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A stone memorial plaque set within a Gothic archway. The arch is decorated with intricate tracery, including circular and pointed motifs. The plaque itself is rectangular and contains a multi-line inscription in capital letters.

“THOSE WHOM THIS
CROSS COMMEMORATES
HEARD THE CALL OF
GOD, KING & COUNTRY.
THEY LEFT ALL THAT
WAS DEAR TO THEM.
THEY ENDURED HARDNESS,
FACED DANGER, AND PASSED
OUT OF THE SIGHT OF MEN
BY THE PATH OF DUTY
AND SELF-SACRIFICE.
THEY GAVE THEIR OWN
LIVES THAT OTHERS
MIGHT LIVE IN FREEDOM.
LET THOSE WHO COME AFTER
SEE TO IT THAT THEIR
NAMES BE NOT FORGOTTEN.”



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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 or by contacting the Conservation Team on 020 7233 7356 or 0300 123 0764 or 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 or obtained from the Conservation Team.

Please note that projects cannot be funded retrospectively.

Message from the Director

Dear supporters,

On behalf of everyone involved with War Memorials Trust I would like to start this issue by congratulating our Chairman, Algy Cluff, who marked ten years in the role in September. At the September Trustees meeting Lord Cope led the tributes and we all thank Algy for his dedication and commitment. With Treasurer Roger Bardell and myself also marking ten years with the charity in January 2013 the charity is either fortunate to have stable leadership, or in need of some new blood!



At this September meeting the Trustees also paid tribute to the charity's Founder, Ian Davidson who passed away in August.

Mr Davidson's enthusiasm and determination to see war memorials properly looked after led to the formation of the charity and we recognise his role in laying the foundations for what we are able to achieve today. You can read how Winston S. Churchill described Mr Davidson's early role on page 5.

As we approach the end of the year we are again reflecting on a very busy twelve months. There are changes afoot with our Administrator Claire moving on as she describes on page 5. We are involved in an exciting new project, War Memorials Online which some of you will be familiar with under its earlier title 'We still remember'. The project offers the public the opportunity to contribute directly, online, to the national record of war memorials. The project has been challenging and is very tight for time so as I write this in October it is with very crossed fingers and the expectation of some late nights to come working on this to ensure it is ready, as outlined, for Remembrance Sunday. Alongside this new project we have been continuing to promote In Memoriam 2014 and drive the campaign to identify a War Memorials Officer at local councils. Both these projects are discussed further in the Bulletin.



As ever casework and grants are our core focus on a day-to-day basis. In 2012 the Conservation Team have been dealing with an average 350 cases a month, compared to 300 in 2011 and 200 in 2010. With the busiest time of year ahead of us the 2012 average is likely to increase. An example of how we can help is the Dallington war memorial (WM6868), whose poignant inscription graces the front of the Bulletin. The Conservation Team has provided advice on how it can be maintained and a local Regional Volunteer is assisting the community.

Our Regional Volunteers have been fantastic this year supporting the charity and enabling us to reach far beyond what the staff could manage alone. We thank them for their commitment and contributions. On page 5 you can find out more about the training that has been run this year for RVs. In addition, our members do a fantastic job spreading the word about our work. Frances Speakman ensured that War Memorials Trust was represented amongst the wreaths laid at Thiepval on 1st July this year (above). We hope many of our members will join us at our AGM in 2013 which is expected to take place in London on Monday 8th July or at our next talk in November, see page 4 for further details.

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to offer some early Season's Greetings. If you have not yet purchased your Christmas Cards and gifts then please think about supporting the Trust in this way. Our cards (shown above right, and right) and merchandise can be found towards the end of the Bulletin and can also be ordered online at www.warmemorials.org/shop.



With best wishes and sincere thanks for your support,
Frances

War Memorials Trust news

MEMBERS EVENT: A talk by Gavin Stamp

The Trust is pleased to invite our supporters to a talk by Dr Gavin Stamp, architectural historian and Trustee of War Memorials Trust.

Following the success of the event last year, on 14th November this year Gavin will be repeating his talk about the official war memorials and war graves of the Great War. However, this year it will be held in Leicester to give our supporters in that part of the country an opportunity to hear this fascinating talk. It will cover topics such as the memorials of Lutyens and the work of the Imperial War Graves Commission and will include monuments in the UK and overseas. The event will take place at the Newarke Houses Museum in Leicester, appropriately the home of the Royal Leicestershire Regiment Museum. Light refreshments will be served from 6pm with the talk beginning at 7pm.



