects to be completed in time for 11th November 2018. Unfortunately, demand for grants is now starting to outstrip available funds so it is unlikely all eligible projects applying this year will receive grants. However, we are maintaining and developing our fundraising activities to secure further donations to enable us to support as many communities as possible.

It is also important for the Trust to remember our focus as a conservation charity that gives grants. Repair projects take time and in some cases projects currently being proposed for completion by Armistice 2018 are unrealistic. We are responding as quickly as we can to enquiries providing best conservation practice advice and guidance as well as trying to manage expectations about what can realistically be achieved. As the grant process also takes time potential applicants are being advised of timeframes and prioritisation criteria to help them recognise if applying for grant funding is suitable for them. With the array of information on conserving war memorials available via our website at www.warmemorials.org/helpsheets we hope that those who may decide they can fund projects themselves will still utilise the available guidance to ensure any works they undertake follow best conservation practice to minimise damage and support the long-term preservation of their war memorial.

Whilst we continue with our work the charity is managing some change. On page 4 we say goodbye to our former Trustee Richard Broyd and Conservation Officer Chris Reynolds. We thank them for all their work on behalf of the charity.

Looking ahead to 2018-19 we are planning to hold our AGM on Monday 12th November but it is likely to start a little later than normal to incorporate a talk from a guest speaker. We hope that we will be able to welcome some new members to the meeting as their recruitment will be a focus as we go through 2018. Members are vital in supporting the organisation and demonstrating the importance of war memorials to people across the UK. Page 14 has details of how you can help recruit new members and be entered into a prize draw to win a copy of 'Churchill: The Life' by Max Arthur, signed by our Trustee Randolph Churchill. We hope you will be able to help expand the membership as we look to recruit more people who share with us all the desire to protect and conserve war memorials across the UK.

Kind regards, Frances

War Memorials Trust news

Goodbye Richard Broyd

After 5 years' service on the Board Richard Broyd stepped down as a Trustee of War Memorials Trust in March 2018. His fellow Trustees, and the staff, would like to thank him for his wonderful contribution to the charity helping to guide us through the challenges of the World War I centenary period during which we have managed to achieve so much together.

Of particular interest to Richard has been our work in Wales where the Trust has helped 18 projects share over £40,000 through the centenary. Richard was also involved with the Call to Remember mailing in 2013 when 150,000 organisations and individuals were contacted to encourage them to consider the condition of their war memorials. It stimulated a significant number of grant applications and projects at the start of the centenary of World War I. He has also visited a number of active cases in which the Trust has been involved providing information and photographs for fellow Trustees and staff to consider as they discuss specific cases which has helped us reach decisions on how we can assist particular memorials.



Richard Broyd © Duncan Soar, 2017

Goodbye Chris Reynolds

After 3 ½ fantastic years working at War Memorials Trust, I left the charity at the start of March 2018 to take up a new position as Historic Buildings Officer at Surrey County Council. I was fortunate to join the charity towards the start of the centenary of World War I in September 2014 and during that time have seen many amazing repair and conservation projects receive funding from the Trust, including the [Wellington Monument](#) in Somerset which I was able to visit in 2016.

There have been many highlights during my time at the Trust. However, the greatest privilege was having the opportunity to meet and work with so many people, ranging from Regional Volunteers to war memorial custodians, who give their time to look after war memorials across the UK and ensure those who lost their lives continue to be remembered. I am immensely grateful for all your help and wish everyone involved with the charity the best of luck for the future. Fortunately, I am not leaving the charity entirely as I have now signed up to be a Regional Volunteer.



Chris Reynolds at the Wellington Monument, Somerset © WMT, 2016

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

As some of you may be aware, data protection law is changing on 25th May 2018 with the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). This will replace the Data Protection Act and is changing the way in which organisations such as War Memorials Trust can treat your personal data. In particular, individuals' rights have been enhanced and heavy fines have been introduced for those who breach the regulation.

