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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 are:

£20 annual member;  
£30 joint annual member and  
£100 for a lifetime subscription.

### Grant schemes

War Memorials Trust administers three grant schemes for the conservation and repair of war memorials in the UK.



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Between them, these schemes cover the whole of the UK and all types of war memorials. Details on each scheme are available at [www.warmemorials.org/grants](http://www.warmemorials.org/grants) or by contacting the Conservation Team on 020 7233 7356 or 0300 123 0764 or [conservation@warmemorials.org](mailto:conservation@warmemorials.org).

For enquiries about eligibility for funding an 'Expression of interest' form should be completed in the first instance. This form allows the Conservation Team to identify the type of memorial, the nature of the project and the project costs to determine which grant scheme is most appropriate. They can then provide the relevant application documents. The 'Expression of interest' form can be downloaded at [www.warmemorials.org/grants](http://www.warmemorials.org/grants) or obtained from the Conservation Team.

**Please note that projects cannot be funded retrospectively.**

## Message from the Director

Dear supporters,

This month marks War Memorials Trust's 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We have come a long way since the early days as Friends of War Memorials. The Trust is now the focal point for war memorial conservation issues and a key player in the emerging war memorial projects being discussed as we approach the centenary of World War I. To keep pace with the growing demands for help the charity is delighted to welcome Andrea Levin as a new member of the Conservation Team. Turn to page 4 to find out more about the seventh member of the Team. This progress is only possible because of our supporters and we thank you all for your many contributions, in different ways, to help protect and conserve war memorials.

In July the Trust's AGM will take place and we hope you will be able to join us. Further details can be found on page 5 and enclosed with this Bulletin is a letter of invitation alongside an extract of the Annual Report and Accounts for 2011. Full copies of the report will be available at the AGM, can be found on our website at [www.warmemorials.org/financials](http://www.warmemorials.org/financials) or are available on request. Please contact us on the details on page 2 if you would like us to send you a copy. We have also scheduled another event for later in the year with our first conference for War Memorials Officers planned for September. Details have been sent to all War Memorials Officers and we hope many of them will be able to join us for the event.

You may recall the February Bulletin front cover featured the Carshalton war memorial which suffered damage when metal plaques were ripped from the memorial. A temporary solution was used at the Remembrance service in November 2011 with wooden panels carrying the names. Subsequently work was done on the memorial over the winter and it was rededicated on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2012. At this service the new look war memorial was unveiled. Rather than replacing the metal plaques the decision was made to return to the original style. When the plaques were stolen it was clear that originally the names had been engraved into the stone and the custodians determined to revert to this style. War Memorials Trust was involved in discussions about appropriate works but due to a donation from a local scrap metal merchant, Stuart Nebbett, no grant funds were sought. A photograph of the restored memorial is shown right.



Carshalton war memorial after restoration © WMT, 2012

The memorial featured on the front page of this issue is the Grade II listed Ripon war memorial, located in Ripon Spa Gardens and Spa Park, North Yorkshire. In 2011, the Trust gave a grant of £650 towards the specialist cleaning of the stonework and bronzework as well as its re-patination. The image is from the Friends of Spa Garden and Spa Park.

In order to support projects such as this it is vital the charity can raise funds. In April significant tax changes were introduced to encourage legacy giving which we hope will encourage people to give more to charities, including War Memorials Trust. Page 14 carries further details of how leaving a legacy can reduce inheritance tax. You may also have read about changes to Gift Aid recently. In light of these the charity has revised its declaration according to new guidelines. We are also monitoring the debate around tax relief on charitable donations. We do not benefit from some of the huge donations received by many of the larger organisations leading the campaign on this issue but it is important that we are aware of the discussion and contribute where we can.

And finally, here at the office we are gearing up for the busy summer ahead for London. Being located so close to Buckingham Palace we are expecting to notice the upsurge in tourists around the capital due to the Jubilee and Olympics. We will be taking the advice being given to companies in London and looking at staffing levels during the Olympics. If you are trying to contact us during that time please note there may be fewer staff based in the office with some working from home and others out and about on site visits around the country.

Best wishes,  
Frances

## War Memorials Trust news

### Introducing Andrea Levin



Conservation Officer Andrea Levin  
© Andrea Levin, 2012

I started as a Conservation Officer at the Trust in March 2012. Before this I spent six months trekking, horse-riding and travelling through South America. I studied Town Planning at Newcastle University and began my career as a Heritage Officer for Wiltshire Council in 2007. I moved to London in 2009 and worked for the Royal Borough of Kingston-upon-Thames Council in their Planning Department.

