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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](http://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](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, will start before a decision can be advised or have finished.**

## Message from the Director

Dear supporters,

Welcome to our August Bulletin, an issue in which we feature some of the larger scale projects which we have been able to support during the centenary. These bigger grant awards have been made possible due to the additional funding received from government and national heritage bodies and we thank them, on behalf of the charity and the grant recipients, for their support. Our front cover shows one such larger award, Y Felinheli in Gwynedd which received over £8,000 in grants from War Memorials Trust and Cadw. Turn to page 9 for more details, the image is courtesy of Y Felinheli Community Council. These projects have also all benefitted from free SmartWater as part of In Memoriam 2014, another of our partnership programmes, in this case working with the SmartWater Foundation as discussed on page 10.

The £2 million in UK government funding available for grants through the centenary as well as the £1 million from Scottish government has now been allocated. We anticipate the overwhelming majority of the projects helped will be completing in time for 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018 so staff expect to spend the next few months paying out on those finished works. This does not mean our grant work has ended but we are reliant again on the generosity of our supporters so available sums are likely to be lower as we go forward.

Your donations as members, supporters, charitable trusts and other organisations are vital. With demand for grants this year outstripping the funding available alongside all our other work the charity's fundraising efforts are ongoing and essential to our ability to achieve our objectives. Within this issue you will find our thanks for the wonderful contributions to the Centenary Campaign alongside ideas of how you can help our fundraising efforts. As members and supporters you are our greatest Ambassadors so, if you can, please do encourage others to join the charity as their way of paying tribute to the fallen of World War I as the Armistice centenary is marked. Our work directly supports the ongoing commemoration of those who fell in that conflict and there is a clear need for funding. You can perhaps entice them to our event on the 8<sup>th</sup> October, see page 5. Or encourage them to join by passing on the enclosed membership leaflet - page 5 has details of the prize draw for membership. Finally, our Christmas cards are now available (shown right), turn to page 16 to order these to support the charity.



Whilst ordering your cards you will find our new Privacy notice on page 15. As noted in the May issue as part of the new GDPR requirements introduced on the 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018 War Memorials Trust has reviewed its policies for compliance with the new legislation. Our Privacy notice advises you how we manage your data, how to find further information, how to request removal of your details from our records and how to complain if you feel we have not handled your data appropriately. We hope that is not the case, and we can assure you we never sell or share data, but if you have any concerns do let us know.

As ever we have been out and about raising awareness of the charity and its work. We have been delighted to see some of you at the latest FWWMP workshops and events. We thank those of our RVs who have been representing us at events around the country including at the many rededication services for completed grant projects. And, as shown right, Sheena Campbell and Peter Lloyd, two of our Conservation Officers represented the charity at a Buckingham Palace Garden Party in May.

Finally, we would like to thank a number of Peers who spoke so positively about the charity in the House of Lords debate on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018 discussing the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013. The impact of In Memoriam 2014, our partnership with SmartWater which is reviewed on page 10 of this issue, was highlighted and we thank Lord Kennedy of Southwark for his kind words about this publication.

With best wishes and many thanks for your support, Frances



## War Memorials Trust news

### Welcome Amy Reeves

I am delighted to join War Memorials Trust as an Assistant Conservation Officer, based in London. Before coming to the Trust, I completed a Master of Arts with Honours in Mediaeval History at the University of St Andrews. The flexible nature of the Scottish university system allowed me to pursue other subjects too, including archaeology and theology. This ultimately led me to follow my undergraduate degree with an MSc in Historic Building Conservation at the University of Bath.

Friends and family in the armed forces have fostered an emotional interest in military history thus my role at the Trust will combine my passion for history and commitment to securing and conserving our nation's heritage assets. It is a privilege to use my conservation knowledge and skills to advise and educate people about how best to care for their war memorials, so future generations too can pay their respects and understand the sacrifices made by those who have gone before us.



Amy Reeves © Amy Reeves, 2018

### Support Allana's quest to raise funds for war memorials

On Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September Allana Hughes, War Memorials Trust's Conservation Officer in Scotland will be taking part in the Tour O the Borders, a cycle ride through the Scottish Borders to raise **£1,111.18 for War Memorials Trust's work in Scotland**. It begins in Peebles, where War Memorials Trust gave grants totalling £22,900 towards works to the war memorial.

In Allana's words, "88km on my bike is going to be a real challenge however all of the hours of training and pain will pay off if I can reach my fundraising target. Over the last 5 years I have seen the positive impact that WMT has had in Scotland".

To sponsor Allana visit [uk.virginmoneygiving.com/AllanaHughes](http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/AllanaHughes). Alternatively, you can send donations directly to War Memorials Trust clearly indicating that it is for Tour O the Borders. A donation of any size will be very welcome to take Allana closer to her £1,111.18 target.