War Memorials Trust needs to collect data in order to fulfil its aims and objectives to protect and conserve war memorials across the UK. We are working hard at all levels of the organisation, including Trustees, to ensure we are compliant with the new law. As such, we are reviewing all of our systems and policies to instil GDPR into all areas of our work. While we put in place these changes we would like to reassure all of our supporters and members that we are committed to using your information fairly and lawfully, being transparent and respecting individuals' rights.

If you have any questions about how the Trust treats your data, please contact the office at info@warmemorials.org or on 020 7834 0200. The [Information Commissioners Office \(ICO\)](#) is the supervisory body responsible for protecting people's access to information and you have the right to lodge a complaint to them if you feel we are not using your data appropriately.

Conservation and learning news

Relocation of St Simon's Church war memorial (WM3142)

One of the most challenging issues faced by the Conservation Team is the relocation of war memorials, particularly when a memorial has been removed from its original location. Often it can be very difficult to find a home for the war memorial, or even identify where it came from in the first place. This was the case with [St Simon's Church](#) war memorial in Kilburn.

War Memorials Trust was given the war memorial in 2001 after it was rescued from a skip by the Royal British Legion, Kilburn. Although the Trust knew the war memorial came from a church as a result of the inscription, "This tablet and the window on the North side of the sanctuary are dedicated to the glory of God and in memory of the following from this Church and Parish" because it does not name them it was unclear exactly where it came from making it challenging to find a new home.

The Trust asked its Regional Volunteers to carry out research on the war memorial to try and find out more to help identify its original location. It was discovered that many of those named on the plaque either lived on or near Saltram Crescent in Kilburn which is the location of the former St Simon's Church. The church was converted into flats in the 1980s so it is assumed the memorial had been in storage somewhere before it was rescued. During that time the alabaster frame of the war memorial had been damaged and parts of it lost. War Memorials Trust supported conservation with £2,952 to repair the frame, clean the ceramic tiling with water and a non-ionic detergent, clean the alabaster with solvents (as water washing of alabaster is not advisable) and also design a new mounting bracket for the memorial.

Working closely with the London Diocese of the Church of England, the Trust contacted the successor parish about becoming custodians of the war memorial. The vicar advised the best location was to place it in St Luke's School, Kilburn as the memorial would be an important educational tool to teach young people about those who lost their lives in the local area during World War I. The case demonstrates the importance of considering the long term future of war memorials as communities change, and often buildings alter function, memorials can become vulnerable so recording details is vital to ensure

they are known and can be identified - if your local war memorial is not yet on [War Memorials Online](#) we strongly encourage you to get involved and make sure it is recorded.

In March 2018, War Memorials Trust carried out a visit to St Luke's School to follow-up on the relocation. Our Learning Officer delivered a whole school assembly on what war memorials are which highlighted some of the different types of war memorials found in the local area and then spent time with six of the classes. All of the pupils within these sessions considered the importance of war memorials and also learnt how the war memorial came to be in the school. While learning about the history of the war memorial Teams 3, 4 and 5 carried out a mapping activity which asked them to plot the addresses of some of the men named on the plaque on a map of the local area. This highlighted that many of the men lived on roads near to the school and some pupils identified that they today live on those same streets creating a link with the fallen of 100 years ago. The visit was very successful in developing pupils understanding of their war memorial heritage and helping them to form a personal connection with the war memorial in their school and those named upon it.



St Simon's Church war memorial before and after repair and relocation © WMT, 2010 and Taylor Pearce Conservation, 2018



St Luke's Primary School Head Boy and Girl with the war memorial © St Luke's Primary School, 2018

Grants - War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme

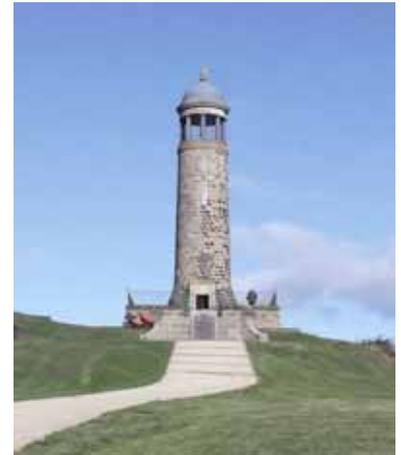
Crich Stand, Derbyshire (WM6)