I have a passion for conservation of the historic environment, and I am very keen to continue to expand upon my knowledge of preservation, historic repair and conservation techniques with the Trust. I believe that commemorative structures are a key feature of our country's architectural and social history and the role of War Memorials Trust is crucial in safeguarding the future of war memorials in both their social and historic context through providing expert advice in the promotion of memorial upkeep and maintenance. I am very excited to be part of this valuable organisation.

### War Memorials Officer conference and In Memoriam 2014 update

War Memorials Trust is delighted to announce that in September it will be holding its first conference for War Memorials Officers. With around 250 War Memorials Officers now registered across the country we feel the time is right to bring people together to share ideas, experience and best practice to help develop and support a network across the country. The event will be led by War Memorials Trust with guest speakers from different organisations contributing to discussions about many of the key war memorial issues. Details were recently distributed to War Memorials Officers and we look forward to meeting many of them later this year.

In Memoriam 2014 is our other key project which is going from strength to strength. War Memorials Officers are some of the many taking advantage of the opportunity to protect memorials at risk of theft or damage by marking them with a forensic liquid called SmartWater. SmartWater is available free of charge to war memorial custodians and applications can be made at: [www.inmemoriam2014.org](http://www.inmemoriam2014.org).



### Introducing Kevin Redgate

I started volunteering with the Trust as an Office Volunteer in September 2011.

I retired from the Royal Air Force in May 2011 after 31 years service, during which time I served throughout north-west, central and southern Europe, and in the Falkland Islands, Iraq and Afghanistan. My final role, since August 2004, was as a Media Operations Specialist, which I continue to be active in as a member of the Territorial Army. I have had a lifelong interest in military history and am currently studying for a BA degree in Archaeology by distance learning with the University of Leicester.

My current role as an Office Volunteer at the Trust involves assisting the Conservation Team by transferring data from the charity's paper records to the conservation database and writing-up repair and conservation cases funded by the Small Grants Scheme for the Grants Showcase on the Trust's website.



Trust Office Volunteer Kevin Redgate © Kevin Redgate, 2012

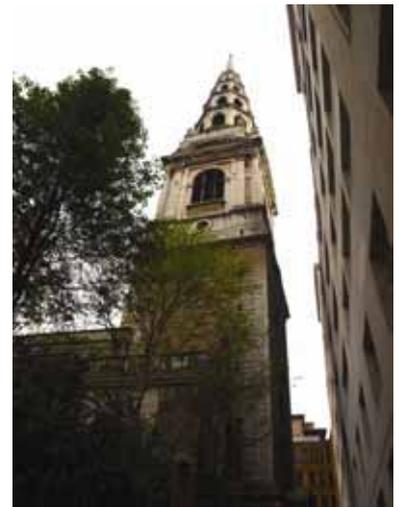
## War Memorials Trust news

### War Memorials Trust AGM and tour: 9<sup>th</sup> July

This year, War Memorials Trust's AGM will take place on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July. Starting at 1.30pm, it will be held in Bridewell Hall at the St Bride Foundation, Bride Lane, London. Full details can be found on the enclosed letter of invitation which is accompanied by an extract of the Annual Report and Accounts.

If you are planning to attend the AGM, we would be very grateful if you could RSVP using the reply slip or email [info@warmemorials.org](mailto:info@warmemorials.org). There is no need to advise the Trust if you are unable to attend.

Prior to the AGM, the Trust has arranged a guided tour around St Bride's Church, next to the AGM venue. This will start at 11am and will take approximately 1.5 hours. St Bride's Church is located in the City of London and there has been a church on the site since the 6<sup>th</sup> century. It was famously redesigned by Sir Christopher Wren in 1672 after the Great Fire of London had destroyed the Church, and the current building was restored by architect Geoffrey Allen after it was damaged during the Blitz. It is known as the 'Church of the Fleet Street press' due to its close association with the media, and has several war memorials as well as a shrine in memory of journalists who have lost their lives working in conflicts. The tour will include a visit to the crypts, which were discovered after the church was bombed during World War II.



St Bride's Church in the City of London © WMT, 2012

Tickets for the tour must be booked in advance as places are limited and cost £6 each. To reserve your place, please return the reply slip attached to the AGM invitation letter with your payment. Alternatively, contact the office on 020 7834 0200 or 0300 123 0764 or email [info@warmemorials.org](mailto:info@warmemorials.org).

### We still remember

War Memorials Trust and the Imperial War Museums are working in partnership, with the financial support of English Heritage, 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 the Trust to 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.

## Conservation news

### War memorials and VAT

There have been a number of developments in the past few months regarding VAT and in some cases these will impact war memorials directly when repair, conservation or projects for alterations are undertaken. We have outlined the two main changes which we feel may impact those planning to undertake war memorial projects:

**Memorials Grant Scheme** - The scheme administered by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport is currently confirmed until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015. The scheme returns, as a grant, the VAT incurred by charities or faith groups exempt from the need to register as charities in building, repairing or maintaining public memorial structures.

