



Friends of War Memorials

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English Heritage + Friends of War Memorials + Countryside Agency

English Heritage are to assist the refurbishment and rescue of listed War Memorials in conservation areas - with our help.

ENGLISH HERITAGE has set aside an extra £100,000 a year for 2 years towards a partnership scheme with **FoWM** for the repair and restoration of grade I and II listed War Memorials in conservation areas.

We know from our own research that many memorials require relatively small sums to restore, so we expect to be able to assist a large number. The scheme will commence in April and will be run by the Friends to guidelines and criteria agreed with English Heritage. Bids for funding will require an architect's or conservator's report to ensure high technical standards of repair. English Heritage is funding with **FoWM** and **Esmee Fairbairn Charitable Trust**, the appointment of Margaret Goodall as Conservation Officer.

Margaret will be responsible for providing professional guidance and technical advice on all aspects of care and conservation. **English Heritage** will encourage local authorities to fund the care and repair of War Memorials in their own areas.

Under the War Memorials (Local Authorities Powers) Act 1923, as amended by the Local Government Act 1946, local authorities are empowered to grant aid to War Memorials if they wish. Many Parish councils have already got cracking.

The Countryside Agency in a ten year rolling programme are to include War Memorials in local 'regeneration' schemes with our help.

All War Memorials may be eligible for funding through a new joint scheme run by the **COUNTRYSIDE AGENCY** with the help of the Heritage Lottery Fund, commencing in January 2000.

However, each area will need to submit a plan covering a number of features - which may include War Memorials -but must be very broadly based.

This initiative will run for 10 years. Therefore Conservation Committee's seeking funds will have time for very detailed submission, as it may take a year or two to come to fruition.

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The **Halifax Plc** has been particularly supportive of **FoWM** and we hope that other companies will participate in local projects. Companies will have an important role to play in their local communities by sponsoring restoration work. Companies wishing to receive details should contact **FoWM** at the above address.

NOTICE OF E-MAIL ADDRESS CHANGE

Please note our new e-mail address:

fowm@eidosnet.co.uk

CRIMESTOPPERS

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*The Imperial War Museum needs more help with Nick Hewitt's Inventory in Tyne-Wear, NW, Midlands, Glos, SE, Lincs, Cornwall and Greater London.
Tel: 0171 416 5353.*

The Royal British Legion are forwarding any enquiries concerning Memorials at risk to us.

The Gallipoli and Western Front Associations are our allies.

The West Sussex Probation Service with Carol Jones and David Scott are the centre of a Nationwide network of community action teams tackling the restoration and smartening up of Memorials. We are involved with them.

THREE DANGERS - MEMORIALS AT RISK

*Traditionally understood War Memorials are at risk
- Being Vandalised, eroded or just being neglected.*

Rolls of Honour and plaques are being vandalised, disposed of, or thrown away or destroyed.

Some names have been omitted others are not being added to existing War Memorials. Some new Memorials need to be commissioned.

Friends of War Memorials Maritime Division - Rev. Andrew Phillips looks after War Graves under the sea. He has been tireless in his efforts, pushing forward for legislative changes. He is succeeding.

Commander Josh Cosnett oversees the very necessary FoWM's National Heritage Memorial Hospital Trust.

The Scottish War Memorial Group is efficiently run by Tony Martin.

Public Monument and Sculptures Association keep us in constant touch with their national activities.

As a trustee he will continue to work closely with us and Historic Scotland.

*The Commonwealth War Graves Commission, whose web-site 'Debt of Honour Register' is invaluable.

www.cwgc.org*

The Railway Heritage Trust in conjunction with the Transport Trust continue to monitor their Memorials, at stations and offices around the country.

The Halifax Plc have generously offered to renew grants for War Memorials. They have already contributed to the restoration of over 50 memorials in all parts of the UK.

The Burma Star Association, our generous landlords and various regimental groups are in constant touch.

S.A.L.V.O., the architectural antique association help us.

The Church Lads & Church Girls Brigade are to provide FoWM with volunteer assistance, in the future. They work with our own regional volunteer Michael Brand of Barnsley.

Pen & Sword Books Ltd are always ready to help.

Our new e-mail address is:

fowm@eidosnet.co.uk

UNIQUE!

Maggie Goodall is our new Conservation Officer. She will be the only person devoting their total attention to War Memorials (as opposed to War Graves). She joins us from the Victorian Society where she was Churches Casework Officer. Maggie studied History & History of Architecture at Oxford, (BA) and took MSocSc in Heritage and Management at Ironbridge. With her background in historical architecture and heritage she is well-placed to take forward the diverse conservation work of FoWM, including giving advice and co-ordinating the grant aid offered under the new initiatives, which she describes as "very timely, given that we are about to pass the psychological marker of not only a new century but a new millenium, when it is important to take practical steps to safeguard the future of War Memorials, as an irreplaceable facet of our heritage."



Maggie Goodall -
Conservation Officer



Joanne Ayers -
Fundraising Manager

THE ONE AND ONLY!

Joanne Ayers, our Fundraising Manager has been busy keeping the office running smoothly, since her return from Albania last August, where she worked with Kosova refugees and street children. "The Dunkirk to the Somme Bike Ride has received an encouraging response from the public", Joanne said. "And we look forward very much to the event, next summer." Joanne writes professionally for the 'Mail on Sunday' and other publications.

DUNKIRK TO THE SOMME BIKE RIDE

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