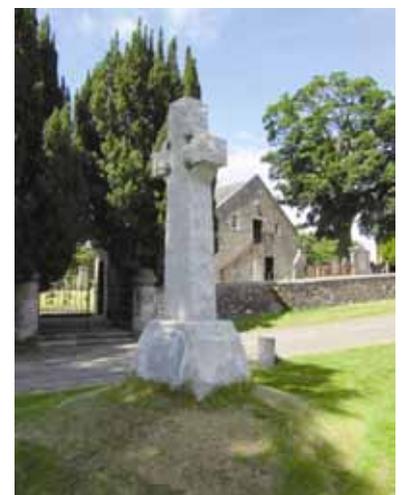


Allana Hughes in training © Allana Hughes, 2018

### War Memorials: Sharing Success Conference and Workshops in Scotland

On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September War Memorials Trust and Historic Environment Scotland are hosting a war memorial conference at the [Engine Shed in Stirling](#). We hope Allana will be recovered from her cycling efforts to enjoy it fully! The conference is designed to review World War I centenary activity, share experiences and consider the repair, conservation and maintenance of war memorials after 2018. Two workshops will further develop key areas of activity - there will be a session on War Memorials Online or you can contribute to further evaluation of the CMRF.

To book a **free** place, and select an optional workshop, please visit our Eventbrite page, [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/war-memorials-sharing-success-conference-and-workshops-scotland-registration-46827347858](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/war-memorials-sharing-success-conference-and-workshops-scotland-registration-46827347858). If you have any questions, or problems accessing Eventbrite, telephone 020 7233 7356 or email [conservation@warmemorials.org](mailto:conservation@warmemorials.org).



Baldernock, Strathclyde (WM7402) received a £1,660 grant © East Dunbartonshire Council, 2018

## War Memorials Trust news

### Annual General Meeting and Professor Gary Sheffield lecture

This year's AGM will take place on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 4.30pm. It will again be held at St Sepulchre-without-Newgate in the City of London. The church is located on Holborn Viaduct, almost opposite the Old Bailey. Tea and coffee will be served from 4.30pm with the AGM starting at 5.00pm.

Following the AGM we are delighted to announce that Professor Gary Sheffield will be our special guest speaker. Professor Sheffield will speak from 6.15pm, after the business of the AGM has concluded, on '**How and why the First World War came to an end?**' He will examine the role of the British and other armies in defeating the Germans on the Western Front, paying particular attention to the role of new technologies and evolving doctrine, as well as the war at sea; the resilience and otherwise of home fronts; and the role of politics and revolution.

Professor Sheffield is an internationally-recognised expert in World War I. He is Professor of War Studies at the University of Wolverhampton and co-Director of the First World War Research Group. His books include, 'Forgotten Victory: The First World War – Myths and Realities'; 'The Somme: A New History'; and 'Command and Morale: The British Army on the Western Front'.



Professor Gary Sheffield © Gary Sheffield, 2018

After Professor Sheffield's talk there will be a drinks reception. We anticipate that the event will finish by 7.45pm. While the **AGM is free to members**, anyone wishing to attend the **lecture will need to buy a ticket**. This is a special event to mark the end of the World War I centenary in support of the charity and to raise funds for our work. For members to attend the talk and reception the ticket price is £10. For non-members the price is £25 and includes a year's WMT membership. We hope you will be able to join us and bring along friends or family who are perhaps new to WMT but would value both the lecture and joining to support the Trust's work. To book your tickets please use the enclosed form or call us on 020 7834 0200.

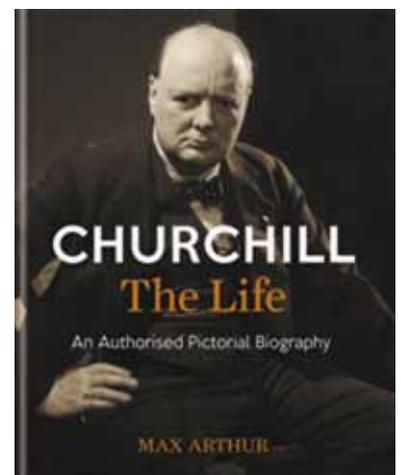
An extract of the Annual Report and Accounts is included with this edition of the Bulletin. The full Annual Report and Accounts are available for download from the website at [www.warmemorials.org/financials](http://www.warmemorials.org/financials). Alternatively contact us on 020 7834 0200 or [info@warmemorials.org](mailto:info@warmemorials.org) and we can send you a copy.