Previously, claims under this scheme were considered by ongoing assessment, but as of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012 this has changed. There are now quarterly fixed budgets for the scheme and so payments will be made once a quarter. The payable rate will depend on the value of eligible claims received in that quarter, with each claim attracting a fair pro-rata payment. Please see the website for further details: [www.memorialgrant.org.uk](http://www.memorialgrant.org.uk).

In regards to the assessment of grants administered by War Memorials Trust, in calculating eligible grant costs, we will continue to assume that eligible applicants can reclaim their VAT costs under the scheme and therefore exclude VAT from eligible costs. We are unable to increase grant awards if it is subsequently not possible to reclaim the full VAT.

**Budget 2012** - In the budget announcement in March there was the inclusion of an item relating to approved alterations to protected buildings (listed or scheduled). Previously zero rated, these works will be taxed at 20% in line with repair and maintenance works from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2012. Due to the specific definition as to what a listed building is for tax purposes, we do not anticipate the impact of this alteration will be far-reaching for war memorials but it is likely to affect cases such as listed war memorial halls which are introducing new facilities.

### War Memorials Trust landscaping guidance

We are delighted to announce that thanks to a grant from English Heritage, War Memorials Trust will shortly have guidance dedicated specifically to memorial landscapes and landscaping around memorials and their maintenance. The timing of this guidance is poignant as we anticipate many projects undertaken around the centenary of World War I will include the landscaping of a memorial; this guidance will be a key source of advice and best practice to those embarking on such projects.

When reviewing the Trust's range of guidance and specialist knowledge it was clear that landscaping was an area which required further attention to ensure that we can provide the best advice to custodians and members of the public for all memorial issues. The range of memorial landscapes can be very varied and the issues facing these memorials are just as varied.

The guidance will highlight the importance of such types of memorials so further consideration is given to their treatment and symbolism as well as giving practical advice on maintenance and appropriate treatment of features in historic landscapes. We aim to have the guidance launched at this year's AGM in July so watch this space! The Trust is very grateful for English Heritage's support in ensuring this important guidance is possible.

War Memorials Trust gratefully acknowledges the support of English Heritage and Clore Duffield Foundation for its Conservation Programme.



## Conservation review

### Grant scheme statistics 2011

In reflection of the Trust's grant activities the following is a breakdown of the grants offered by the charity in the financial year 2011 (January - December for the Small Grants Scheme and the Small Grants Scheme in Scotland and April 2011 - March 2012 for the Grants for War Memorials).

#### Small Grants Scheme and Small Grants Scheme in Scotland

**Number of applications submitted:** 61 (2010: 98)  
**Number of grant offers made:** 57 (2010: 74)  
**Total grants offered value:** £73,526 (2010: £75,758)



**Number of grant offers per county:** England: *Buckinghamshire 2; Cheshire 2; Cornwall 1; Derbyshire 1; Devon 1; Dorset 1; East Riding of Yorkshire 3; Essex 4; Gloucestershire 2; Hampshire 4; Herefordshire 3; Kent 2; Lancashire 3; Lincolnshire 3; London-Hillingdon 1; London-Newham 1; Manchester 1; Norfolk 1; North Yorkshire 6; Northamptonshire 2; Northumberland 1; Oxfordshire 1; Shropshire 2; Somerset 1; Suffolk 1; West Midlands 1; Wiltshire 1.* Scotland: *Fife 1 (Small Grants Scheme in Scotland); Moray 1 (Small Grants Scheme in Scotland); Western Isles 1.* Wales: *Glamorgan 1; Powys 1.*

In December 2010, the charity's Trustees agreed in principle to larger grants (in excess of £2,500) to be offered under the Small Grants Scheme to those projects in need of additional funding but which are not eligible for the larger grants available under the Grants for War Memorials scheme or the Small Grants Scheme in Scotland (i.e. non-freestanding memorials and those in Wales). The Conservation Officers use their discretion to propose candidates for larger grants. We are pleased to announce that the first recipient of a larger grant under the Small Grants Scheme is the memorial window located in Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Castlebay on the Isle of Barra in the Western Isles of Scotland (WM5039). Further details of this project are on page 8.

#### Grants for War Memorials scheme

**Number of applications submitted:** 14 (2010/11: 15)  
**Number of grant offers made:** 9 (2010/11: 10)  
**Total grants offered value:** £50,426 (2010/11: £101,601)



**Number of grant offers per county:** *County Durham 1; Cumbria 1; Dorset 2; Kent 1; Lancashire 1; Lincolnshire 1; Oxfordshire 1; West Yorkshire 2.*

The Trust has seen a significant increase in the number of funding enquiries received this year as the average number of 'Expression of interest' forms received have almost doubled compared to last year. This upsurge could be in response to the large amount of publicity War Memorials Trust received around Remembrance Sunday last year. In 2011, on average 17 'Expression of interest' forms were received per month. So far the average in 2012 is 32 forms per month.