Crich Stand war memorial lighthouse stands atop Crich Hill accessed via Plaistow Green Road. The Grade II listed structure is constructed of gritstone on a square platform base with enclosure railings and entrance gateway. The tower is topped with a concrete dome forming an open arcaded lantern lighthouse supported by Doric columns. Bronze plaques at the entrance have inscriptions commemorating the 11,409 Sherwood Foresters who died in World War I, 1,520 who fell in World War II and members of successor regiments lost in subsequent conflicts.

This project, due to its complexities, took time to progress and involved input from both War Memorials Trust and, our First World War Memorials Programme partner, Historic England to ensure best conservation practice was at the heart of the works. It also benefitted from two grants. Initially £8,640 supported professional advice for a structural survey, concrete analysis and production of a draft Specification and Schedule of Repairs by a conservation-accredited architect. This required scaffolding to the concrete dome and the production of core samples for chemical analysis. The money was awarded through the Professional Advice Grant stream of War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme which is designed to help large, complex or unusual projects get started in the right way.

Following the completion of the initial phase, and input from the Trust and Historic England, a full grant application was submitted and a further grant of £67,830 was awarded in 2017. This supported the full scaffolding of the memorial enabling repairs to the cracked concrete dome which included removal of materials from previous repairs and application of appropriate products to repair the cracks and protect from water penetration. In addition, repairs were undertaken to support columns and cills, the whole tower was re-pointed with lime mortar, gates and railings were repaired and re-painted whilst works were also undertaken to the plinth and paving at the base. The works were completed under budget so the final grant payment of £65,630 was made in early 2018.

SmartWater was applied to metal elements of the memorial to deter theft. This offers protection both to the memorial and the money invested through the grant scheme. In addition, the custodians supplied a Maintenance Plan to demonstrate how they will monitor and maintain the memorial in the future.



Crich stand © Mercian Regimental Charity, 2015



Dome works © P Rogan, 2016

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Drone image of memorial during works © Leigh Licence 2017

The tower was completed in 1923 with later additions in 1934. It was designed by Lt Col A. W. Brewill to commemorate the fallen soldiers of the Sherwood Foresters (Nottingham and Derbyshire Regiment). It was built by Joseph Payne of Crich. This is the latest of a series of towers built on, or close to, this site since 1788 which have been affected by subsidence or lightning strikes. Further details can be found at www.crich-memorial.org.uk.

Grants

Isle of Lewis, Western Isles (WM7862)

Standing over 85ft high the [Isle of Lewis](#) war memorial is a large and significant landmark on the Island remembering 1,151 Lewismen from World War I. It is located on Memorial Avenue, north of Stornoway looking out over the countryside to the sea.

The Scots Baronial tower has heavy buttressing to the first stage. The dressed stone work is of fine axed Aberdeenshire granite with tapering walls of native Gneiss stone and floors of reinforced concrete. It is surmounted by a corbelled parapet, with a circular turret with castellated parapet in one corner. Inside the tower an arched entrance chamber 20ft high forms the ground floor with four upper chambers accessed by circular steel stairs and from there granite turnpike stairs access the turret. Originally, each of the four parishes of Lewis was allocated a chamber which contained bronze name plaques listing the fallen of the island. These were subsequently removed and mounted on large granite boulders, arranged on a circular plan on a site immediately adjacent to the memorial structure. There are 16 World War I plaques and 7 World War II plaques.

In 2016, a grant of £132,100 was offered for repair and conservation works. This was funded by the First World War Memorials Programme funding from the UK government which is being allocated across the UK. After discussions with Historic Environment Scotland it was felt that this large scale project would benefit from a grant above the normal scope of the Centenary Memorials Restoration Fund ensuring the two grant programmes worked alongside each other.