We do apologise if anyone has been inconvenienced by our statement in the previous Bulletin that we planned to hold the AGM on 12<sup>th</sup> November. Due to a number of factors, including our recognition that many of you are likely to be involved in local remembrance events, we have altered the date.

### Win a copy of 'Churchill: The Life'

As you will be aware, in January we launched a Campaign asking for your help to **encourage friends** who share your passion for protecting war memorials to **join as a members**. Anyone whose recommendation leads to a new member being recruited will be entered into a **prize draw** to win a copy of 'Churchill: The Life' by Max Arthur and signed by Randolph Churchill, a War Memorials Trust Trustee and Churchill's Great-Grandson. The book includes rare and previously unpublished images and highlights from the Churchill Papers and family artefacts.

You can help recruit new members by passing on your copy of the enclosed leaflet, directing them to [www.warmemorials.org/join](http://www.warmemorials.org/join), or contacting the office on 020 7384 0200 to request leaflets, joining forms or extra copies of the Bulletin. Members are vital to the continued success of the charity and we hope that you will help us to strengthen our numbers. **Remember** to ask them to let us you know that you recommended the Trust to them when they join so you are entered into the prize draw.



Churchill: The Life by Max Arthur @ Octopus Books

## Grants - War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme

### Bolitho window, St Pol Church, Paul, Cornwall (WM7980)

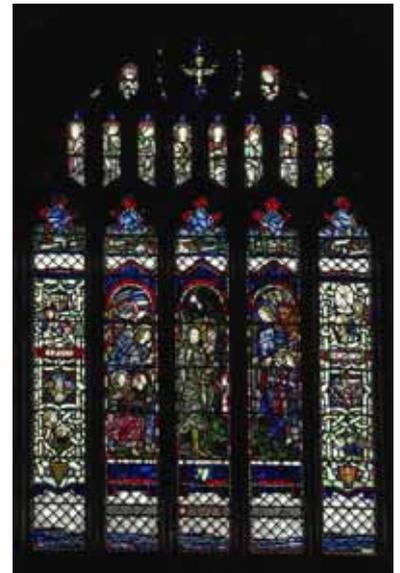
The church of St Pol has a [stained glass window](#) commissioned by Bolitho family. It is dedicated to Lieutenant William Torquill Macleod Bolitho who fell at Hooge. It also commemorates his uncle, a cousin and men from the parish who perished alongside his cousin in the Dardanelles in 1915.

The window has five lights with tracery featuring angels playing musical instruments. The central light depicts William Bolitho as Sir Galahad leading a horse and holding a spear (shown right). In the adjacent lights he is attended by both mature and youthful angels. The outer lights feature the arms, or symbols, of Cornwall, the Bolitho family, Flanders, the 19<sup>th</sup> Hussars and HMS Bellerophone alongside representation of the Town Hall at Ypres and angels. Across the heads of all five lights is a depiction of the battle at Hooge with the roads, buildings and British trenches labelled clearly. An inscription is located at the bottom of the window just above a representation of cliffs and the sea interpreted as the view of the west coast of the Lizard as seen from the churchyard outside.



Bolitho window above and below  
© Paul PCC, 2015

In 2015, a grant of £47,170 was awarded through War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme supported by the First World War Memorials Programme. It is an example of how the one-off, additional government money has been able to offer substantial support to a larger project through the centenary of World War I. It also reminds us that such projects are rarely quick to complete. Having started early in the centenary some issues arose after the grant was offered that were managed and overcome with works being completed in plenty of time for the 1918 Armistice centenary.



The grant supported works to replace the damaged tracery stonework of the window. The stone type chosen at the time of the window's insertion had severely eroded putting the glass within the memorial at risk. It was necessary to identify a more appropriate stone and then to piece it in to exactly match the design of the original so that the glass could be reinserted. In addition, some of the leadwork had failed and the entire window was bowed. The window was therefore removed from the church to a specialist workshop. Each panel was carefully cleaned and conserved while the work to the stone took place. Once the glass was ready it was re-set in the new stone tracery in its original position. On completion of works costs had fallen so the final grant paid in 2018 was £44,380. As in all such cases, the difference will be returned to the 'grant pot' to be reallocated to another project. The metal elements were protected with SmartWater as part of [In Memoriam 2014](#) discussed on page 10.

A Faculty for the memorial was issued in March 1918 allowing it to be placed in the church. It was designed by Scotland's Robert Anning Bell (1863-1933) and executed by The Glass House of Lowndes & Drury with a Maker's mark dated 1917 indicating that it was an early memorial conceived whilst conflict was ongoing. Unusually it avoids the more common St Michael/St George symbols instead emphasising the personal history of its dedicatee. Robert Anning Bell was one of the leading Arts & Crafts artists of the first decades of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. He was a highly respected artist, mosaic designer (for among others Westminster Cathedral and the Palace of Westminster) and stained glass designer. His step-son Charles Antoine Emile Richard Troncy also fell in 1915 fighting for France in Champagne.