#### Then and now

As 2012 marks the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Trust, it is interesting to look back on our grant work over the years. For example, in 1998 £2,950 was offered to 17 projects, compared to the £73,526 offered to 57 projects last year.

Since 1998, a total of 715 grant offers have been awarded under the Small Grants Scheme and Small Grants Scheme in Scotland, with the amount of grants equalling £511,928. Since 2000, the Grants for War Memorials scheme has offered 244 grants totalling £726,587. Overall, this means a grand total grant spend of £1,238,515!

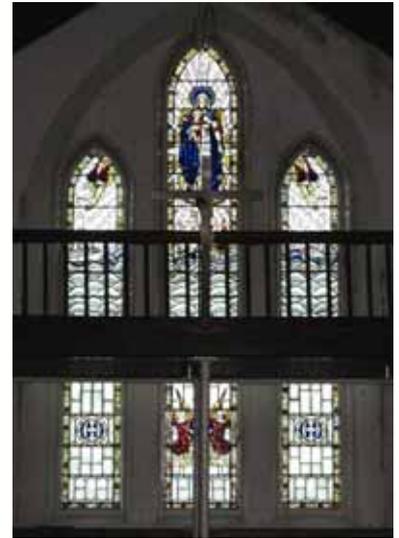
## Conservation review

### War memorials and places of worship

It is intriguing to consider the choice of memorials in a religious context as this can provide an insight into the community at the time and the role of a place of worship at a local level. It is interesting to consider why a community chose a particular type of memorial: a memorial chapel or rood screen; the functional clock, organ or bells; the decorative panelling or the sombre cross or calvary. This article will look at grants offered by the Trust in 2011 to memorials in churches or their grounds.

The work of the Trust in relation to places of worship is as varied as the memorials themselves. Our casework is often centred on the normal challenges facing these buildings: securing futures for memorials in redundant buildings or those up for sale or development; tackling metal theft; ensuring appropriate works are undertaken; and assisting communities with a limited, or no, budget.

Through the Trust's work, in addition to the names of those commemorated on the memorial, one can appreciate the wide range of memorials chosen for places of worship across the country and why they are such an integral part of these buildings, their history and the nation's heritage as a whole and why they deserve our attention and care.



Our Lady Star of the Sea memorial window © Benjamin Tindall Architects, 2011

In 2011, the Trust offered a grant of £10,000 through the Small Grants Scheme towards the specialist cleaning and repairs of a stained glass window made by the John Hardman Studios for Our Lady Star of the Sea Roman Catholic Church, Castlebay, Isle of Barra on the Western Isles of Scotland (WM5039). The memorial was paid for from the separation allowance of those in the Royal Navy and Merchant Navy. The imagery in the window reflects the importance of the sea to this coastal parish as various war ships from across the ages are depicted. Despite only being installed after World War II, this memorial window has suffered significantly from the weather due to its exposed location.

Timber features within churches can be vulnerable to deterioration from two main causes: damp and insects. In St Barnabas' Church in Heigham, Norfolk, there is beautifully decorated memorial panelling consisting of a large central panel and side wings in the style of a triptych with classical detailing (WM3725). Inscriptions for World War I, World War II and civilian casualties are gilt, as are carved detailing. The memorial was suffering from a woodworm infestation as well as shrinkage of some of the boards. Therefore, in 2011 the Trust gave a grant of £387 towards the cleaning of the memorial, re-fitting of the panels and treatment of the woodworm.



St Barnabas' Church memorial panelling © St Barnabas' PCC, 2010

In St Margaret's Churchyard, Hollinwood, Greater Manchester, stands elegantly carved stone panels (WM109). The large number of World War I and World War II names are carved within recesses into the sandstone panels on the side of the Church which could be considered to be in the style of windows found in churches as there is also carved tracery. In front of the panels stands a granite cross with a general dedication. The memorial was suffering from typical sandstone deterioration where the face of the stone detaches and comes away; in places this was so severe that names had been lost. In 2011 the Trust offered a grant of £308 towards the necessary stone repairs which included removal of the deteriorated sections of stone and replacement in matching stone with the names carved by hand as original. In areas of stone deterioration which were beyond repair stone indents were used so as to retain the maximum amount of sound original fabric as possible.

