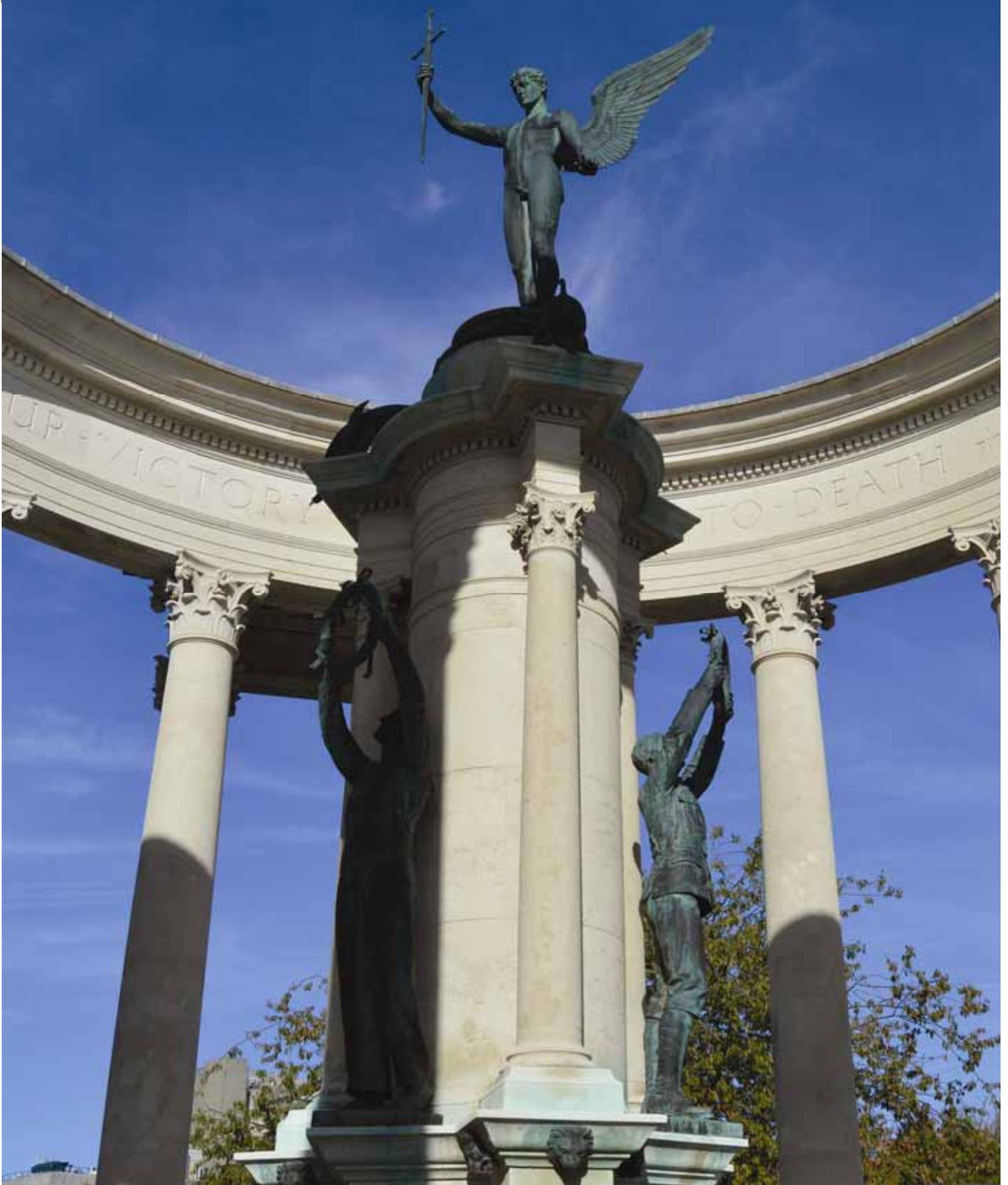


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War Memorials Trust works to protect and conserve all war memorials within the UK

Objectives of War Memorials Trust

1. To improve the condition of war memorials, in their historic design and setting, to support their long-term preservation in-line with best conservation practice
2. To increase the understanding of best conservation practice including how to maintain, protect, repair and conserve war memorials appropriately as well as raise awareness of the support available from War Memorials Trust
3. To enhance public engagement with, and the recognition of local responsibility for, war memorials
4. To sustain access to grant funding to support repair and conservation works in-line with best conservation practice
5. To increase the money raised by the charity to deliver its vision to protect and conserve war memorials

Membership rates

War Memorials Trust membership rates (membership rates valid until end of March 2020):

Annual membership: £20 individual or £30 joint

Life membership: £250 individual or £350 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

Welcome to the latest edition of the Bulletin. Following questions from some supporters I can confirm that the plastic that covered this and subsequent issues can be recycled. The cost of using the compostable type of plastic which some companies are utilising is currently beyond our resources but we have ensured that you should be able to recycle the plastic bags however it is done in your local area. Further details on sustainability can be found on our [website](#).

We are gradually settling into life after the centenary of World War I. Early indications do not suggest a significant reduction in interest, enquiries or grant applications. This is, of course, welcome but challenging as with our income falling significantly our staff resources have been reduced accordingly. We touch in this edition on some of the changes being made to enable us to focus on our core activities. But to help us support all those looking to protect and conserve their war memorials fundraising is key. Our new direct mail appeal will be launched at the end of June. Any donation you can make will, as ever, be greatly appreciated. We are only expecting to make one appeal in 2019, compared to two last year, so this will be vital in securing the funds for 2019-20 and we hope you may be able to give.