Tracery stonework at the top of the window during works © Reuben Marsh, 2017

## Grants - War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme

### Broomfield Park and Burnhope Gardens of Remembrance, London Borough of Enfield and County Durham (WM3441) and (WM7995)

The design and nature of war memorials varies significantly as local communities have always made decisions appropriate to their communities. Yet frequently there are similarities between projects and proposals from different parts of the country assessed at our quarterly Grants Panel Meeting. In early 2017 this situation arose as we looked at applications for funding for works to two Gardens of Remembrance, Broomfield Park in London and Burnhope in County Durham. Both had already received grants to obtain professional advice to ascertain the complex needs of their projects with the varied features within both gardens creating challenges. Further grants were awarded to the two projects through War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme supported by the First World War Memorials Programme.

Broomfield Park's Garden of Remembrance is located in the south corner of Broomfield Park in Palmers Green, Enfield. It is bounded by redbrick walls within which is a pool with a fountain. Steps lead up to a cairn originally constructed, after World War I, of 280 stones to represent each life lost. It was rebuilt after World War II with additional stones. The cairn stands in front of a small temple which has stained glass windows representing Fortitude, Sacrifice and Victory. The original bronze name panels were stolen in 2009 and replaced by the custodians at their cost with granite as the Trust felt a like-for-like replacement would have been more appropriate. A number of inscriptions are located across the site and the garden also contains six seats made from timbers from HMS Dido alongside a large variety of plants.



Broomfield Park Garden of Remembrance © Upchurch Associates, 2018

In 2017 War Memorials Trust offered a grant of towards conservation works addressing a number of issues across different features. This included repairs, re-pointing, replacement of the lost windows in the temple and reinstatement of the urn feature of the fountain. A grant of £61,470 was made towards the works.

Just a few months prior to that completion a grant of £63,330 was paid after works finished at Burnhope Garden of Remembrance located on Holmside Lane in Burnhope, County Durham. The memorial is connected to the former colliery. A central planted area is surrounded by a u-shaped single-storey brick wall with recesses for benches. Eight Rolls of Honour bearing the names of the fallen from World Wars I and II are located around the sides alongside another to Pte. N. Simms who fell in the Northwest Frontier of India in 1930. The central gateway has a pair of heavy wrought iron gates and is surmounted with a cross finial. The design was based on features of French farms seen by so many servicemen during World War I.



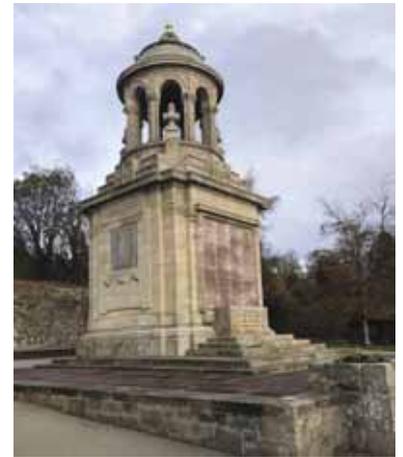
Burnhope Garden of Remembrance © Durham County Council, 2018

Works supported included re-roofing, timber repairs, re-pointing and re-painting the inscriptions. Addressing issues related to water ingress should improve the long-term condition of the memorial. Both projects benefitted from free SmartWater to protect metal elements as part of [In Memoriam 2014](#).

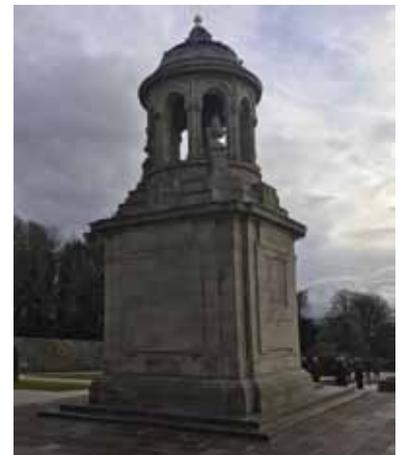
## Grants - Centenary Memorials Restoration Fund

### Helensburgh, Argyll and Bute (WM4557)

Helensburgh war memorial is located within Hermitage Park, Helensburgh. It is listed by Historic Environment Scotland at Category A signifying its national importance. The rubble walls of the walled garden of the former Hermitage House enclose the site with iron commemorative gates providing the main access to the garden. The sandstone monument stands on a stepped base in the upper half of the garden. It is square in plan and pink granite plaques are inset into the front and side faces with the Rolls of Honour from both World Wars. At the upper level three further steps support four large urns with stylised eternal flames. This is surmounted by an arcaded rotunda, capped with a dome with an open crown with gilded four armed cross. In the lower section of the garden a long rectangular reflecting pool with grotto-type water feature complements the monument.