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St Margaret's Church memorial cross © St Margaret's Church, 2011

These three grant cases show us the way in which war memorials have been designed and assimilated within churches to be harmonious with existing styles and decorative features we are familiar with seeing in churches.

A more functional example of a war memorial is in Holy Trinity and St Paul's Church, Northampton, which takes the form of a clock face on each side of the Church's tower (WM4219). There is an associated plaque which reads: "The clock in this tower was presented by George Frederick and Mary Ann Allinson in loving memory of those who gave their lives for their country in the Great War 1914-1918 and in gratitude for those



One face of the Holy Trinity and St Paul's Church memorial clock © Marilyn Clements, 2010

who safely returned. 'Lord God of hosts be with us yet.' Lest we forget." Since the 1990s the clock had not been working and remedial works had not been successful so the Trust gave a grant of £2,119 towards the electrification of the clock. Due to the importance of the original clock mechanism, this has been retained in-situ.

At St Mary's Church, Framdsen, Suffolk, one finds more of a 'traditional' memorial with a limestone pillar on a stepped-base (WM4690). Inscriptions are carved into the stone and there is also a cross and wreath carved in relief. Due to the colonisation of the memorial by biological growth and the fading of the inscriptions the names on the memorial could not be read so the Trust offered a grant of £550 towards cleaning of the memorial, re-pointing, re-cutting illegible inscriptions and painting the lettering.

What this work has made apparent is the number of surnames which have multiple entries on the memorial and therefore makes one consider what impact this must of had on the community. Of the World War I names the surnames Costling, Parker and Woods all have two entries; the surname Moss appears three times; and the surname Bayles is mentioned under the casualties for both World Wars.



St Mary's Church memorial pillar © David Whitmore, 2012



St Barnabas' Church memorial calvary © Alan Clark, 2010

The Trust has been involved with the memorial calvary at St Barnabas' Church in Woodford Green since 2009 (WM3426). Initially contacted by a Churchwarden about the stability of the memorial as it was leaning and swaying in the wind, the Trust gave a grant of £300 towards scaffolding to stabilise the memorial whilst its condition was assessed. The cause of the problem was that the lead flashing around the stone base to wooden cross joint was insufficient; this meant that water had entered the structure and rotted the base of the wooden cross and it was unable to support the whole memorial. A grant for £3,449 was given from the Grants for War Memorials scheme to undertake the repair works to the memorial which included replacing the rotted timber and ensuring the fixing of the cross in the base was appropriate.

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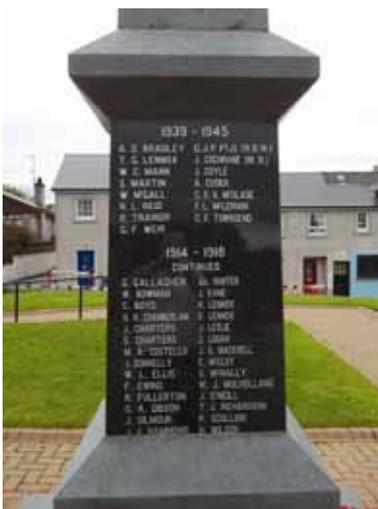
### 2011 grant cases

As you will see from the statistics on page 7 of this Bulletin, War Memorials Trust was involved in a large number of grant cases throughout 2011. The scope of works in these cases, and the amounts offered, vary greatly. Regular readers of the Bulletin will be aware of a number of cases from the past year which have been reported in previous editions. However, these represent just a sample of the projects aided by funding from the Trust.

The grants offered by the charity often go towards works to repair damaged war memorials, as in the case of Michaelson le Pit in Glamorgan (WM4206). The oak lychgate memorial is located at the entrance of St Michael and All Angels Church. In 2011 £2,407 was awarded by the Trust for the like-for-like replacement of areas of rotted oak, treatment against an infestation of the timber and significant conservation and repair to the roof of the lychgate. During the works it also became evident that the wall of the memorial on the churchyard side had significant movement issues. As such this had to be dismantled and re-built following the formation of new foundations.



Michaelson le Pit memorial after restoration © St Michael and All Angels PCC, 2011



Castledawson memorial after the addition of names © RBL Castledawson branch, 2011

As well as cases of repair, the Small Grants Scheme can also fund some forms of addition and alteration such as improved access, preventative conservation and the addition of names. The grant funded project for Castledawson war memorial in County Londonderry is just such a case (WM3845). The memorial was originally erected in 1994 and between 2007 and 2009 the Castledawson branch of the Royal British Legion researched the war dead of the area. Following completion of their research they published a book containing the information they had found. From this exercise it was identified that 26 individuals from World War I and 6 from World War II were missing from the memorial. War Memorials Trust awarded a grant of £300 towards having these names added to the memorial.

