

## Appendix to theft news statement 25th October 2012



The following are war memorials which War Memorials Trust is aware of vandalism, theft or attempted theft to occurring in 2012. Cases are listed by country then county and links to press reports are given where available to provide further information. This list will be updated when new reports of theft are received, up to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November. Where photographs are available from WMT this is detailed. Please be aware that WMT often does not have photographs it can share as we rely on information collected or provided from the public and do not hold copyright for these so cannot release them.

Those cases below added since the appendix was originally published on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2012 have the date of addition noted.

### England:

#### Berkshire

1. **Speen, Speen Lane** (WMT ref: WM6822).  
Metal chains stolen.  
No photographs available.

#### Cheshire

1. **Crewe, Municipal Square, Earle Street** (WMT ref: WM1218)  
Brass wreath hooks stolen.  
[www.thisisstaffordshire.co.uk/Callous-thieves-target-Crewe-s-war-memorial/story-16439297-detail/story.html](http://www.thisisstaffordshire.co.uk/Callous-thieves-target-Crewe-s-war-memorial/story-16439297-detail/story.html)  
[www.creweguardian.co.uk/news/9777845.Crewe\\_war\\_memorial\\_damaged\\_by\\_meta\\_l\\_thieves/](http://www.creweguardian.co.uk/news/9777845.Crewe_war_memorial_damaged_by_meta_l_thieves/)  
No photographs available.

#### Essex

1. **Brentwood cross, Middleton Hall Lane** (WMT ref: WM3170). **Added Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2012.**  
Theft of metal inscription plaque.  
[www.thisistotalessex.co.uk/Brentwood-Thieves-steal-plaque-war-memorial/story-17199002-detail/story.html](http://www.thisistotalessex.co.uk/Brentwood-Thieves-steal-plaque-war-memorial/story-17199002-detail/story.html)  
No photographs available.

#### Hampshire

1. **Army Air Corps, Outside Museum of Army Flying, near Andover** (WMT ref: WM6335).  
Eagle sculpture stolen.  
[www.express.co.uk/posts/view/303250/Now-thieves-swoop-on-giant-eagle-memorial-to-air-heroes](http://www.express.co.uk/posts/view/303250/Now-thieves-swoop-on-giant-eagle-memorial-to-air-heroes)  
No photographs available.

## Herefordshire

1. **Ledbury memorial recreation ground, Ledbury** (WMT ref: WM7195).  
Attempted theft of dedicatory plaque.  
[www.ledburyreporter.co.uk/news/9830277.Memorial\\_to\\_town\\_fallen\\_vandalised](http://www.ledburyreporter.co.uk/news/9830277.Memorial_to_town_fallen_vandalised)  
No photographs available.

## Kent

1. **British Korean Veterans Association Memorial, Trinity Gardens, Margate** (WMT ref: WM4589).  
Attempted theft of the metal on top of the memorial.  
[www.itv.com/news/meridian/2012-03-02/metal-ripped-from-vandalised-war-memorial/](http://www.itv.com/news/meridian/2012-03-02/metal-ripped-from-vandalised-war-memorial/)  
[www.thiskent.co.uk/Touched-kind-offers/story-15457488-detail/story.html](http://www.thiskent.co.uk/Touched-kind-offers/story-15457488-detail/story.html)  
No photographs available.
2. **Chatham Naval Memorial, Chatham** (this memorial belongs to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission) (WMT ref: WM1859).  
Lead theft.  
[www.kentnews.co.uk/news/crooks\\_steal\\_lead\\_from\\_kent\\_war\\_memorial\\_to\\_the\\_dead\\_1\\_1370864](http://www.kentnews.co.uk/news/crooks_steal_lead_from_kent_war_memorial_to_the_dead_1_1370864)  
[www.itv.com/news/meridian/2012-05-04/lead-thieves-target-war-memorial/](http://www.itv.com/news/meridian/2012-05-04/lead-thieves-target-war-memorial/)  
Photographs of the memorial are available upon request.
3. **Callender's Cable and Construction Co Ltd, Church Manorway, Erith** (WMT ref: WM2162). **Amended Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2012.**  
Attempted theft which has damaged one of the plaques.  
No photographs available.

## London

1. **Crayford, Waterside Gardens, London Borough of Bexley** (WMT ref: WM7292). **Added Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2012.**  
Stonework and lighting damaged.  
[www.newshopper.co.uk/news/dartford\\_swanley/9930195.Crayford\\_war\\_memorial\\_vandalised/](http://www.newshopper.co.uk/news/dartford_swanley/9930195.Crayford_war_memorial_vandalised/)  
No photographs available.
2. **Earlsfield Cemetery, London Borough of Wandsworth** (WMT ref: WM7325).  
Attempted theft of plaque.  
No photographs available.

## Nottinghamshire

1. **William Johnson VC, Worksop Memorial Park, Worksop** (WMT ref: WM6257).  
Plaque to William Johnson VC stolen from a stone.  
[www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-nottinghamshire-16715062](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-nottinghamshire-16715062)  
No photographs available.

## Somerset

1. **Winsham and Cricket St Thomas cross, Western War Crossroads, Winsham** (WMT ref: WM1266). **Added Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2012.**  
Vandalism of stonework.  
[www.thisisthewestcountry.co.uk/news/somerset\\_news/9646415.Police\\_appeal\\_after\\_Winsham\\_war\\_memorial\\_attack/](http://www.thisisthewestcountry.co.uk/news/somerset_news/9646415.Police_appeal_after_Winsham_war_memorial_attack/)  
No photographs available.