The problems facing the memorial included water ingress, internal water retention, failing pointing and general decay. These issues had caused the closure of the memorial to the public. Works supported included the removal of cementitious mortars from the structure internally and externally then re-pointing with lime mortar. 15 slim windows were placed with new louvers to improve ventilation whilst a further 4 were repaired. Failing lead and timber on the roof structure was replaced on a like-for-like basis and the damaged lightning protection system was replaced. A Conservation Officer visited the site during works to get an update on the project given its scale. Works were completed in autumn 2017 and the largest grant awarded through War Memorials Trust during the centenary was paid shortly after.

The charity is delighted to have been able to support this project which demonstrates how war memorials the length and breadth of the UK are benefitting from support during the centenary. To find out more about the history of this war memorial visit www.warmemorials.org/search-grants/?qID=1465. This is just one of the hundreds of projects War Memorials Trust features on its [Grants Showcase](#) which details all projects supported through the grant schemes since 1998.



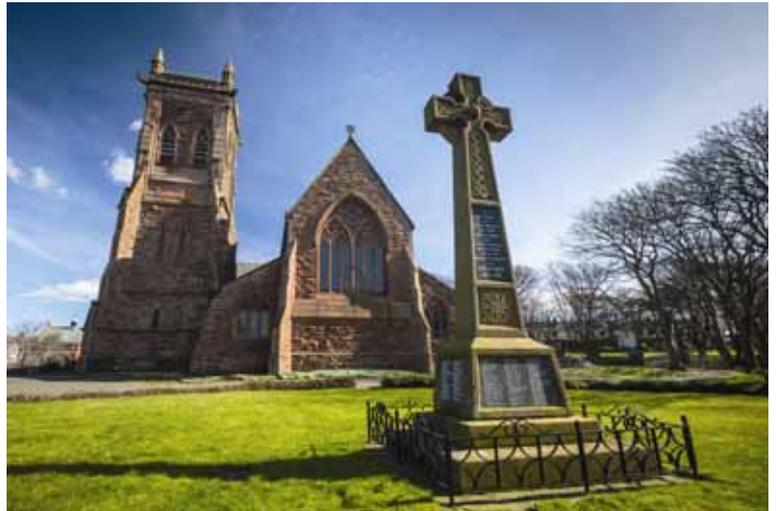
All images show Isle of Lewis memorial during works © Colin Cameron, 2017



Grants - War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme

St German's Cathedral, Isle of Man (WM7382)

St German's Cathedral war memorial is located within the cathedral grounds in Peel. The Runic style cross is constructed of Woolton sandstone on a three-tier plinth. The inscriptions on inlaid slate plaques commemorate those who died in World War I and II. It is listed by virtue of being within the curtilage of the cathedral and is in the Peel Conservation Area. In 2017, a grant of £720 was awarded through War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme to remove existing flaking paint from the inscription lettering and re-paint the silver enamel by hand to match the existing lettering.



St German's and its war memorial © Simon Park Photography, 2018

Hurley, Berkshire (WM9875)

Hurley war memorial is a wall-mounted limestone shrine. Set into a redbrick wall, it comprises a simple cross on three steps set against a flat panel which is flanked by two incised rectangular tablets. It is located at St Mary The Virgin Church in Hurley.

In 2017, War Memorials Trust offered a grant of £1,290 towards works to clean the memorial using natural bristle brushes and a mild soap detergent. After cleaning the lettering was re-painted to match the original design and improve legibility to ensure the names of those remembered can continue to be read by those passing the memorial.



Hurley war memorial before and after works © Hurley Village Association, 2016 and 2018

Private Orlando Garnett, Cautley, Cumbria (WM4211)

Private Orlando Garnett's war memorial is located inside St Mark's Church in Cautley, Cumbria. It is a brass plaque with an engraved inscription infilled in black that commemorates Private Orlando Garnett who died of wounds in October 1917, following the Third Battle of Ypres.

In 2016, a grant of £630 was awarded through War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme towards gentle cleaning of the plaque to improve the legibility of the inscription. The plaque was also protected with SmartWater as one of the conditions of the grant to deter theft.