One of the sadder project types funded by the Trust is works to address instances of theft. This issue was much publicised in the local and national news throughout 2011. The Wednesfield war memorial in Wolverhampton consists of three bronze plaques affixed to a granite plinth and commemorates the fallen from World War I and World War II (WM2692). In May 2011 two of the bronze plaques were stolen and War Memorials Trust provided a grant of £2,335 towards the replacement of the plaques in bronze to match the original. Fortunately records were available of the names on the original plaques in this case. In addition, research showed that five World War II names were missing from the original plaque and it was therefore also proposed to add these when having the new plaques cast. As part of this grant award the applicants were required to register for the In Memoriam 2014 project so that the replacement plaques would have additional protection from theft in the future.



Wednesfield after replacement of stolen plaques © Wolverhampton City Council, 2012

This article provides just a highlight of the projects helped in 2011. Following completion of grant funded projects, full details of cases appear on the Trust's searchable Grants Showcase: [www.warmemorials.org/search-grants](http://www.warmemorials.org/search-grants).

## Listing

Listing involves the addition of a structure to the statutory list of structures deemed of national architectural and/or historical importance. The statutory list includes secular buildings, places of worship, statues, sculptures and structures as diverse as telephone boxes and drinking fountains. It can also include freestanding war memorials; that is memorials which are not part of or attached to another structure. The Trust encourages the listing of freestanding war memorials as a way of providing legal protection for these important monuments. A listed war memorial is immediately protected by law and any alterations to the memorial must first receive Listed Building Consent from the local planning authority.

The Trust's Conservation Team is actively involved in applying for war memorials to be listed, particularly those at risk such as the Salisbury war memorial as reported in the November 2011 Bulletin. Regional Volunteers also apply for local war memorials to be listed and below are two examples from 2011.

### Lezant, Cornwall (WM3444) by Regional Volunteer Alan Graveley



Lezant war memorial cross ©  
Lezant Parish Council, 2010

Lezant war memorial cross is located in a remote part of Cornwall. It is positioned in a small plot of ground on the side of a quiet lane and, like so many village memorials, is eloquent in its simplicity.

The listing application was supported by Lezant Parish Council. The Secretary was able to provide me with useful background historical notes on the memorial and to secure the support of the Parish Council for the intended submission. Any possible debate about who was responsible for this memorial was neatly resolved by her production of a Deed of Gift by which the plot of land the memorial stands on was donated to the Parish Council by the then-owner, in perpetuity.

The application was submitted via the English Heritage website which has a simple, easy to use form. Just in case it should be needed, I followed up with hard copies of the background papers given to me by the Parish Council. Approval followed in just two months, albeit I did have to enquire about progress, a computer error having denied me the automatic notification. The memorial was Grade II listed in August 2011.

### Hamworthy, Poole, Dorset (WM3401) by Regional Volunteer Chris Moreton

The war memorial cross in St Michael's Churchyard was granted English Heritage Grade II listed status in September 2011 after an application made in collaboration with the Conservation Department of the Borough of Poole Council. It is a runic cross in rustic Cornish granite with 34 names from the First World War and 47 from the Second. The original Victorian Church was demolished in the 1960s and replaced by a new one on an adjacent site which has interior plaques with the names of the fallen. The cross was then moved to within a paved outline of the original Church, and became the responsibility of the Borough of Poole Council.

It was the first freestanding external war memorial constructed and dedicated within the Borough of Poole. The main municipal memorial did not appear for another eight years. The working-class area of Hamworthy had a higher rate of volunteering and of casualties than other areas of Poole, and the decision to construct a memorial had been taken by April 1919. The dedication ceremony was on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1919, soon after peace negotiations had been completed.



Hamworthy war memorial cross ©  
Chris Moreton, 2009

St Michael's is the nearest Church to the Second World War bases of RAF Hamworthy and HMS Turtle, so in the adjacent new Churchyard there is a memorial to the Normandy Veterans Association and a lychgate in honour of the members of the Walcheren Expedition.

## Learning

Last August War Memorials Trust began developing a youth focused Learning Programme to educate young people in schools, clubs and youth groups about the history and importance of war memorials. Our goal is to promote a greater understanding of our war memorial heritage among young people, especially as we approach the centenary of the First World War. Through the Learning Programme we are working to increase young people's understanding of the significance of war memorials so that they, tomorrow's war memorial custodians, continue to remember and are able to ensure memorials are cared for in the future.

The core work of the Learning Programme recently has been centred on two areas. The first of these is producing learning resources for primary schools. Our first primary school materials, including a set of cross curricular lesson plans that focus on key issues surrounding war memorials, are currently being trialled in primary schools across the country and our Learning Officer, Ruth, is busy visiting schools to assist with this and to meet teachers and pupils working on war memorial projects. War Memorials Trust is extremely grateful to all the schools that have been helping the charity with this.