## Staffordshire

1. **Chesterton, Chesterton Park** (WMT ref: WM7335). **Added Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2012.**  
Paint thrown on the memorial.  
[www.thisisstaffordshire.co.uk/Anger-Chesterton-Park-war-memorial-attacked/story-17216306-detail/story.html](http://www.thisisstaffordshire.co.uk/Anger-Chesterton-Park-war-memorial-attacked/story-17216306-detail/story.html)  
No photographs available.

## West Midlands

1. **St Mary's The Mount Church, Glebe Street, Walsall** (WMT ref: WM6677).  
Two bronze plaques stolen.  
[www.express.co.uk/posts/view/312870/Church-targeted-by-thieves-to-close-at-Easter](http://www.express.co.uk/posts/view/312870/Church-targeted-by-thieves-to-close-at-Easter)  
[www.itv.com/news/central/2012-04-06/war-memorial-plaques-stolen-from-church/](http://www.itv.com/news/central/2012-04-06/war-memorial-plaques-stolen-from-church/)  
No photographs available.

## West Yorkshire

1. **St Mary the Virgin Church memorial window, Leeds Road, Woodkirk** (WMT ref: WM6156). **Added Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2012.**  
The memorial window was smashed.  
[www.batleynews.co.uk/news/local/more-batley-news/vandals\\_target\\_church\\_memorial\\_windows\\_1\\_4116549](http://www.batleynews.co.uk/news/local/more-batley-news/vandals_target_church_memorial_windows_1_4116549)  
No photographs available.
2. **Hunslet New Cemetery, Leeds** (this memorial belongs to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission) (WMT ref: WM7289). **Added Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2012.**  
Graffiti.  
[www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-leeds-19812753](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-leeds-19812753)  
No photographs available.
3. **Mytholmroyd sculpture, Burnley Road Park, Burnley Road** (WMT ref: WM1307). **Added Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2012.**  
Vandalism to head of sculpture.  
[www.hebdenbridgetimes.co.uk/news/local/man-jailed-for-vandalising-war-memorial-1-4966695](http://www.hebdenbridgetimes.co.uk/news/local/man-jailed-for-vandalising-war-memorial-1-4966695)  
Photographs of the memorial are available upon request.

## Wiltshire

1. **Holy Trinity Church, Trowbridge** (WMT ref: WM1951).  
Metal poppies stolen from gates.  
[www.thisiswiltshire.co.uk/news/9901511.Trowbridge\\_memorial\\_vandalised/](http://www.thisiswiltshire.co.uk/news/9901511.Trowbridge_memorial_vandalised/)  
A photograph of the memorial is available upon request.

## Northern Ireland:

### County Antrim

1. **Glenavy, Main Street** (WMT ref: WM5525). **Added Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2012.**  
Memorial vandalised with paint.  
[www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-20356390](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-20356390)  
No photographs available.

### County Down

1. **Comber, Town Square** (WMT ref: WM6996).  
Vandalism of bayonet and blade.  
No photographs available.

## Scotland:

### Dundee

1. **Invergowrie, Memorial Park** (WMT ref: WM3287). **Added Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2012.**  
Vandalism of the stonework.  
[www.thecourier.co.uk/News/Perthshire/article/20338/councillor-condemns-vandals-for-invergowrie-war-memorial-damage.html](http://www.thecourier.co.uk/News/Perthshire/article/20338/councillor-condemns-vandals-for-invergowrie-war-memorial-damage.html)  
No photographs available.

### Fife

1. **Auchtermuchty, Crossroads in centre of town** (WMT ref: WM6970).  
Stone rifle stolen from sculpture.  
[www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/vandals-wreck-war-memorial.18375734](http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/vandals-wreck-war-memorial.18375734)  
[www.scotsman.com/news/scottish-news/top-stories/vandals-rip-rifle-from-war-memorial-1-2452306](http://www.scotsman.com/news/scottish-news/top-stories/vandals-rip-rifle-from-war-memorial-1-2452306)  
No photographs available.

### Highland

1. **Cavell Gardens cross, Inverness** (WMT ref: WM7172). **Added Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November.**  
Graffiti.  
[www.inverness-courier.co.uk/News/Inverness-war-memorial-vandalised-09112012.htm](http://www.inverness-courier.co.uk/News/Inverness-war-memorial-vandalised-09112012.htm)  
No photographs available.

### Midlothian

1. **Polton** (WMT ref: WM7373). **Added Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November.**  
Theft of a World War II plaque.

[www.midlothian.gov.uk/press/article/693/war\\_memorial\\_plaque\\_back\\_in\\_place\\_befo  
re\\_armistice](http://www.midlothian.gov.uk/press/article/693/war_memorial_plaque_back_in_place_before_armistice)

No photographs available.

## **Wales:**

### **West Glamorgan**

1. **Treboeth Community Centre, Swansea** (WMT ref: WM6826).

Plaque stolen.

[www.thisissouthwales.co.uk/Probe-disgraceful-thieves-target-war-memorial/story-  
16143447-detail/story.html](http://www.thisissouthwales.co.uk/Probe-disgraceful-thieves-target-war-memorial/story-16143447-detail/story.html)

No photographs available.