Memorial plaque before and after works © St Marks Church, 2016 and 2017



Grants - War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme

Burgess Hill, West Sussex (WM9873)

Burgess Hill war memorial is located in the Garden of Remembrance in the centre of Burgess Hill, West Sussex. The memorial stands on a raised platform and from the octagonal base rises a stone pillar which is surmounted by a bronze figure of St George. On the panels of the base are recorded 145 names of those who died in the service of their country in the Great War 1914 - 1919.

After World War II, two black granite memorial stones were erected in the Garden to record the names of those local men and women who had lost their lives between 1939 and 1945. In addition, there is the name of a soldier lost during the Falklands Conflict in 1982.

In 2016, £410 was awarded through War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme - Professional Advice Grant towards a full condition survey and report with recommendations to inform necessary conservation and repair works. This was undertaken by a conservation-accredited metal conservator to identify necessary and appropriate works.

Following review of the material produced and submission of the full grant application a grant of £12,630 towards conservation works was offered in 2017. The memorial was cleaned using a steam cleaning system. In addition, loose and failing mortar was raked-out from the construction joints which were then re-pointed using a lime mortar. The bronze plaques were steam cleaned then protective microcrystalline wax was applied. Ferrous screws were removed and replaced with non-ferrous fixings while missing rosette screw-heads were reinstated. The bronze sculpture depicting St George was removed from site for conservation works to be undertaken. Corroded iron fixings were removed and replaced with non-ferrous fixings whilst the bronze-work was steam

cleaned followed by the application of a protective microcrystalline wax. The oak gates to the garden were badly rotted and although they had been extensively repaired over the past century to keep them in use, the decayed nature of the timber dictated the need for these to be replaced. The new oak gates exactly replicate the design of the originals and the original metal fixing and fittings were salvaged and reused. The boundary wall and gate piers were also repaired and re-pointed using lime mortar.



Burgess Hill memorial after works © Burgess Hill Town Council, 2018



Bronze sculpture above, and stonework with name plaques below, before and after works © Burgess Hill Town Council, 2016 and 2018



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Listing and War Memorials Register

War Memorials Trust centenary war memorial listings in England

Through the centenary of World War I, War Memorials Trust has embraced Historic England's initiative to add 2,500 war memorials to the National Heritage List for England. The charity has been indebted to the Pilgrim Trust for supporting the charity with funding which has enabled us to have a dedicated Listing Officer for 3 years of the centenary. The staff member has spent 2 days a week researching, writing and submitting list descriptions as well as working with volunteers to support their applications.

Over the 3 years the charity has submitted nearly 700 list descriptions for Historic England to consider and many have already been listed or are awaiting processing. Whilst some submissions have related to war memorials potentially at risk or part of our current casework, the majority have related to war memorials previously funded through our grant programmes. The charity felt that where money has supported repair and conservation that listing offers additional protection to both the memorial and the funds invested in the project.

War memorials across England have benefitted either from applications submitted by the charity or from their memorials being picked up through wider activities such as grants. [Bootle](#) war memorial, featured in Bulletin 72 received a grant of over £80,000 to support repair and conservation works. It was listed at Grade II in 1966 but in 2018 Historic England reviewed this moving it up to [Grade II*](#). This reflects its significance and shows how the centenary has seen both an increase in the number of war memorials listed but also a reassessment and upgrading of a number of significant memorials. War Memorials Trust would like to thank the Pilgrim Trust for enabling the charity to make an important contribution to this project.



Bootle war memorial after works © Sefton Council, 2017

IWM War Memorials Register names search

On 21st March 2018 the Imperial War Museums War Memorials Register relaunched its website, www.iwm.org.uk/memorials. From the search page users now have two options to search:

- by memorial which will generate search results associated with the words entered with images now available for some memorials. Records also now display links to the National Heritage List for England and War Memorials Online creating a connection between sources of information on war memorials where connections have been made
- by the name of a person which can help those seeking to find a name on a war memorial. You can enter a name in the search facility and then filter by different categories including surname and forename to see if you can find a specific name on a war memorial

The two images shown right are taken from the revised website. The upper web extract shows the listing and condition detail for Bootle war memorial shown above in the listing story. The lower webpage shows details for the surname Algeo with the fourth name down linked to the Bootle memorial.

