

Appendix to News statement

War Memorials Trust reports on cases of theft and vandalism to war memorials associated with war memorials during 2022-23



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The following are war memorials that War Memorials Trust is aware have been subject to attempted theft, theft or vandalism such as graffiti during the 2022-23. Cases are listed by country then county and links to press reports are given where available to provide further information. Occasionally cases may not be included if there are issues around confidentiality or criminal proceedings.

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England

County	Location	War Memorials Online	Nature of incident	Date of incident	Further details of story
Cheshire	Sandbach	Sandbach WMO/ 131079 (WM7719)	Anti-social behaviour – wreath and wooden cross damage	Feb 2023	BBC Cheshire Police
County Durham	Shildon	Shildon WMO/ 173943 (WM486)	Vandalism – vehicle damage	Oct 2022	Custodians requested advice
Cumbria	Kirkby Stephen	Kirkby Stephen Civic Memorial WMO/ 182732 (WM11493)	Anti-social behaviour – litter	Jun 2022	Daily Mirror Daily Mail
Cumbria	Penrith	Penrith Arch WMO/ 119540 (WM4358)	Vandalism - arson	Aug 2022	Custodians requested advice
Derbyshire	Derby	Allenton/Shelton Lock WMO/ 189134 (WM5436)	Anti-social behaviour near a war memorial – bench damaged by a BBQ	Apr 2022	Metro

Derbyshire	Woodthorpe	Woodthorpe WMO/ 175683 (WM1759)	Vandalism – drunk driver crashed into memorial	Jun 2022	Derbyshire Times
Derbyshire	Derby	Derby (Midland Railway Cenotaph) WMO/ 122731 (WM4107)	Vandalism – driver crashed into memorial following police pursuit	Aug 2022	Derbyshire Live
East Sussex	Hailsham	Hailsham WMO/ 185437 (WM5876)	Anti-social behaviour around war memorial	Jun 2022	Sussex World
Greater London	Havering	Hornchurch WMO/ 208508 (WM9441)	Vandalism – damage to stone step	May 2022	Romford Recorder
Greater Manchester	Manchester	J and N Philipps WW1 and WW2 WMO/ 190802 (WM3332)	Graffiti	Jun 2022	Manchester Evening News
Greater Manchester	Standish	Standish Pillar WMO/ 105483 (WM733)	Vandalism – vehicle damage	Oct 2022	Manchester Evening News
Kent	Chatham	CWGC Chatham Naval Memorial WMO/ 93080 (WM1859)	Graffiti	Oct 2022	Kent Live
Lincolnshire	Spalding	Spalding WMO/ 151043 (WM6530)	Graffiti	Jun 2022	Spalding Today
London	Marylebone	Marylebone (Church of the Annunciation calvary) WMO/ 105627 (WM1954)	Graffiti	Jul 2022	Custodians requested advice
London	Mitcham	Mitcham WMO/ 134315 (WM7030)	Theft - bronze swords	Jul 2022	My London

Norfolk	Dereham	Dereham WWII Ginkgo Tree WMO/ 294608 (WM12630)	Vandalism – damage	Feb 2023	Dereham Times
Norfolk	Norwich	Norwich Boer War WMO/ 174779 (WM6696)	Graffiti	Nov 2022	Eastern Daily Press
Norfolk	Norwich	Citizens of Norwich WMO/ 103824 (WM2159)	Graffiti	Feb 2023	Eastern Daily Press
Suffolk	Herringswell	Herringswell WMO/ 118147 (WM1807)	Vandalism – vehicle damage	Dec 2022	Suffolk News
West Yorkshire	Ilkley	Ilkley WMO/ 197927 (WM4495)	Graffiti	Oct 2022	Via Twitter
Worcestershire	Redditch	Beoley Centenary WMO/ 290965	Graffiti	June 2022	Redditch Advertiser

Northern Ireland

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County Derry	Derry / Londonderry	Londonderry WMO/ 153462 (WM6036)	Anti-social behaviour – wreaths	Aug 2022	BBC News Belfast Telegraph
County Down	Kilkeel	NI Citizens Memorial (assumed) WMO/ 246620	Anti-social behaviour – wreaths	Oct 2022	The Irish News
County Tyrone	Stewartstown	Stewartstown WMO/ 159707	Vandalism – floral tributes set on fire	May 2022	Belfast Telegraph

Scotland

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Dumfriesshire	Lochmaben	Lochmaben WMO/ 160636 (WM12508)	Vandalism - Damaged by vehicle	Jul 2022	DnG24
Edinburgh	Edinburgh	Edinburgh City Chambers WMO/ 132607 (WM486)	Vandalism – wreaths set on fire	Nov 2022	BBC
Lanarkshire	Glasgow	Glasgow Cenotaph WMO/ 101074 (WM706)	Graffiti	Jul 2022	Glasgow Evening Times

Wales

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Flintshire	Buckley	Hawkesbury WMO/ 271201 (WM11854)	Graffiti	Nov 2022	BBC
Gwynedd	Bangor	Bangor WMO/ 106548 (WM1963)	Anti-social behaviour – people seen kicking the memorial	Jan 2023	Daily Post