Donations from supporters help the charity deliver our Conservation Programme which includes assisting grant projects. This issue we have a range of grant reports including an article looking at our activity in Wales during the centenary. Featured are the works to the Welsh national war memorial in Cardiff which appears on the front cover with the image courtesy of its custodian, Cardiff City Council. It was also one of the memorials that appeared on our montage in November 2018 as well as appearing on the cover in August 2014 when our Patron, HRH The Duchess of Cornwall attended an event but it has so many interesting features we felt it appropriate that it appears again!

For regular readers you will be pleased to know this issue contains fewer personnel change articles. But with the end of the additional funding for the centenary the charity has had to reduce its expenditure so there are some following a review of activities and staffing. I will be remaining as Director of the charity but will be taking a 3-month sabbatical this summer. Our Head of Fundraising, Vikki Thompson concluded her employment with the charity at the end of March but she will be returning over the summer as a Fundraising Consultant, and Acting Director, whilst I am away.

Sadly, the Trustees concluded that the cost of maintaining the Learning Programme for young people into 2019-20 is beyond our resources. This does not mean the charity is ending its educational work, as we show on pages 10-11 the Learning Programme has a legacy through the website, but with limited funds difficult choices have had to be made. We will be evaluating our education work and how we can engage young people as part of our ongoing work. So, as our financial position over the longer-term becomes clearer we will be able to consider future activities. We are therefore very sorry to be saying goodbye to our Learning Officer Carlie and wish her all the best for the future.

In the previous issue we said goodbye to Roger Bardell, our Treasurer since 2003. In recognition of his work for the Trust the Board was delighted to invite him to become a Vice Patron, a role he has accepted. We hope to see him at upcoming events. Looking forward to such events we are delighted to announce that our AGM will take place on Monday 18th November 2019. Following the AGM, which will start at 5pm, we are delighted to announce that the distinguished historian Professor Sir Hew Strachan will give a talk. Details of how you can join us can be found on page 4.

Finally, I would like to remind everyone of our contact address, 14 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 0QP. Following our office move in November 2017 we did have postal redirection set-up but at a cost of £3,000 per annum for organisations we have been unable to renew this. So if you are sending us anything in the post please ensure you use the correct details.

With many thanks for your ongoing support as we look forward to sustaining our collective efforts to protect and conserve war memorials across the UK.

Kind regards, Frances

War Memorials Trust news

AGM and talk

War Memorials Trust's 2019 AGM will be held on Monday 18th November at 5.00pm. The venue, as the previous two years, will be the church of St Sepulchre-without-Newgate in the City of London. Following the AGM we are delighted to announce that Professor Sir Hew Strachan DL, FRSE, FRHistS, FBA will be our special guest speaker. Sir Hew will speak at 6.30pm, after the business of the AGM has concluded and some refreshments have been taken. Further refreshments, and a chance to mingle with fellow attendees will be available after the talk.

Sir Hew is a distinguished historian. He was Senior Lecturer in War Studies and International Affairs at RMA Sandhurst, in 1992 he was appointed Professor of Modern History at the University of Glasgow where he established the Scottish Centre for War Studies, he took up the Chichele Professorship of the History of War at All Souls College, Oxford and since 2015 he has been Professor of International Relations at the University of St Andrews. Among other books he published the highly regarded 'The First World War : A New History'. His talk will be followed by a drinks reception.

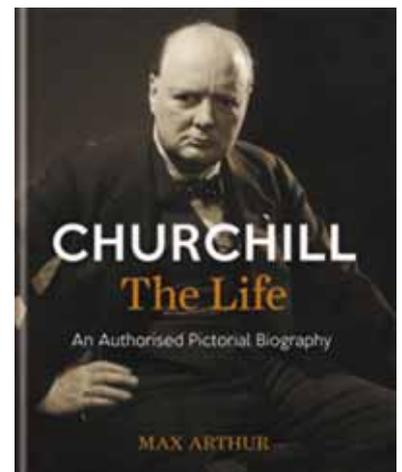
Tickets for the talk and reception are £10 for members and £25 for guests which includes a year's membership and can be booked by completing the form on page 15-16 or calling 020 7834 0200.

Membership update

As you may recall, in 2018 we launched a campaign asking for your help to encourage friends who share your passion for protecting war memorials to join as members. As an incentive we offered anyone whose recommendation led to a new member being recruited to 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 extend our warmest thanks to those who contributed to the campaign by encouraging friends to join. As a result, 10 members received a book.

Members are vital to the success of the charity and we hope that you will continue to help strengthen our numbers. You can do this by purchasing a guest ticket for Professor Sir Hew Strachan's talk after the AGM. As well as promising to be a fascinating event your guest will receive a year's membership of War Memorials Trust.



Churchill: The Life by Max Arthur © Octopus Books

London Marathon 2019

Our former Assistant Conservation Officer, Katharine Worley, ran the London Marathon to raise funds for the charity this year. Having moved to Paris at the end of 2018 she returned to be cheered around the streets of London by a number of past and present staff who braved the runner friendly weather to offer support before celebrating with her afterwards! Katharine completed the race in 4:44:38. The Trust extends a huge thank you both to Katharine for running as well as to all those whose sponsorship motivated her and will support the Trust's work.

It is not too late to sponsor Katharine as her online page remains open at www.virginmoneygiving.com (search for Katharine Worley in the Search for a friend or charity field).

Alternatively, you can send sponsorship donations by cheque clearly indicating London Marathon 2019 or call the office on 020 7834 0200. At the time of going to press she has raised an amazing £2,150 including Gift Aid which exceeds her target of £1,939. All funds raised will help protect our war memorial heritage.