The War Memorials Register is not a complete record of all war memorials yet nor all names as it relies on information submitted by the public and the amount of information held depends on what has been supplied.

However, it is the best starting place to identify information on those who may be recorded on a war memorial and can be visited alongside [Lives of the First World War](#), the digital memorial for World War I.



War Memorials Online

Sharing the Success of the First World War Memorials Programme

During the final year of the centenary of the First World War Civic Voice, along with the First World War Memorials Programme partners, Historic England, Imperial War Museums and War Memorials Trust, is running events across England to share experiences and activities which have taken place throughout the centenary. The workshops include presentations and discussions around the partners' respective activities:

- Civic Voice has delivered war memorial workshops on the condition of war memorials, using War Memorials Online, listing war memorials and wider engagement
- Historic England aims to list an additional 2,500 war memorials as well as produce further guidance on war memorial conservation
- Imperial War Museums has developed the War Memorials Register, including linking with the National Heritage List for England and War Memorials Online
- War Memorials Trust's grants programme supported by conservation work to ensure best conservation practice

At each of the events the partners are joined by local community groups who have been sharing their stories of the First World War Memorials Programme and their activities. Anyone is welcome to attend, whether they want to share their experiences or find how they can still get involved. Attendees include civic groups, IWM volunteers, WMT Regional Volunteers, community groups, War Memorials Online Contributors and members of the general public. To date workshops have been held in Stockport, Coventry and Chelmsford.

Brogan and Peter attended the first of these workshops in February which took place at Stockport War Memorial Art Gallery. As part of the day museum staff gave a talk about the history of the museum and after lunch attendees enjoyed a fascinating guided tour. War Memorials Trust was delighted to welcome Alan Lake from Sefton Council who gave a talk about his experience of the repair and conservation of Bootle war memorial. Frances, Katharine and Sarah attended the workshop in Coventry which took place at the cathedral and also included a guided tour. Dianne Williams from Alcester Town Hall War Memorial was a very welcome guest to share her experiences of applying for a grant from the charity as well as some of the history of the Hall which marks its 400th anniversary in 2018. An example of a war memorial that was not created from scratch but chosen for its pre-existing benefits to a community.

The remaining events will be taking place in:

- Westgate Hall, **Canterbury** on Wednesday 16th May
- Winton Chapel, **Winchester** on Friday 1st June
- Bessie Surtees House, **Newcastle** on Wednesday 6th June
- Derby Museum and Art Gallery, **Derby** on Wednesday 1st August
- Wakefield Town Hall, **Wakefield** on Thursday 20th September
- Essex Regimental Museum, **Chelmsford** on Saturday 29th September (rearranged from April)

If you are interested in attending a Sharing the Success event, please visit Civic Voice's website to book a place, www.civicvoice.org.uk/get-involved/events.



Attendees at Stockport War Memorials art gallery event © Arthur Proctor (Marple-Civic Society / Civic Voice Volunteer), 2018



Attendees on the guided tour of Coventry cathedral © WMT, 2018

Learning

FWWMP: Engaging Young People in Heritage

As part of the First World War Memorials Programme, War Memorials Trust has led a number of 'Engaging Young People in Heritage' workshops. The aim of these has been to give attendees ideas and tools which would enable them to engage young people in local heritage projects with a focus on war memorials. At the time of writing this article the workshops in Leeds, Canterbury, London and Bristol had already taken place and our Learning Officer was looking forward to delivering the remaining workshops in Birmingham (18th April) and Manchester (1st May).

Everyone who attended the workshops had a keen interest in their local heritage and are keen to inspire and pass on this interest to young people in their town or village. Some attendees were looking for ideas on how to engage with schools and youth groups, others were looking to be signposted to resources which could be used with young people while many were keen to network and find out about other people's projects.

