

We still remember



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Starts

War Memorials Trust (WMT) and the Imperial War Museums (IWM) are working in partnership, with the financial support of English Heritage (EH), to develop a single integrated web resource to facilitate access to wide ranging data on war memorials in the UK. It is intended that this resource will be interactive and an important tool in encouraging greater public engagement with our war memorial heritage, particularly as we approach the centenary of World War I. It will incorporate condition information which should help WMT operate more efficiently. The project has a working title of 'We still remember'.

At present the partners are working with IT consultants who are undertaking an independent assessment of how to deliver this project. Current data sources and the aims and objectives of partners, funders and wider users will be considered. A number of other organisations are being consulted about the project including many of those involved with the War Memorials Action Group convened by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The partners anticipate a decision on the next steps in mid-May 2012. Subsequent to that decision further information will be made available on how the project will move forward and the contributions sought to help transform the idea into a reality. We are unable to be more precise at present as we do not want to pre-empt the independent assessment.

This project is important to War Memorials Trust as improved information on war memorials will provide the charity with a better understanding of the war memorials we are seeking to protect. The condition information will help us identify future demand for our advice and grant schemes. To help develop this project War Memorials Trust will be seeking specific funding to help deliver aspects of the work alongside the funding available from English Heritage and the resources available to the project from the Imperial War Museums through the UK National Inventory of War Memorials. Our forthcoming direct mail to members will seek support for this project and other funding avenues will be explored.

Ends

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