Katharine Worley, centre, with current and former WMT staff after the race

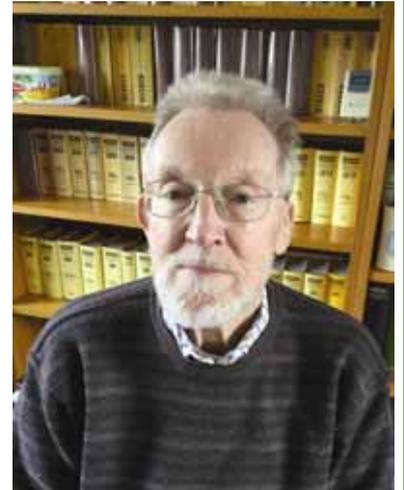
War Memorials Trust news

Welcome Roger Bardell

Having said goodbye to Roger in the last issue this time we welcome him back in a new role. Having served for 15 years as our Treasurer, Roger is now becoming one of our Vice Patrons in England. Vice Patrons play an important role for the charity around the UK. They represent us at events, help raise awareness of the Trust, monitor issues in their area and attend our AGM or other occasions hosted by the charity.

With Roger's knowledge and understanding of the charity we are delighted that he has accepted a Patron role. We look forward to seeing him back at some of our events such as the AGM which should be more relaxed for him without having to deliver the Treasurer's speech!

On becoming a Vice Patron Roger said, "I shall be delighted and honoured to represent the charity in the role of Vice Patron. I look forward to catching up with some familiar faces at the AGM and other events in the years ahead as the charity manages its post-centenary challenges."



Roger Bardell © Roger Bardell, 2007

Goodbye Carlie Silvey

After two very enjoyable years as War Memorials Trust's Learning Officer I left the charity in April. I was incredibly fortunate with the opportunities I was given in my role particularly as it coincided with the end of the World War I centenary. Meeting people who have a passion for conserving war memorials through partnership work and at workshops as well as working with dedicated colleagues has taught me a huge amount. I also had the pleasure of working with almost 4,000 young people while delivering 43 learning visits across the length and breadth of the UK. There is something amazing about seeing young minds realise the importance of their local memorial; recognising that the fallen from 100 years ago would have lived and walked on the same streets as they do today. I hope that these moments of inspiration encourage this younger generation to continue to take an interest in our war memorial heritage for years to come. I know that I will continue to spot war memorials wherever I go and take a moment to think about the people they commemorate. Turn to pages 10-11 to read more about the legacy of the Learning Programme.



Carlie Silvey © Duncan Soar 2017

Goodbye Vikki Thompson

After four and a half years working at War Memorials Trust I left the charity at the end of March to set up my own fundraising consultancy specialising in providing services to the arts, museums and heritage sectors.

It has been a very great privilege to work for War Memorials Trust, especially during the World War I centenary. To have helped communities seeking War Memorials Trust's support to conserve and repair their war memorials at a time of national remembrance is gratifying and I have had great pleasure supporting this alongside such wonderful colleagues.

War Memorials Trust does an excellent job in protecting our rich war memorial heritage and I am delighted to be returning to the charity between May and September. One of the many highlights of the job has been to meet the Trust's many supporters and donors at the various events that we have held. I shall certainly be returning for the AGM and talk in November so look forward to seeing some of you there.



Vikki Thompson © Duncan Soar 2017

Conservation News

War memorials for sale

Part of WMT's casework is dealing with war memorials being sold. The charity firmly believes selling war memorials is wrong and will, wherever possible, work to get these removed from sale and encourage the owners to relocate them to an appropriate new site. However, with our reduced resources this may become increasingly difficult so we wanted to remind our supporters that you can act yourself if you come across any war memorials for sale.

There is a helpsheet which explains why WMT believes war memorials should not be sold which includes a sample letter which can be adapted by you for each case. Given that time is often of the essence raising the issue quickly can help prevent a sale as once it has been sold it can be very difficult to track. Sales can take place via online sites such as eBay. It is a breach of eBay rules to sell a war memorial so, again, if you spot one please do report it to them as well as WMT especially if it is out of office hours. We always take as much detail of the war memorial as we can, and make contact with the seller before we report it, so we have a record and can also help to explain our concerns and offer assistance in finding a new home.

 War Memorials Trust

War memorials for sale

Why war memorials should not be sold:

Unfortunately it is increasing the case that war memorials are being offered for sale of, for example, auctions, on internet auction sites, at architectural salvage yards or in antique shops. War Memorials Trust believes that war memorials should **not** possess a commercial value and that the buying and selling of war memorials is wrong for the following reasons:

- war memorials form part of our shared past and national cultural heritage;
- war memorials should be accessible to the public for commemoration and remembrance of those affected by conflict;
- war memorials bought and sold may be removed from public display which prevents them being available to people to commemorate those recorded, often including family members of those recorded on the memorial;
- buying and selling war memorials creates a market value for such items which could lead to more being removed from public display and encourage the theft of such pieces for commercial gain.

War Memorials Trust realises that not all sales or buyers of war memorials will remove them from public display and that, indeed, some buy memorials for sale with the express aim of preserving the items for remembrance. However, the Trust wants to prevent the assignment of a commercial value to all war memorials and so believes that all buying and selling should be discouraged.

What can be done if you find a war memorial for sale?