The workshop included information about War Memorials Trust's Learning Programme, the types of activities which would work well with young people, how to approach a visit, top tips when planning a visit or activity including what to find out and things to be aware of when carrying out such events. Attendees were shown a few short film clips of activities in action which provided useful ideas and points for discussion. At the first four workshops we were fortunate to be joined by Sandra Taylor from Remember the Fallen. Sandra was able to share her experience of working with young people in a range of environments and on a variety of topics. She was also available, along with the Trust's Learning Officer, to offer support and answer questions at the end of the workshop.

Feedback from attendees has been positive, including:

- "Excellent variety of talks/presentation."
- "Thank you for a well organised workshop – lots of useful information. I am now looking forward to planning and hopefully carrying out a school visit."
- "A relaxed and enjoyable workshop containing lots of great ideas and best practice for contacting schools and designing/planning heritage activities."
- "A great opportunity for networking, I have been put in touch with some useful contacts."
- "Good clear slides (and helpful videos) and thorough material to take away."

It was really interesting to meet everyone who attended the workshops and learn about their war memorials and other notable points of heritage. We look forward to finding out what activities attendees go on to carry out in the coming months.



Attendees during an icebreaker activity at London workshop © Lucy Millson-Watkins/Historic England, 2018



Sandra Taylor from Remember the Fallen sharing her experience of working with schools and young people © Lucy Millson-Watkins/Historic England, 2018



London workshop attendees discussing ideas © Lucy Millson-Watkins/Historic England, 2018



WMT's Learning Officer answering questions during workshop activity © Lucy Millson-Watkins/Historic England, 2018

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 for a variety of reasons. All share a belief in the importance of the repair and conservation 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 projects, such as War Memorials Online and In Memoriam 2014

If you are interested in becoming an RV, please contact War Memorials Trust for information on 020 7233 7356, rv@warmemorials.org or visit www.warmemorials.org/regional-volunteers.

Regional Volunteer end of year report 2017

In January 2018 Rachel Reese left War Memorials Trust, with Sarah Taverner and Katharine Worley taking over management of the Regional Volunteers. Sarah has been the Trust's Charity Officer since March 2016 and is responsible for the registration and administration of RVs. Katharine joined the Trust in May 2017 and as Assistant Conservation Officer will be overseeing RV requests and conservation-related enquiries.

One of the first tasks for Sarah and Katharine was to review the responses from the RV End of year reports for 2017. The annual report asks RVs to send details of their volunteer activities throughout the year. This information helps WMT to demonstrate the vital contribution that RVs make as well as helping the charity to develop the RV programme. For the first time this year volunteers were given the opportunity to submit their report online through the SurveyMonkey website. From the reports returned (50% response rate) RVs took part in 2,571 activities and gave 3,329 hours of their time. Based on the Heritage Lottery Fund model, which 'values' volunteer time at £50 per day, in 2017 RVs contributed an amazing £23,775 worth of time to the charity and we thank them for this continued hard work.

At the end of 2017 there were 146 RVs registered in the UK and 32 new RVs were registered during the year. In the returned reports the majority of RVs commented that they were extremely likely to recommend the RV role to others which is pleasing to hear. Some RVs mentioned that they would be interested in participating in more training sessions. Last year War Memorials Online training was held by WMT in the devolved nations, with Civic Voice continuing to hold Condition Survey workshops in various locations across England. In 2018, Civic Voice are hosting new events on 'Sharing the Stories of the First World War Memorials Programme' and 'Engaging Young People in Heritage', which a number of RVs have attended, see pages 11 and 12 for more details.

RVs continue to provide invaluable assistance during the busy centenary period. In 2017, a number of RVs have contributed to our Conservation Programme by undertaking condition surveys and notifying the charity of memorials in need of help. Many update War Memorials Online which is an increasingly important tool for the charity as discussed below. Others have promoted the Trust by giving talks in their local communities, or have represented the Trust at events around the UK. If you would like to help support our work by taking part in such activities please do get in touch with Sarah and Katharine using the contact details above.