Lutyens' memorial arch in Victoria Park, Leicester © WMT, 2011

Tickets cost £8 each for Trust members and £10 for non-members. They can be purchased by contacting the office on 020 7834 0200, info@warmemorials.org or by using the order form on page 15. Further details about the event will be supplied with tickets but please note that the venue is not wheelchair accessible.

War Memorials Officer conference

On Tuesday 11th September we were delighted to welcome attendees to our first War Memorials Officers conference. Hosted at the Directory of Social Change Charity Centre near Euston in London it was held two months before Remembrance Sunday at a time when custodians thoughts often start to turn to their war memorials.

War Memorials Officers act as the first point of contact at their local authority or council. Details of War Memorials Officers can be found on the Trust's website at www.warmemorials.org/wmo. The list can be searched alphabetically and contact details, where possible, have been displayed. Having a single point of contact at councils is key in enabling both the public and War Memorials Trust to be able to report concerns quickly as well as enabling the charity to develop better relationships with custodians. Currently around 260 councils have nominated a War Memorials Officer, others have provided a statement for the Trust's website which explains their relationship with war memorials. Some councils have yet to respond and we shall be continuing to work to encourage them to nominate a representative as we approach the centenary of World War I when war memorial interest is likely to increase.



Roger Bowdler presenting © WMT, 2012

The conference was separated into four sessions with a panel Q&A concluding the event. Frances lead the initial session introducing War Memorials Trust, outlining the role of War Memorials Officers and briefly discussing War Memorials Online. The session led by Amy focused on maintaining war memorials; considering issues associated with day-to-day management. Amy was joined by David Andrews, War Memorials Officer at London Borough of Wandsworth, who explained how he incorporates war memorial issues into his wider role as a Conservation Officer. A brief introduction to the often challenging issue of adding names to war memorials brought delegates up to the break. Over lunch there was the opportunity to network as well as visit information stands for War Memorials Trust, In Memoriam 2014, English Heritage, UK National Inventory of War Memorials and Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Emma braved the post lunch slot introducing some of the issues around protecting war memorials. Following her Roger Bowdler, Designation Director at English Heritage, gave a fascinating talk around why he believes it is important to list war memorials. The final session of the day dealt with funding and grants. Andrea outlined the Trust's grant programmes providing case studies whilst Ian Morrison, Head of Historic Environment at the Heritage Lottery Fund, provided details of their grant programmes. The day was well received with feedback suggesting it was very useful. We hope to build upon this in 2013.

War Memorials Trust news

Ian Davidson

On 6th August 2012 the Trust's recognised Founder Ian Davidson passed away. Mr Davidson, a former Royal Marine, campaigned vigorously throughout the 1990s for better care to be taken of the nation's war memorial heritage. His appearance on the Jimmy Young BBC Radio 2 show on 29th October 1996 gave him the opportunity to promote his desire to preserve war memorials. He was also heavily involved in a campaign to restore the Aldershot memorial to its full glory after vandals had damaged it.

As Winston S. Churchill described "in the Spring of 1997, a buzz went round the Smoking Room and Tea Rooms of the House of Commons that an ex-Royal Marine, by the name of Ian Davidson, was coming to one of the Committee Rooms to report on the 'scandal' of Britain's war memorials." This meeting was one of many that saw Mr Davidson's idea develop into a fully fledged charity that was registered on 7th May 1997. Mr Davidson was recognised as the Founder with others also taking on positions of responsibility.

Mr Davidson spent the next few years with the charity acting as a freelance campaigner on war memorial issues. He travelled the country visiting war memorials and drawing attention to those in a poor state of repair. In 2000 he and the charity parted company with Mr Davidson moving on to be involved with Friends of the Laurel and Exercise Tiger.

Claire Lickman

I left the Trust in October 2012 after almost two years as Administrator. I have really enjoyed my time at the Trust and have learnt a lot about war memorials and good conservation practice. I have also been involved in some exciting events while working here, in particular attending the Buckingham Palace Garden Party in May this year!