Particular thanks must go to the staff and pupils at Haymoor Middle School in Poole, Dorset. Ruth visited Haymoor in March to teach some of the pupils there and test some of the new learning materials. The outcomes of these lessons were very pleasing and it was wonderful to see the children so enthusiastic about learning about war memorials and what they mean. Particularly impressive was the thoughtful attitude the children demonstrated when discussing theft from war memorials (including the case of the Carshalton war memorial, which was featured in the February 2012 Bulletin) and their understanding of the importance of war memorials, which was evident in their comments:

"I think war memorials are still important because there are not many more people who were alive during the war to tell how they sacrificed their lives to save us." (Kieran).

"War memorials are important today because they are a way of finding out who fought in the wars." (Bailey).

"People who have died in wars still deserve to be remembered." (Josh).

"War memorials are important because they are a part of the town's history." (Rhys).

The feedback from the lesson trials has been really positive and we are looking forward to working with these schools, as well as with other organisations, to produce further educational resources that will inspire young children's interests and help teachers approach this important topic in schools.

The other current exciting project for the Learning Programme is the creation of the new learning website: [www.learnaboutwarmemorials.org](http://www.learnaboutwarmemorials.org). Trust staff designed this last year and their ideas are now being developed by Imaginet, the same company which designed and built War Memorials Trust's main website in 2008. This website will become the main way for teachers to access our learning materials and for other users to get in touch with us about the Learning Programme. It will also feature a Showcase giving details of war memorial projects and work carried out by young people, and we are always keen to hear about these. We anticipate that the new website will be live by July, so we will bring you a further update in the August Bulletin.



Ruth Cavender working with children at Haymoor Middle School © WMT, 2012



Children at Haymoor Middle School learning about war memorials © WMT, 2012

## Regional Volunteers

### Review of RV activities in 2011

At the end of each year the Trust asks all Regional Volunteers (RVs) to complete an end of year report. The results of these reports help the charity to demonstrate the contribution our volunteers make; showing which RV activities they are participating in, how often and how much time they are spending on them. It also allows the Trust to see which RV activities our volunteers are not participating in and why they are not taking part in order to assess where further support and guidance could be given by the charity.

In 2011, of the 153 RVs sent an end of year report, 89 responded giving a response rate of 58%. This level of response allows the Trust a general overview of RV activities. Those RVs who did not respond have been included in the overall results but recorded with no participation in the activities in order to give an accurate idea of how much all volunteers are doing.

The results show that, in 2011:

- 49% of RVs monitored the condition of local war memorials
- 33% of RVs promoted locally the importance of war memorials and/or the work of the Trust
- 29% of RVs undertook research on local war memorials
- 25% of RVs reported concerns about the condition of local war memorials to the Trust
- 24% of RVs helped a local war memorial project
- 11% of RVs gave a talk about war memorials and/or War Memorials Trust
- 10% of RVs represented the Trust at events (e.g. rededication ceremonies)
- 9% of RVs applied for the listing of a war memorial
- 4% of RVs organised or attended an event to promote the Trust

Obviously there are some tasks which are more popular than others so the Trust will look at ways of encouraging participation in the less popular, but no less important, activities through further training, step-by-step guidance and assistance from Trust staff.

RVs were also asked how many times they participated in each activity. Overall, RVs participated in 1,300 activities in 2011. This is an average of 8 tasks per RV which, considering that the Trust asks RVs to ideally participate in 2 activities per year, means that RVs are participating more than expected.

In addition, RVs were asked to estimate how much time they spent on activities. Overall, our volunteers gave a total of 4,531 hours during 2011. The Heritage Lottery Fund 'values' volunteer contribution at £50 per day, so using this model our RVs contributed approximately 647 days which calculates as an incredible £32,350 worth of time for which the Trust is very grateful.

Those RVs who were unable to participate in any activities in 2011 were asked to give reasons why so that the Trust can determine if it needs to provide more guidance. The following reasons were given (some RVs gave more than one reason):

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| • 40% new RVs              | • 40% work/family commitments              |
| • 26% illness              | • 23% no issues have come up in local area |
| • 9% financial constraints | • 3% lack of guidance from the Trust       |

It is useful to know that the main reasons for RVs not taking part are due to outside influences and not a lack of support from the Trust. However, there is always room for improvement and we will be looking at the amount and locations of the specific war memorial cases we ask RVs to help with.

In 2012, the Trust is planning further improvements to the RV training offered to our volunteers and so the 2011 end of year report included questions about why RVs have not attended training in the past. This information, alongside the evaluation of the training sessions which took place in 2011, will inform the development of future volunteer training.