- **Contact War Memorials Trust**
Check the object against War Memorials Trust's 'Definition of a war memorial' to ascertain if we would consider the item a war memorial. If it is a war memorial, then providing the Trust with as much detail as possible about the item for sale will help us to contact the seller to explain why we believe it is inappropriate to sell war memorials and to offer help with the relocation of the item for public commemoration.
- **Contact the seller**
You may wish to contact the seller directly to explain why war memorials should not be sold and to highlight the work of War Memorials Trust. Download a sample letter which maybe of use, but if you choose to compose your own letter please remember to include the Trust's contact details.

If you do contact the seller directly, please remember to be **polite and courteous** as often sellers are not fully aware of the importance and significance of the items they are attempting to sell. Being rude or abusive will only result in sellers refusing to co-operate with War Memorials Trust.

War Memorials Officers

As part of the Trust's planning for the centenary of World War I we wrote to local authorities across the UK in November 2010 encouraging them to identify a 'War Memorials Officer' - the person on their staff who was the primary contact for war memorial issues. This was not a specific role but encouraging the identification of a single point of contact within the organisation would, we felt, help people seeking assistance on war memorial issues.

Often people assume a local authority is responsible for a war memorial but this is not necessarily the case. If local authorities had a list of the war memorials they are responsible for, a nominated point of contact for enquiries and that person was aware of the Trust we believed this would assist members of the public contacting the council. The council could assist if it was a memorial in their care or direct the individual to the Trust if it was a different memorial or a general enquiry. In some parts of the country, particularly Scotland, War Memorials Trust has been able to build strong relationships between War Memorials Officers and our staff.

After launch, around half the local authorities responded and details of known War Memorials Officers, where it had been agreed, were added to the Trust's website. However, it is a programme that has taken a considerable amount of administration as people move jobs and local authority shrinkage has meant redundancies. Keeping the records up-to-date has been challenging and with the reduction in WMT staff resources it is a programme we are now closing. Details will be removed from the website and we will no longer send War Memorials Officers bi-annual updates. However, we will continue to send the Bulletin to all local authorities and provide advice or grants through our normal Conservation Programme routes.

War Memorials Trust gratefully acknowledges the support of Historic England; Historic Environment Scotland; the Drapers Company; the Garfield Weston Foundation; the Kirby Laing Foundation; the PF Charitable Trust; the Swire Charitable Trust and the Adrian Swire Charitable Trust for its Conservation Programme.



Grants

War memorials in Wales during the centenary of World War I

During the centenary of World War I, War Memorials Trust worked alongside Cadw, the Welsh Government's historic environment service, to support the repair and conservation of war memorials. Cadw's Grants for War Memorials scheme made available grants of up to £10,000 at 70% of eligible costs. For projects with a total cost of more than £1,000 a referral could be made to War Memorials Trust enabling the charity to consider a 'top-up' grant of 15% as additional support. Larger, exceptional cases were assessed on a case-by-case basis. During the centenary War Memorials Trust administered grants of nearly £72,000 to support 20 war memorial projects across Wales alongside Cadw's funding.

Recently, the Trust paid one of those exceptional grants. £29,720 supported works to the [Welsh National](#) war memorial in Cardiff shown on our front cover this issue which was completed in time for November 2018 (WMO/116638). This is the largest grant the charity has awarded to date in Wales. It assisted with works identified through a survey undertaken in 2017 which received a Professional Advice Grant of £1,130.

The works undertaken included cleaning using a combination of steam, poultice and hand depending on the requirements of each area of the memorial. Repairs to stonework using either mortar or piecing-in, again, dependent on the need in each case were completed with re-pointing undertaken alongside this. The condition of the bronze work, which is such a striking feature of the war memorial designed by Sir Ninian Comper, received particular attention with microcrystalline wax applied after works to provide a protective coating. These larger projects often provide an opportunity to see the memorial from different angles. The image right shows the roof of the memorial with the statute within alongside also some of the pools that collect water towards the top of the picture. These are the type of 'invisible' issue that needs to be carefully considered when managing such projects.



Welsh National war memorial after and during works © Cardiff City Council, 2018



A mid-range grant was awarded to [Cwmdu and Bwlch](#) war memorial, Crickhowell, Powys (WMO/251334). The war memorial cross sited at the roadside received £1,146 towards steam cleaning and re-pointing with lime mortar. In addition, localised sharpening of individual letters and re-painting of letters using black enamel paint was undertaken to ensure the inscriptions can be read. At the smaller end of the scale the memorial obelisk outside [Rumney](#) war memorial hall in Cardiff (WMO/116567) received £510 towards a steam clean alongside re-pointing with lime mortar and re-gilding of lettering. In addition, works were undertaken to the surrounding paving and railings. A condition of the works required that SmartWater was applied to all metal elements to deter theft as part of In Memoriam 2014.



Left, Cymdu and Bwlch after works © Cwmdu and District Community Council, 2017 and, right, Rumney after works © Mossfords of Cardiff, 2018

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Grants

Grand United Order of Oddfellows, Bradford (WMO/256333)

In January 2018, War Memorials Trust was approached by Wyedean, who manufacture Armed Forces uniforms, who had taken responsibility for the [Grand United Order of Oddfellows](#) war memorial due to the sale of the building in which it had been sited. The company wanted to conserve the war memorial before placing it in their Boardroom so those listed continue to be commemorated. Buildings closing, or changing in purpose, is a common challenge and it was wonderful to see another group within the community keen to take on and care for a war memorial that might otherwise have been lost.