I am leaving the Trust to concentrate on my freelance photography work and to study, as I hope to begin a Masters degree in Historic Building Conservation next year. This is an area that I have always been interested in and attracted me to the work of the Trust originally, so I am looking forward to being able to pursue this further.

I would like to thank my colleagues and the Trustees for their support during my time here.



Claire Lickman before the Garden Party © WMT, 2012

Regional Volunteer training

In 2012, the Trust changed the way we support our Regional Volunteers (RVs) by giving them training on specific topics which will enable them to assist the charity. Previously, the Trust held an annual RV Day at which the charity updated RVs on Trust projects and provided them with information about how they could assist the charity further. These RV Days also gave the charity the opportunity to thank RVs and for RVs to share their experiences with each other. However, Trust staff often found that they were trying to cover a lot of ground in one day and that only a minority of RVs were able to make the annual event as our volunteers are spread over the whole of the UK.

This year the Trust offered half-day training sessions on specific topics at four different locations to allow as many RVs to attend as possible. Two sessions on completing comprehensive condition surveys were run in London in April and York in September, and two sessions on how to list war memorials were run in Worcester in May and Peterborough in June. These sessions were well received, with 90% of all attendees marking the sessions as 'Very good' or 'Excellent'. At the end of the sessions, 100% of attendees confirmed that they felt either 'Somewhat prepared' or 'Well prepared' to carry out a condition survey for the Trust or to compile a listing application for a war memorial. In 2013, the Trust will build on these results and offer further training for RVs as well as opportunities for them to meet fellow RVs and for the charity to say 'thank you' for the great contribution they make to our work.

War Memorials Online

Those of you who get our Bulletin quarterly or received our direct mail appeal back in June will be familiar with a project War Memorials Trust has been involved in developing, 'We still remember'. This has now been renamed War Memorials Online and is launching this November, we hope in time for Remembrance Sunday.

A sample page from the website currently being developed is shown right. The timeframes for this project have been very tight with November such a key moment to generate interest in such a project. So, please bear in mind that we are still working on this as we send the Bulletin to print so it may not be exactly as indicated or discussed below when you visit www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk. But we hope when you do visit the website that you find it interesting, informative and you will get involved.



War Memorials Online brings together for the first time information on the UK's war memorials, providing a snapshot of war memorials across the country. It is an unprecedented opportunity for the public to upload images of war memorials and log concerns for the conservation of these important community and historical sources for future generations. Your content will help us plan for the future conservation of war memorials and record the important history each memorial contains and represents. 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. War Memorials Online is a partnership between War Memorials Trust, IWM's War Memorials Archive (formerly Imperial War Museums' UK National Inventory of War Memorials) and is funded by English Heritage.

For November 2012 a website is being developed which will offer the opportunity to identify or add the location of a war memorial, upload photographs, provide basic condition information, add links and register with the project. The website is accessible from a range of devices including mobile phones.

Once the initial website is available development will continue on a more substantial offering to be released in 2013. This will provide comprehensive condition survey fields which will enable you to submit more detailed information on the condition and security of war memorials. This will help develop an understanding of condition over the long-term as we hope it will be used up to, through and beyond the centenary. The project will make available a wider range of data fields to which the public can contribute their knowledge of local war memorials thus enhancing the records held. War Memorials Online will also integrate with other systems such as IWM's War Memorials Archive and some of the Historic Environment Records around the country ensuring that this information is shared as widely as possible.

For War Memorials Trust this project is vital as improved information on war memorials will provide the charity with a better understanding of the war memorials it is seeking to protect. The condition information will help identify current and future demand for advice and grants while public engagement will reduce the threats to, and encourage the preservation of, the nation's war memorials. War Memorials Online is being funded with a grant of £220,000 from English Heritage, supported by £25,000 donated by War Memorials Trust members and supporters and the resources available to the project from the IWM.

War Memorials Online - What can you do?

If you have access to the internet you can get involved by visiting www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk. If you are not confident on the computer perhaps you have friends and family who can help you? It could be a great way to get children involved in caring for war memorials.

On the website you should find a map which will show the memorials already available. Each memorial will be highlighted by a pin which marks the location information currently held. This pin can be moved around the map to ensure we establish the correct, current location. Whilst many records have location details these are sometimes not as accurate as desired so getting people on the ground, who know the area, to check and confirm location will greatly enhance the records held.