Unusually this memorial received two grants, in 2015 and 2017, to its main project due to its importance as a Category A memorial. £78,550 was awarded through the Centenary Memorials Restoration Fund for extensive conservation and repair works. Each element of the memorial required specialist works to address the deterioration of different materials. Both the monument and sections of the surrounding wall were re-pointed with some repairs to the stonework. The monument was also cleaned to remove biological growth, soiling and small areas of graffiti. The bronze features were cleaned and protected with an application of wax. Illegible, incised inscriptions were deepened and sharpened before all the inscriptions were re-painted to ensure they can be read. Repairs were also undertaken to the rotunda, the cracked lead flashings were replaced on a like-for-like basis. The cross finial was re-gilded and the corroded fixing was removed and replaced with a stainless steel dowel to secure the cross. The corrosion and peeling paint from the ironwork gates were removed and they were repaired, re-painted and gilded. Works were also undertaken to the reflection pool to ensure it is watertight once again. SmartWater was applied to metal features through In Memoriam 2014.



Helensburgh war memorial was officially unveiled on 25<sup>th</sup> June 1922. A Special Urgency Meeting of the Town Council was held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 1918 and resolved to raise funds for a Burgh Memorial. A subsequent meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> March 1919 agreed that the most suitable site was that suggested by local artist and town councillor J Whitelaw Hamilton in the Park. An architectural competition was launched for a design which was won by Alexander Nisbet Paterson (1862-1947) who designed a number of war memorials as well as other works around Helensburgh.



All images of Helensburgh war memorial after work © War Memorials Trust, 2017



## Grants - War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme

### Y Felinheli, Gwynedd (WM9688)

Y Felinheli war memorial stands outside Church House on Stryd Bangor. It is a freestanding clock tower commemorating the fallen of World War I and II. It is listed by Cadw at Grade II.



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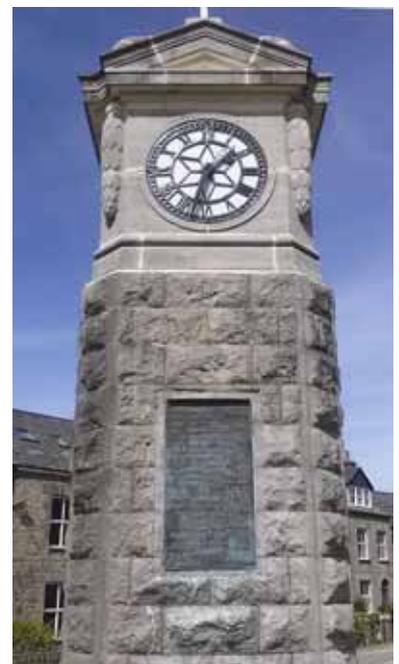
In 2016, a grant of £1,760 was offered through War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme supported by voluntary contributions from individuals and charitable trusts. This 'topped-up' a grant of £7,000 from the Welsh national heritage body, Cadw. Through the centenary of World War I Cadw has been running the Grants for War Memorials Scheme in Wales offering grants of up to £10,000 at up to 70% of eligible costs. Projects in Wales apply directly to Cadw and on the Application Form there is a box which can be ticked for details to be passed to War Memorials Trust. If a project has a total cost greater than £1,000 then War Memorials Trust will consider if a project is eligible for a top-up grant of 15% if funding is available. In some cases where projects have been substantial War Memorials Trust has made a larger contribution through the First World War Memorials Programme funds in Wales.



At Y Felinheli the combined grant funding of £8,760 supported repair and conservation works to the clock tower. This included scaffolding, raking out construction joints and re-pointing with lime mortar. The clock face was repaired whilst the timber was also treated. To protect the metal elements of the memorial SmartWater was applied as part of the [In Memoriam 2014](#) initiative discussed further on page 10.



The decision on the form of Y Felinheli's war memorial took 8 years following the end of the war to be made. The village was split between a clock tower and hall. A fundraising event for the clock took place in September 1925 and land was donated by the Vaynol Estate and the Directors of the London Midland and Scottish Railway Company. This enabled the clock tower to be built to stand today in tribute to the fallen of Y Felinheli.



All images of Y Felinheli war memorial clock tower before (top right), after (bottom right) and during works (above) © Y Felinheli Community Council, 2015 and 2016

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## In Memoriam 2014

In Memoriam 2014 was launched in 2011, a partnership between War Memorials Trust and the SmartWater Foundation, making SmartWater available free of charge to war memorial custodians. It has been an important aspect of the Trust's centenary work offering a means of protecting our war memorial heritage.