As well as being an RV there are numerous other ways in which you can help protect the nation's war memorials. By uploading information and photographs to the War Memorials Online website, www.warmemorials.org.uk, you can help the Trust keep up-to-date with the condition of memorials across the UK. We also have a number of Office Volunteers who spend one or two days a week in the London office to help with administrative, conservation and other activities. For further information on the Office Volunteer role, please contact Sarah at info@warmemorials.org or on 020 7834 0200.

Get involved

Help us to reach £201,118.11 by 11.11.2018

In April, War Memorials Trust launched the final phase of its Centenary Campaign which aims to raise £201,118.11 by 11.11.2018. To date we have raised **£157,478.11** leaving **£44,333** to raise in the next six months. We are very grateful to everyone who has contributed so generously to the Campaign and hope that you will consider a further gift in 2018 to help reach this target.

War Memorials Trust's work has increased year-on-year but the centenary of World War I has seen an unprecedented demand for the services the charity is uniquely placed to provide. Since 2014 the charity has dealt with 3,400 war memorial enquiries, administered grants of £2.9 million and reached 6,250 young people through its Learning Programme. In 2017-18 grant spend was £950,000 compared to £716,000 in 2016-17 indicating that many war memorials may still need attention.

As the centenary of the 1918 Armistice draws closer it is imperative that we reach all those who need our help during this time of national remembrance when war memorials will be the focal points for commemorations in their communities. 2018 is going to be one of most important years in the charity's history. War Memorials Trust is dependent on the support of its donors and members to ensure it can protect and conserve each and every war memorial in the UK. The charity needs to raise £400,000 each year to continue its important day-to-day work.

A donation to the Centenary Campaign could help fund War Memorials Trust's Conservation Programme supporting custodians across the UK, its Learning Programme which inspires future generations to care for war memorials, or the important supporting functions without which the charity would not exist.

A gift of any size will make a very valuable contribution to our work, which has never been more important than in this significant year. You can make a donation by completing the form on the back page, telephoning 020 7834 0200 or by visiting www.warmemorials.org/donate.

War Memorials Trust Needs You!

War Memorials Trust **members** are vital to the success of the charity. Without their generous support we would not be able to fulfil our mission to protect and conserve the UK's estimated 100,000 war memorials.

Members enjoy a close relationship with War Memorials Trust. They are kept up-to-date with a quarterly issue of the Bulletin and are invited to the Annual General Meeting which offers an opportunity to meet the charity's Trustees, staff and other members as well as listening to a talk afterwards. Last year War Memorials Trust's AGM was held at the magnificent St Sepulchres' Church in Holborn (pictured) and attendees enjoyed a talk by Professor Gavin Stamp, one of the last talks he gave before he sadly passed away in December. Details for the 2018 AGM will appear in the August issue of the Bulletin.



War Memorials Trust's AGM in 2017 © WMT, 2017

We are immeasurably grateful to our 2,600 members for the valuable contributions that they give. However, we need to recruit more members in order to continue our work in 2018 and beyond to ensure that those commemorated on our war memorials are not forgotten.

Please help us by **encouraging friends** who share your passion for protecting war memorials to **join** as members. You can do this by passing on your copy of the Bulletin, directing them to www.warmemorials.org/join, or contacting the office on 020 7834 0200 to request leaflets, joining forms or extra copies of the Bulletin. Anyone whose recommendation leads to a new member joining during 2018 will be entered into a **prize draw** to win a copy of 'Churchill: The Life' by Max Arthur, signed by Randolph Churchill, a War Memorials Trust Trustee and Churchill's Great-Grandson. We hope that you will support us in this endeavour.

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.



Tote bags

War Memorials Trust's tote bags display the charity logo on one side making them a great way to spread awareness of the charity.

They measure 38cm by 42cm (15in x 16.5in), excluding handles and can be easily folded up into a pocket or a handbag. They should be washed and tumble dried at 30 degrees Celsius.

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