War Memorials Online

Where no memorial is shown you will be able to upload details of memorials and create a new location record. This will help identify all those still to be recorded. Photographs can be added to both current and new records. When information is uploaded you can also add condition information, comments and links. The website will also offer a facility to report concerns about war memorials and if concerns are reported against specific memorials this will assist War Memorials Trust as we will know which memorial we are dealing with which is not always the case with reports of concern. Links can also be created to other sources if information on war memorials so if you know of a good website or resource which will add to our knowledge of a war memorial, please add the link. You can also register for further updates on the project.

War Memorials Online - How it will help

One of the most important elements of War Memorials Online is to help develop an understanding of the condition of war memorials and enable concerns to be quickly highlighted and appropriate action taken to deal with any problems.

Many of our readers will be familiar with the Carshalton war memorial which has graced the pages of the Bulletin recently. In February 2012 the memorial was our front cover as we demonstrated the damage caused when metal plaques are stolen. In May we were delighted to update readers on the restoration project, funded by a local scrap metal dealer. 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. Original photographs from the unveiling confirmed the original design. You can see some of these photographs on this page including an original image from around the time of unveiling, the memorial with metal plaques, the stonework after the theft had taken place revealing the evidence of the original style and finally the restored memorial.

Having information such as this available as an online reference and encouraging everyone to contribute their own information will help custodians to manage their war memorials. Being able to submit condition concerns directly with up-to-date images will help deal with problems quickly and the on-going availability of the condition survey functionality, due to be launched in 2013, will give War Memorials Trust, and others, a far better understanding of the current condition of war memorials and changes over the long-term. This will help the charity allocate its resources and plan for the future as it has a better overall picture of the condition of our war memorial heritage and the likely demand for our advice and grants.



Carshalton war memorial (WM1595), above top right © Farthing Collection, above left © M. Shorthouse, 2009, above © WMT, 2011 and above right WMT, 2012.

Conservation news

Historic Environment Records

An important tool in recording and protecting heritage assets such as war memorials are Historic Environment Records (HERs), which are called Sites and Monuments Records in Scotland and Northern Ireland. These records are usually maintained at county level by local authorities, although there are exceptions.

HERs have been a constant point of focus in planning and historic environment policy. The National Planning Policy Framework 2012 (NPPF) places strong emphasis on HERs and their role within planning: "Local planning authorities should have up-to-date evidence about the historic environment in their area and use it to assess the significance of heritage assets and the contribution they make to their environment... Local planning authorities should either maintain or have access to a historic environment record." HERs therefore have an important role in identifying local heritage assets but they also have an integral role in protecting them as they are consulted as part of planning applications. The NPPF specifies that in planning applications an applicant should "...describe the significance of any heritage assets affected, including any contribution made by their setting... As a minimum the relevant historic environment record should have been consulted..." This provides us with an opportunity to ensure the impact on war memorials are considered in any planning application and it is therefore important that we take this opportunity and ensure memorials are recorded on as many HERs as possible. The inclusion of war memorials varies between HERs so it is important to contact your local authority first and to identify whether war memorials can be included and the type of information required to add them to their records.

At this time of year we are particularly reminded of the importance of memorials so when you attend a Remembrance Service this year take a closer look at the memorial and record the details because this simple task might ensure its future. Sharing this information on War Memorials Online and your HER means that the memorial has a greater chance of being protected and preserved.

Kennington, Kent (WM2687)

Readers may recall an article in Bulletin 45 (May 2010) relating to a Grants for War Memorials funded project to repair the timber memorial shelter in Kennington Garden of Remembrance. This project was awarded £4,296 in 2009 towards works to the roof. This memorial has subsequently received two further grants for works detailed in this article.

The original project included finishing in lead. Unfortunately, although precautions were taken, this was subsequently stolen. It was felt in this case that the appropriate course of action was to repair this element in a different material. As such in 2010 a second grant of £337 was awarded by the Small Grants Scheme to replace this element in Western Red cedar shingles to match the rest of the roof covering.



Kennington shelter after all works © Kennington Community Forum, 2012

A third grant was awarded to the Kennington memorial shelter by the Grants for War Memorials scheme in 2011. This was towards the second stage of repair works and included reinstatement of the missing balustrade and internal bench seating. This was informed by the original plans which had been found.