# IN MEMORIAM 2014

In Memoriam 2014 arose because of the concern about the theft of war memorials. In 2011, the Trust recorded 40 cases of theft or attempted theft on war memorials having seen 14 cases in 2010 and a further 16 in 2012. Since then the news has been more positive with annual cases in single figures with just 2 in 2017. Whilst any case of war memorial theft is one too many we believe that In Memoriam 2014 has helped deter theft and enabled communities to take action to protect the metal memorials in their care, or those with metal features such as sculpture, lettering or fixings.

A huge number of war memorials have been protected through In Memoriam 2014 since 2011. This includes the 12 & 16 Squadrons Icarus in Wickenby, Lincolnshire (WMO103680). Unfortunately, two of the bronze plaques on the war memorial were removed in 2015, but after noticing the plaques were marked with SmartWater the thieves left the plaques at a local pub and they are now once again back on the war memorial.



HRH The Duchess of Cornwall receives a demonstration of SmartWater © Duncan Soar Photography, 2012

We have been very grateful for the support of our Patron, HRH The Duchess of Cornwall for this project. She has attended events in London, Dundee and Cardiff to protect war memorials with SmartWater and also met with local school children, heritage organisations and veterans in order to promote the scheme.



SmartWater applied to Dundee Black Watch Memorial © Jon Savage, 2013

Recently, the Trust and SmartWater provided training to 60 Bromley Police Cadets. Following the training, the Trust carried out site visits with the Cadets and helped them protect war memorials in Bromley. One of the cadets, Hollie Osborn explained, "As Cadets, we believe it is important to remember and respect the sacrifices made by those who have died, fought or have been affected by conflict and it is therefore particularly exciting for us to be involved with the project."

SmartWater continues to be available for free to war memorial custodians and applications can be made online at [www.inmemoriam2014.org](http://www.inmemoriam2014.org). War Memorials Trust is extremely grateful to the SmartWater Foundation for their support for this project. We are delighted to announce that In Memoriam 2014 will operate beyond the centenary and free SmartWater will remain available to help protect your local war memorials.



Bromley Police Cadets applying SmartWater to Bromley war memorial (WMO118833) © WMT, 2017

SmartWater is a traceable liquid with a unique chemical composition and forensic code that can be applied so if memorials/features are stolen they can be returned to the scene of the crime. SmartWater is well known to criminals, who acknowledge that it represents a genuine threat to them as the product has had a 100% conviction rate in hundreds of cases. SmartWater are unique in their sector for having provided evidence to the police that has aided hundreds of convictions, which is why when the cutting edge forensic technology is combined with the organisation's proprietary crime reduction strategies, it could be said that the SmartWater brand is arguably the world's most powerful crime deterrent.

## War Memorials Online

### Can you survey your local war memorial this summer?

We hope you are enjoying the sunny weather this summer! Visiting war memorials is often a good excuse to get out and about in the warmer weather, it may even lead you to find a church or village you had not visited before. As we need you to take photographs and report on the condition of war memorials across the UK, and add this information to [War Memorials Online](#), we hope you might consider combining a summer day out with helping create an understanding of the UK's war memorial heritage, or encourage others to do so.

Anybody can register to use War Memorials Online. Once you have signed up you can add or update war memorial records, submit photographs and update condition reports. There are nearly 40,000 war memorials recorded already but that is probably just 40% of what we need to find and survey!

If you have not yet checked out the condition of your local memorial and would like some help in doing so, Civic Voice have created a toolkit which is available on their [website](#). WMT also has helpsheets available on War Memorials Online or contact Brogan for further assistance on [info@warmemorialsonline.org.uk](mailto:info@warmemorialsonline.org.uk) or 07421 994 656.



Cockermouth District Civic Trust surveying a local war memorial © CN Media, 2018

Your photographs and updates to War Memorials Online are an invaluable resource, helping the charity, and others, to direct advice and funds to those that need it. You are also helping us to create a comprehensive record of the condition of war memorials in the UK which can assist custodians, communities, researchers and anyone with an interest in our war memorial heritage. We would like to thank all our War Memorials Online Contributors, we are very grateful for all your help.

### Sharing the Success of the First World War Memorials Programme

You may remember in May's edition of the Bulletin we highlighted the Sharing the Success of the First World War Memorials Programme workshops which are taking place across England this year. Since then two further workshops have been held in Winchester and Derby.

The workshops are a brilliant opportunity for staff, volunteers and members of the public to meet and share their stories about how they have been involved with the programme in these centenary years. Others attend to find out more about war memorial activity in their area as it is never too late to get involved.