Grand United Order of Oddfellows before and after works © Wyedean, 2018

With the Trust focussed in the early part of 2018 on helping as many projects as possible complete for November the Grants Pre-application was turned around quickly enabling a Grant Offer in May 2018 of £2,000, supported by the First World War Memorials Programme, at 50% of costs. Works included careful cleaning and repairs to small holes or damaged areas such as those in the image above right. Some structural work to help the long-term preservation was also undertaken before the memorial was hung.



Details of the project were recorded throughout on War Memorials Online providing a fascinating timeline of activity. Details of how the memorial can be visited are also given on War Memorials Online as our grant conditions include ensuring access is available.

Amble, Northumberland (WMO/90828)

In [Amble](#), Northumberland the community chose to commemorate their fallen of the two World Wars with a clock tower which stands in the Town Square. The squared stone building is dressed with ashlar and stands on a three-stepped stone base. The parapet is topped with finials while white marble tablets carry the names and inscriptions at the same level as the oak door which enables access to the tower.

In 2017, a grant of £30,000 was awarded through War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme, supported by the First World War Memorials Programme, to support a comprehensive repair and conservation programme. Listed Building Consent was acquired to enable the works to take place. In addition, the project involved a conservation-accredited professional advisor to fulfil the requirements of a scheme costing in excess of £10,000.

Works undertaken included removing the clock mechanism to be repaired and cleaned offsite - it was then returned to the structure. Within the tower there were repairs to the bell frame as well as improving access to the roof to ensure that debris can be removed to prevent drains getting blocked. When the roof had been investigated in 2016, 5 footballs and a tennis ball were discovered with the tennis ball blocking the drainage system causing significant problems as water was being retained and damaging the stonework. Rainwater goods were also replaced or improved to prevent water gathering on the stone and causing damage. All metal elements were marked with free SmartWater as part of the In Memoriam 2014 initiative to deter metal theft.



The clock tower, above, and inscription, below, © Amble Town Council, 2018 and WMT, 2016



Grants

Many of the projects that the Trust supports through grants are long-running cases. It can be very rewarding to see these cases eventually reach a conclusion as it reminds us all that through patience and perseverance we can achieve positive outcomes. Such projects often involve a wide range of people contributing over time including volunteers whose input, either through the Trust or their own efforts, are essential to convert proposals into action.

One such is the [Rangers London Regiment 12th Battalion](#) memorial outside the Eisenhower Centre on Chenies Street in central London, just off Tottenham Court Road. The limestone cenotaph stands atop sandstone steps. It carries the Regimental badge in bronze and details battles in which the Regiment participated. The memorial is Grade II listed and is sited in Bloomsbury conservation area. The memorial has been on the Trust's radar since 1998 with issues including condition, potential damage from inappropriate parking and use of the site as a urinal. To address issues one of the biggest challenges has been identifying an organisation willing to take responsibility for the memorial with a number having an interest in the site but unwilling to take a lead. At one point there was discussion about relocating the war memorial but in this case the site is highly significant. From research undertaken by a volunteer it was identified that the war memorial is sited close to the Drill Hall, built in 1882, from which the Battalion departed in August 1914 for its duties both at home and abroad.



Chenies Street war memorial (WM750) before and after works © WMT, 2017 and Just Rifles Charitable Trust, 2018

Reviewing our records it seems every Conservation Officer who has worked for the charity has engaged with, or visited, this site but the centenary of World War I gave them, and others, a new impetus. Various meetings were held from 2015 onwards leading eventually to an application from Just Rifles Charitable Trust. In 2018, a War Memorials Trust Grant Scheme offer, supported by the First World War Memorials Programme, of £4,650 assisted steam cleaning of the stone, re-pointing with lime mortar along with localised sharpening and deepening of letters with re-painting to match the original design using appropriate paint. The bronze insignia was cleaned with pumice, re-patinated and waxed to offer long-term protection. The memorial was also marked with SmartWater as part of In Memoriam 2014 to deter theft and ensure traceability.



Other cases which have taken time to progress works include [Poole Park](#) in Dorset where a Regional Volunteer highlighted concerns to the council in 2007 about the condition of their war memorial. After correspondence, site visits and extensive advice a £31,280 grant through the Grants for War Memorials scheme funded by The Wolfson Foundation towards repair and conservation works to the site was paid in 2019.

1999 saw the first concern about the lean at [Winterbourne Down](#) war memorial, Gloucestershire. Located in a churchyard the memorial has shifted over the years as the land has moved. A Conservation Officer visited in 2000 and four years later the charity learnt that monitoring by volunteers had concluded that the lean was stable. In 2012, a Regional Volunteer visited as part of a case review to get an update. In 2015, the war memorial was listed and the same year a Grants Pre-application was received. This enabled an initial grant of £570 to commission a report by a Structural Engineer which was followed by a Grants for War Memorials Scheme award of £5,400 which enabled safe dismantling of the war memorial, creation of appropriate foundations and reassembly with lime mortar pointing.

There are more of these long-term complex cases that need to be resolved. The additional centenary funding was a great help in encouraging people to act. But as we move forward we need to secure the funds to continue to assist as well as raise awareness of the responsibility within local communities to maintain our war memorials. We also recognise the commitment of those doing all this already, thank you for all your efforts to help preserve our war memorials for entire communities.

Learning

Learning Programme achievements and legacy

Although the Learning Programme in its current form has unfortunately come to an end this does not mean War Memorials Trust’s education work has stopped. In this article we will be looking at the successes of the Programme over the last eight years and the potential legacy for years to come.