The Trust would like to take this opportunity to thank all RVs for the time, energy, skill and enthusiasm they give to the charity, without which we would not be able to operate so comprehensively on a national level.

## Fundraising and membership

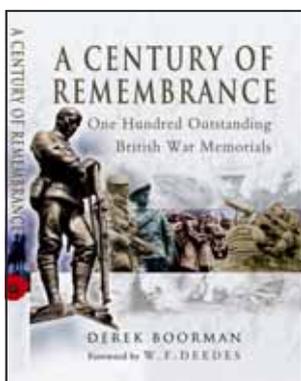
### Review of 2011

2011 saw a number of successful initiatives to raise funds and increase membership of the Trust. Alongside our normal fundraising activities, the charity had two advertorials in the Daily Telegraph in July and November in order to raise awareness of the Trust's work and to encourage new members to join. These advertorials have resulted in almost 900 new members joining the Trust and the charity is grateful for this support. It is always heartening to find there are so many people interested in protecting war memorials.

The Trust's annual direct mail to our members, supporters and donors in June 2011 resulted in nearly £17,000 in donations. This money will be put towards the charity's Learning Programme which will provide learning materials on war memorials for schools, youth groups or cadet units. It will work with partners to develop and trial activities that encourage young people to understand their war memorial heritage. Enabling young people to interact with their war memorials and discover more about their history and significance will give them a greater understanding and respect for the heritage we all share.

In November 2011, Lance Corporal Matt Croucher GC presented the Trust's BBC Radio 4 charity appeal. During the appeal, Matt explained the continuing significance of war memorials as records of the brave acts of individuals in conflicts past and present. He also spoke about the importance of the preservation of war memorials as places of remembrance and reflection. The appeal resulted in over £6,800 in donations and a number of new Trust members.

The Trust hopes that 2012 will be another successful year for fundraising and would like to thank all our members and supporters for their ongoing commitment to the charity and to the protection of our war memorial heritage.



### How you can help

War Memorials Trust relies on its members to enable it to protect and conserve war memorials. As demand for our help grows we need to spread the word about the charity to help as many war memorials as possible but also to find new supporters who can join our ranks. Their subscriptions will help us provide our advice, information, grants schemes and run the charity.

Do you know someone who would support our work? Successfully persuade a friend or relative to join the Trust in 2012 and we will send you a copy of Derek Boorman's 'A Century of Remembrance' as a thank you gift. Contact Claire on 020 7834 0200 or 0300 123 0764 or [info@warmemorials.org](mailto:info@warmemorials.org) for further details.

### Legacy giving - changes to inheritance tax

On 6<sup>th</sup> April 2012 a new inheritance tax measure was introduced. Any estate which leaves at least 10% of its taxable wealth to charity can take advantage of a 4% reduction in the inheritance tax rate. So, rather than paying 40% tax it will fall to 36%.

Raising awareness of this change is Legacy10, a new organisation highlighting legacy giving. They have calculated that "the benefit to a charitable cause will be four times greater than the cost to the estates beneficiary, as HMRC will shoulder the burden of 76 pence for every pound donated, whereas the estate pays only 24 pence." Further information about the change and advice can be found at: [www.legacy10.com](http://www.legacy10.com).

Legacies are a vital source of income to charities, including this one. War Memorials Trust carries full details about leaving a legacy on its website at: [www.warmemorials.org/legacy](http://www.warmemorials.org/legacy) or can send details to anyone interested by contacting the Trust on 020 7834 0200 or 0300 123 0764 or [info@warmemorials.org](mailto:info@warmemorials.org).

## Merchandise

### Pens and pencils

Discreetly branded with War Memorials Trust's name and website is a stylish ball point pen, green in colour with white lettering. Plain white pencils with a rubber tip carry War Memorials Trust's name in green. Both are ideal for use at home and in the office. These pens and pencils help promote the charity and raise funds for our work.



### Lapel badges

War Memorials Trust lapel badges feature the logo and charity name. The 1 inch wide badges are enamel with a butterfly pin on the back. The badge costs £3.50 (including p&p).



### 'Pound for Life' key ring

This key ring comes with an attachment the same size and shape as a pound coin and is designed to be removed from the key ring to use when needed, e.g. for a shopping trolley or gym locker. The attachment is emblazoned with the Trust logo; the telephone number and website are on the reverse. The key ring is available for only £1.50 (including p&p).



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Please complete this order form and complete details overleaf.

No.	Item	Total
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	Set of 5 Trust pencils at £2 (inc. p&p)	
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	'Pound for Life' key ring at £1.50 (inc. p&p) each	
	Copy(ies) of 'A Century of Remembrance' by Derek Boorman at £12 (inc. p&p) per copy	
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