The events are free to attend and we would welcome anyone who would like to join us on the remaining dates below:

- Wakefield Town Hall, **Wakefield** on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September
- Imperial War Museums, **London** on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September
- Essex Regimental Museum, **Chelmsford** on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.civicvoice.org.uk/get-involved/events).



Attendees at Winton Chapel in Winchester and visiting West Hill Cemetery memorial © Lucy Millson-Watkins / Historic England, 2018



## Learning

### Learning Visits in 2018

12 learning visits have so far been undertaken in 2018, engaging more than 700 young people. These visits have been requested for a wide variety of reasons and also involved a diverse range of groups from across the country.

A number of visits have been carried out in partnership with Historic England's Heritage Schools Programme which aims to ensure children develop an understanding of their local heritage and its significance. Schools in the West Midlands; Leicester and the East Midlands; London and the South East; the North East; and Bristol and the South West have received visits. All of the visits have used the school's local war memorial as a starting point to help the children find out more about the history of their local area as well as considering the importance of the memorial itself at the time it was erected and its role in the present day.

One of these visits was to Land of Learning, a Muslim faith school in Leicester. The school worked with their Local Heritage Education Manager to plan a Heritage week. Pupils had the opportunity to find out more about the heritage on their doorstep and visited sites of historical importance in their area. The Heritage week concluded with an exhibition which parents, other schools and local community figures were invited to. The two year 5 classes were studying Evington life at the time of World War I. A visit to [Evington](#) war memorial enabled the pupils to find out more about local people as well as carrying out a condition survey during a visit to the memorial and adding details to War Memorials Online.

Ecole Jeannine Manuel: a French, bilingual, international school located in London has also received a visit. Year 6 pupils are studying both World War I and II at different points in the year with both their English and French teachers. WMT supported the pupils who visited their war memorial, then considered their purpose and why war memorials were created so that they could design their own war memorials at a later date. During the session pupils visited two local war memorials, [The Rangers London 12<sup>th</sup> Battalion](#) war memorial cenotaph on Chenies Street which has recently received a grant from the charity (shown right) and the [British Museum](#) war memorial plaque.

Learning visits are available to youth groups as well as schools. The Commander of the Desford Detachment of the Army Cadet Force, based near Leicester, contacted WMT to arrange a visit as an introduction to the 'Cadet in the Community' project the group were embarking on. The Cadets received an introduction to what war memorials are, shared some local examples, discussed why they were created and also debated some of the problems which they may face today. The Cadets planned to visit the Leicestershire Yeomanry memorial in Bradgate Park as part of the project.

More detailed accounts of these, and other visits which have taken place this year as well as those from previous years, can be found in the showcase section at [www.learnaboutwarmemorials.org](http://www.learnaboutwarmemorials.org).



Year 5 pupils from Land of Learning visiting Evington war memorial, Leicester © I Dale, 2018



Year 6 pupils from Ecole Jeannine Manuel visiting The Rangers London 12<sup>th</sup> Battalion cenotaph on Chenies Street © Ecole Jeannine Manuel, 2018



Desford Detachment Army Cadets receiving a presentation on war memorials from WMT's Learning Officer © War Memorials Trust, 2018

## Regional Volunteers

As we approach the centenary of the Armistice in November 2018 our Regional Volunteers (RVs) continue their important work acting as the Trust's 'eyes and ears' across the UK.

Part of the RV role is monitoring the condition of war memorials, an important task to ensure as many as possible are in good condition as we approach commemorative events in November. In June, RV Bev Boyce undertook five requests for help to check the condition of war memorials in Suffolk. Bev's trip around Suffolk included [Finningham](#), [Gislingham](#), [Harkstead](#), [Long Melford](#) and [Lound](#) war memorials. Whilst most of the memorials were in good condition, one or two memorials needed some attention and Bev's surveys have alerted us to this. Our Conservation Officers are in touch with the custodians in an effort to improve the condition of these memorials and provide best conservation practice advice.

RVs have also been busy attending events on behalf of the Trust in 2018. In April, RVs Philip Bennett and Clive Gilbert attended the re-dedication of the [Avenue of Remembrance](#) at Chobham, Surrey, which received a grant of £3,150 in 2017 towards tree surgery work. RVs have also been delivering talks on behalf of the charity. In June, RV David Hearn gave a talk at the re-dedication of [Hollingworth](#) war memorial as part of a local project led by the Friends of Hollingworth.