Since the Learning Programme began in 2011 WMT’s Learning Officers have carried out 106 visits to schools, youth groups and education events attended by young people across the length and breadth of the UK. Through these visits almost 10,000 young people have been given the opportunity to find out more about their war memorial heritage. In addition, a further 31 sessions were carried out by Learning Volunteers who were trained as part of a Heritage Lottery Fund project in early 2014. This enabled a further 750 young people to develop their understanding of war memorials.

War Memorials Trust has had the pleasure of collaborating with a number of organisations through its Learning Programme. The popular condition survey resources (see image right) were produced in partnership with Historic England and allow young people to contribute to War Memorials Online and record the condition of their local war memorials. They also introduce them to different job roles, potentially inspiring future heritage sector professionals or traditional craftspeople. In 2015 and again in 2018-19 WMT’s Learning Officer carried out school visits in conjunction with Historic England’s Heritage Schools Programme. These visits took place in each of Historic England’s 8 regions. War Memorials Trust also delivered a series of one off ‘Engaging young people with heritage’ workshops with Civic Voice in the lead up to the end of the centenary of World War I which featured in [Bulletin 77](#). Recent feedback about the impact of these demonstrates that attendees went on to carry out local heritage and war memorial related activities with nearby schools as a result of the knowledge and skills gained through the workshops.

Alongside the visits and collaborative projects a range of resources have been created for teachers and youth group leaders to use with young people to help inspire the next generation of war memorial custodians. These can all be accessed for free through the Trust’s learning website www.learnaboutwarmemorials.org. The primary and secondary resources are also available via the Times Educational Supplement (TES) Teaching Resources website. Since being uploaded to TES these resources have been viewed on over 73,000 occasions with 50,000 downloads.

The work that has been carried out over the last 8 years and the wealth of resources available on the learning website mean that the charity’s education work is not ending but merely taking a different path. Teachers and youth group leaders will still have access to the tools they need to inspire the young people they work with to become the war memorial custodians of the future. The website www.learnaboutwarmemorials.org is home to lesson plans, helpsheets which provide the knowledge needed to teach the lessons, assemblies, project ideas as well as a showcase to show how other schools and groups of young people have engaged with their war memorial heritage.



Pupils from Cockshutt CE Primary, Shropshire looking at the war memorial in the churchyard next door to their school © M Phillips, 2019

Building Surveyors

Lettering - Which of these does the writing on your memorial most look like?

Tip! Use your fingers - rub them over the letters to see what they feel like. This may help you work out which they are, especially to find the difference between 'Leaded' & 'Painted'.

<input type="checkbox"/> Inset The letters are carved out of the stone, making a raised effect.	<input type="checkbox"/> On a plaque The letters are written on to a plaque that is fixed onto the memorial.	<input type="checkbox"/> Leaded The letters are made by casting a lead shroud, then filling it with metal.	<input type="checkbox"/> Painted The letters are put on with paint.
		<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> None
<input type="checkbox"/> Raised - Stone The letters 'stand up' from the stone so that you can feel them.	<input type="checkbox"/> Raised - Other The letters 'stand up' from the surface on which they are made.		<input type="checkbox"/> None There is no lettering.

Logos: Historic England, War Memorials Trust, etc.

What is the condition of the main type of lettering on the memorial?

Description of issue	Yes	No
Loose or missing bits of the inscription, names or letters		
Cracked or peeling bits of the inscription, names or letters		
Faded or eroded bits of the inscription, names or letters		
Weathering or abrasion of the inscription, names or letters		
Graffiti on the inscription, names or letters		
Rust on inscription, names or letters		
Red droppings on inscription, names or letters		
Soil or moss on inscription, names or letters		

Any other observations?

Examples:

Logos: Historic England, War Memorials Trust, etc.

The condition survey completed by a group of young people focusing on the inscriptions and lettering. They take on the expert role of Building Surveyors.

Learning

The lesson plans in the Primary and Secondary sections of the website cover a range of topics including what are war memorials, researching names, designing a war memorial, local case studies, centenary of World War I, World War II and memorials, and assessing the condition of war memorials. They can be used as single lessons or as part of a series of activities, perhaps during a local history topic. Teachers may choose to use the lessons during a local heritage topic or to commemorate a significant anniversary. Helpsheets, information sheets and pupils resources accompany many of these lesson plans.

The 'World War II and memorials' resources provide schools with an opportunity to explore war memorials which show how different groups of people including children, women and civilians were affected by the global conflict. With the 80th anniversary of the start of World War II this autumn and the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II in 2020 these are an excellent example of how the resources on the website remain relevant and can continue to be used by schools in the coming years.

The newest resources added to the website focus on the centenary of war memorials. Following the end of World War I in 1918 thoughts turned to how those who made the ultimate sacrifice could be remembered. This was particularly important for local communities as the government did not allow the fallen to be repatriated. One hundred years on, as we approach the centenary of when many of these war memorials were unveiled, these resources offer schools an opportunity to mark significant local anniversaries. The resources include an art unit which focuses on the architects and sculptors who designed World War I memorials and a series of drama activities which help pupils explore the types of decision which would have been made by a war memorial committee.

Within the Youth Group section of the website are a number of projects including In Memoriam 2014, War Memorials Online and war memorial maintenance which encourage young people to get involved with caring for their local war memorials. The War Memorials Online project has links to the Condition Survey resources. They provide young people with the tools required to carry out a condition survey and upload the results to War Memorials Online www.warmemorials.org.uk. These resources can also be found in the Primary and Secondary sections of the website as they are perfect for schools to use too. An e-learning module aimed at key stage 2 teachers details how to use the resources with young people.