This help from RVs in 2018 so far has been greatly appreciated and we look forward to your continued support as we approach November 2018 which may well be our busiest period ever. If you are interested in becoming an RV please contact Sarah or Katharine on 020 7233 7256, [rv@warmemorials.org](mailto:rv@warmemorials.org) or visit [www.warmemorials.org/regional-volunteers](http://www.warmemorials.org/regional-volunteers).

To be a Regional Volunteer you do need to be a member of the charity to be covered by our insurance.

### Introducing our Regional Volunteers: Iain Slinn, RV in Inverness

**How long have you been an RV?** 7 years

**Why did you become an RV?** As a child I grew up in the presence of 'Taffy' who had been gassed in the trenches and as an adult I considered the First World War to be an inordinate waste of human life. These two things made me determined to conserve the memory of those who died in both World Wars giving us the freedoms we enjoy today.

**What volunteering activities have you been involved with?** I have undertaken numerous Condition Surveys for War Memorials Trust.

**What is the most rewarding thing about volunteering for the Trust?** Knowing that war memorials are being well looked after by a wide range of local communities. It is also good to meet today's generations and realise that others value these memorials as much as I do.

**When did you first develop an interest in memorials?** I have always been a keen historian of both World Wars and had numerous relations and friends of relatives who participated in both; so that would be roughly fifty-five years ago.

**Do you have a favourite memorial?** Unquestionably this has to be "[Our Lady Star of the Sea](#)". It is a stained glass window in the church at Castlebay on the island of Barra in the Western Isles. It is unique.

**What was the last memorial you visited?** [Clachan-ath-luib](#) in North Uist standing on a bluff overlooking all points of the compass across the surrounding windswept countryside of the island and reaching out to the friends and relatives of those listed thereon.

**How will you be commemorating the Armistice this year?** As I have done since my teenage years - reflecting on those who perished and those fortunate to have survived.



RV Iain Slinn setting off on a visit to Barra and North Uist war memorials © Iain Slinn, 2018

## Get involved and Merchandise

### Centenary Campaign success

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported our Centenary Campaign. It is wonderful to be able to advise that we have reached the target of **£201,811.11**. When we launched the Campaign in June 2015 we thought that setting the target, and the target date as variations of 11.11.2018 was a very appropriate way to mark the culmination of the World War I centenary. We did not imagine that we would meet this target four months early and it is a testament to the great generosity of you, our members and supporters.

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 4,000 war memorial enquiries, administered grants of £3.5 million supporting 715 communities and reached 6,200 young people through its Learning Programme. It has been wonderful to assist so many communities during this time of national remembrance and your generous donations have helped to make this possible.

However, our work does not stop. While 2018 marks the end of the World War I centenary the next few years sees the centenary of many of our war memorials themselves. Two thirds of the estimated 100,000 war memorials in the UK are associated with World War I and were erected in the years following 1918. One example is [St Mary's Church](#) in Comberton, Cambridgeshire where the war memorial organ was unveiled on 1<sup>st</sup> August 1919 (shown right). These local commemorations are likely to ensure ongoing demand for help from the charity through both advice and grants. We hope that you will continue to help us to protect each and every war memorial in the UK through your ongoing support.



St Mary's Church Comberton organ © St Mary's Church, 2015

### Help promote WMT by purchasing some merchandise

War Memorials Trust has a small range of merchandise which supports our work by raising awareness of the charity and generating funds. Every purchase makes an important contribution to the work of the charity protecting our war memorials across the UK. To order use the form on pages 15 or 16 or visit the online shop, [www.warmemorials.org/shop](http://www.warmemorials.org/shop).

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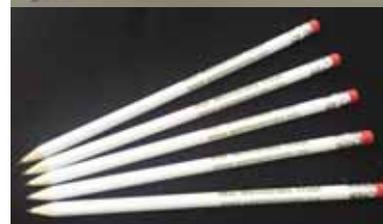
These pens and pencils help promote the charity and raise funds for our work. Both are ideal for use at home and in the office.

- 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. Pack of 5 pencils costs £2 including p&p.

#### Tote bag

The tote bag displays the charity logo on one side making them a great way to spread awareness. They also make an ideal gift for a friend or a family member and are both lightweight and durable.

Each bag measures 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. The bags cost £5 each including p&p.



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# Get involved

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# Merchandise

## Christmas cards



War Memorials Trust is this year offering two Christmas cards designs. New for 2018 is 'Horseguards in the Snow' which shows Guards parading in front of the Guards Division Memorial on Horseguards Parade. The greeting inside the card reads 'Season's Greetings'.

Returning for this year is the bespoke Christmas card which was designed for War Memorials Trust in 2017 by the celebrated cartoonist Grizelda and bearing the greeting 'Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year'

The cards measure 14cm/5.5inches square. They are available in packs of 10 and cost £4 per 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 pages 15-16.