The Showcase areas of the website highlight the work and activities which have been carried out by young people in recent years, often as part of a War Memorials Trust visit. Going forward, as a legacy of these visits, the stories can be used to provide inspiration for the types of activities which can be delivered when working with young people.

Through the website and the legacy of the Learning Programme we can ensure that our war memorial heritage continues to be preserved for future generations. If you know of a school or youth group who intend to embark on a project which involves war memorials please direct them to www.learnaboutwarmemorials.org.

The screenshot shows the War Memorials Trust website. The header features the slogan 'We will always remember' and a search bar. The navigation menu includes 'Home', 'About', 'Primary', 'Secondary', 'Youth Groups', 'Get involved', 'Contact Us', and 'Links'. The 'Secondary' section is active, displaying a list of resources on the left and a detailed view of 'World War II and memorials' on the right. The detailed view includes an introduction, a list of resources, and a photograph of a young person reading a book in front of a war memorial.

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The screenshot shows the 'Youth Groups Showcase' section of the website. It features a heading 'Youth Groups Showcase' and a sub-heading 'This section of the website gives you the chance to share your school or youth group's war memorial project with others by uploading it to our Showcase.' There is a button labeled 'Upload your own'. Below this, it states 'Here is a collection of projects that have already been shared in the Youth Groups section.' A list of showcases is displayed, with the first one being '33rd Oxford (Kidlington) Sea Scout Troop RN102, Oxfordshire'. The description for this showcase mentions a visit enquiry from the leader of the Sea Scouts in late 2018, focusing on war memorials and the local war memorial on Kidlington.

War Memorials Online

War Memorials Online developments

In the last edition of the Bulletin we mentioned that we had made a number of changes to War Memorials Online. One of those changes made was adding 'Can you help?' Requests to the website. WMT has a fantastic network of Regional Volunteers who provide invaluable support to the charity in monitoring the condition of war memorials throughout the UK, however there are some war memorials with which our RVs are unable to help. We are asking for assistance from our 5,500 War Memorials Online Contributors, and anybody who has not already registered on War Memorials Online, to help us find out more about war memorials across the UK.

There are three types of Can you help? Requests; Post grant condition surveys, Current condition survey and photos and Information about missing war memorials. With post grant condition surveys and current condition survey and photos requests, we are asking volunteers to visit the war memorial in question and take photos and provide a condition update. There are four levels of condition; Good, Fair, Poor and Very bad and helpsheets are available on the website to help you decide which level to choose. Alternatively, you can contact us to discuss. There are also a number of war memorials that are missing due to buildings closures etc. and we require someone with local knowledge to help us out. You may be aware that the memorial has been relocated somewhere else or can get to local sources of information.

If you think you could help, search for Can you help? Requests near you on the memorials page, www.warmemorialsonline.org/search/. Using the location search you can type in your postcode and the radius you are willing to travel, e.g. 5 miles. You can then filter your results, by selecting, 'Can you help?' under condition. Click the yellow 'Filter Results' button and the results will appear on a map. Can you help? Requests will also appear in other searches and will be highlighted by a mustard pin with a question mark in it.



Following on from the work to develop the Can you help? Facility the new phase of development is the Grants Pre-application form. As the Trust aims to streamline our activities in the post centenary period we need to make workloads more manageable for staff and processes more straightforward and consistent for users, we are going to be using War Memorials Online more. To start, we want to make the grants process simpler and have decided to move the Pre-application stage, previously an electronic form sent in by email or a paper form sent in the post, to War Memorials Online. This will have a number of benefits, firstly grant applicants whose projects are definitely not eligible for funding (new war memorials, memorials under 30 years old etc.) will know straight away. It will also direct grant applicants to all the relevant information they will need for their application, save staff time in processing applications and having to chase missing information or clarify requests.

If you are interested in applying for funding or know a memorial custodian or group who are, please visit www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk and search for the relevant war memorial record. On the grants tab, select 'Apply for funding' and you will be able to go through the form. We appreciate that not everyone feels fully computer-literate but the form is a simple series of questions which will act as a checklist for whether a project is eligible. Following submission of this online form staff will be able to provide a quicker response as we will be focusing on assessing the case rather than administering an email or paper form which, with staff now based around the UK often have to be scanned/saved in London before being accessible. We hope that everyone will find the new system easier to use, but if you have any questions you can contact us. Please call 020 7233 7356 or email us on grants@warmemorials.org.



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 get 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 as well as supporting and assisting with ongoing Trust projects, such as War Memorials Online and In Memoriam 2014.

At present we have a moratorium on recruiting new RVs due to the strategic changes as the charity adapts to life after the centenary of World War I. However, anyone interested in volunteering can still do so by getting involved with War Memorials Online. Just register and start contributing information - remember we want this to become a record of war memorials over time so annual visits to record condition each year are invaluable and ensuring all war memorials are recorded is the ultimate aim.

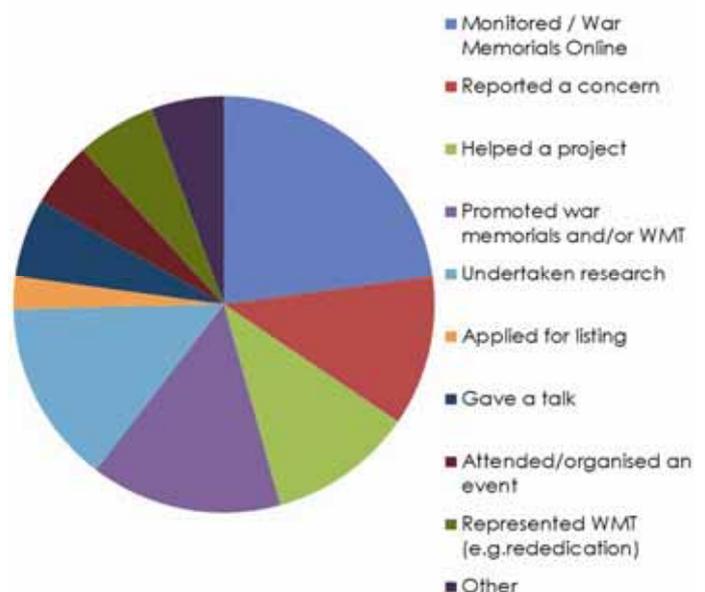
Regional Volunteer activity in 2018

During the final year of national commemorations of World War I our RVs were again incredibly active. We thank them for all for their efforts to support the protection and conservation of war memorials in the UK. This report summarises some of the activity and also RV feedback on training and their role which will be fed into War Memorials Trust's future planning.

41% of RVs responded to the annual survey, a fall from 2017. Their reports indicated they had completed 2,113 activities between them. That meant each responding RV undertook an average of 38 activities through the year, of which 22 were focused on monitoring war memorials.

Monitoring is the most popular activity and one which almost all RVs indicate they do. It means RVs are focussed on WMT's primary interest, the condition of our war memorial heritage. Increasingly this activity is being recorded on War Memorials Online ensuring it is publically available and that the efforts of custodians cherishing their war memorials are recognised alongside spotting those war memorials in Poor and Very bad condition. With War Memorials Online RVs are able to manage their volunteering to suit the time they have available. They can use War Memorials Online to identify war memorials in their area, via the location search, for which there is no condition level given or which has not been recently updated to be pro-active in their contributions enabling them to help build a better picture of the condition of war memorials across the country. Going forward they will also be able to use the Can you help? option discussed on page 12 to identify war memorials with which staff would welcome some assistance.

2018 Regional Volunteer activities



During the year RVs gave 3,730 hours worth of time to support the Trust's work which was an increase on 2017. Based on the Heritage Lottery Fund model which 'values' volunteer time at £50 per day, in 2018 RVs contributed £26,645 worth of time compared to £23,775 the previous year which is greatly appreciated. Considering training, War Memorials Online was the only area of our work which had a greater than 20% level of interest which will assist us as we plan future events across the country in the years ahead.

Get involved

Direct mail

War Memorials Trust is immeasurably grateful to our supporters who gave to our direct mail campaigns last year which raised a total of £71,915. This is a wonderful achievement and thank you to all who donated. 2018 was an exceptional year as it marked the culmination of the World War I centenary commemorations. We, therefore, felt it was appropriate to send out two direct mail campaigns. However, we will be reverting to one per year as we go forward with our more limited resources.

The 2019 direct mail campaign will be sent in the last week of June to co-incide with the centenary of the signing of the Treaty of Versailles, the most important of the peace treaties which brought about the end of World War I. During 1919 many communities throughout the UK formed committees to decide how the fallen of that conflict should be remembered. This resulted in some 66,000 war memorials created in the years following World War I: a unique moment of commemoration.

By contributing to our 2019 direct mail you can ensure that these war memorials are well cared for and that the names of those commemorated on them "Liveth for evermore". The campaign being launched will cover a three-year period with the opportunity to donate by standing order to reduce administrative costs if that is something you can consider.

Life subscription rate

As noted in the Message from Director in February's Bulletin, War Memorials Trust has increased the subscription rate for life membership from 1st April 2019. The new rates will be £250 for individual life membership and £350 for joint life membership.

The coming years are likely to be a busy time for the charity. Two-thirds of the UK's 100,000 war memorials were built in the years immediately following World War I and many will mark their own centenaries between 2019-22. War memorials such as [Whitchurch](#) in Oxfordshire, unveiled in 1921, which received a grant of £3,450 in 2016. This period also sees significant anniversaries relating to the Boer War, World War II, the Korean War, the Falklands War and the first Gulf War. These factors combined are likely to result in a sustained high demand for the charity's grants and advice. War Memorials Trust is dependent on the support of its members to continue its work and we hope you will consider becoming a life member if you are not already.



Whitchurch, Oxfordshire (WM9213)
courtesy Goring Heath Parish Council

Merchandise

War Memorials Trust has a small range of merchandise, sales of which go directly to support our work to protect and conserve the UK's war memorials. You can purchase these using the form on pages 15-16 or at www.warmemorials.org/shop.

Pens and pencils are discreetly branded with War Memorials Trust details. A pack of 3 pens costs £4 whilst 5 pencils cost £2 both include p&p.

War Memorials Trust's tote bags display the charity logo on one side making them a great way to raise awareness of our work. They measure 38cm x 42cm (15in x 16.5in). They should be washed and tumble dried at 30 degrees Celsius. The bags cost £5 each including p&p.

Every purchase makes an important contribution to WMT's work.





Get involved

To place an order, join the Trust or make a donation please complete the details on the form on pages 15-16, detach and send to:

Frances Moreton, Director
War Memorials Trust
1st Floor, 14 Buckingham Palace Road
London SW1W 0QP

Thank you

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	Ticket for Professor Sir Hew Strachan talk on Monday 15 th November - New WMT member £25 (ticket price includes Annual Membership and entrance - please provide new member details on extra sheet of paper)	
	Set of 3 Trust pens at £4 (inc. p&p)	
	Set of 5 Trust pencils at £2 (inc. p&p)	
	Tote bag at £5 each (inc p&p)	
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