The Garden of Remembrance was unveiled on 17th November 1950. The inscription "1939-1945" is carved onto one of the beams of the shelter and over the gate to the garden. It was designed to commemorate the 22 people of Kennington who lost their lives in the Second World War. The shelter design echoes that of the lychgate at nearby St Mary's Church which dates from 1893. The original designer of the shelter is not known. Further details of the grant funded works can be found on the Trust's Grants Showcase: www.warmemorials.org/search-grants.

Conservation - Grants for War Memorials scheme

Nelson Gate, Duncombe Park, North Yorkshire (WM3706)

The Nelson Gate memorial forms the southerly access into the grounds of Duncombe Park in North Yorkshire. It is a triumphal arch gateway constructed of sandstone ashlar blocks with attached curtain walls and a pair of decorative metal gates. The gates are replacements as the originals were removed during World War I. The replacements were forged by local blacksmith W. Dowson and introduced in the 1920s/30s. The south pier was also rebuilt during World War II after the army removed it to allow tank access.

The memorial is Grade II listed and forms part of the wider estate grounds which is a Grade I registered park and garden. The grounds also contain a number of other listed structures. From the description of the grounds on the National Heritage List for England it is understood that they are early eighteenth century in date with the memorial gate being added in 1806. It has two inscribed friezes at the top of the arch. These read:

"To the memory of Lord Viscount Nelson
And the unparalleled gallant achievements of the British Navy
1806"

and

"Lamented Hero!
O price his conquering country grieved to pay!
O dear brought glories of Trafalgar's day!"

An application to the Grants for War Memorials Scheme was received in September 2010 for funding towards a programme of repair and replacement. The sandstone of the memorial, particularly to the pillars, had been heavily eroded through weathering, and damaged by the iron cramps originally used in the construction. A more conservative scheme for the memorial received Listed Building Consent in 1997. However, this was never implemented and by the time of this application it was considered insufficient to address the condition of the structure. As such a programme of indent and replacement stone was agreed.

In addition, no provision had been made for the prevention of water penetration when the structure was constructed, as such a new solution was required. Originally it was intended that a lead capping would be added. However, as the project progressed it was deemed more appropriate to instead provide a damp proof course under the top stones as this would be less visually intrusive. In addition to this other structures within the grounds had been the target of metal theft and given the risk of theft lead was no longer deemed appropriate.

A grant was awarded for £20,000 towards a project costing £96,174. Additional funding was awarded from a number of organisations including the Yorkshire Gardens Trust and the North York Moors National Park Authority.



Nelson Gate before works © B. Davies, 2010



Nelson Gate after works © J. Duncombe, 2012

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



Conservation - Small Grants Scheme

Metal conservation and how grants can help

It is through the diversity of war memorials and the materials from which they are constructed that we are faced with a range of conservation issues when offering maintenance advice and ensuring that best practice methods are always followed to allow war memorials to remain functional and of value to the communities who care for them. Metal serves many purposes where war memorials are concerned; from internal structural elements within a memorial to engraved plaques and decorative statuary, all of which face different inherent issues and maintenance requirements, meaning that no two conservation projects are ever the same.

Earlier this year, War Memorials Trust gave a grant of £1,040 towards repairs of a limestone Latin market cross war memorial located in St Mary's Churchyard, Bruton, Somerset (WM4217). The upper section of the shaft was suffering from severe cracking which was leading to structural weaknesses in the memorial caused by the corrosion of the metal rods within the shaft. When water gets into the joints of a memorial it can cause rusting of the ferrous internal metal elements which expand as they rust leading to fracturing and blowing of the stone and in this case, leaning of the entire memorial. In order to resolve the issue, the cross was taken down from the memorial and the corroded internal socket was removed. The cross was then taken to a workshop where all traces of the rust were carefully removed and the rusted internal fixings within the shaft of the memorial were taken out and replaced with stainless steel dowels. The damaged section of the shaft was then repaired, with a small section being replaced with newly carved stone to match the existing and finally the cross was carefully fixed back in place using a lime mortar.

Where bronze is left unprotected and exposed to the elements it can deteriorate rapidly leading to surface corrosion and staining of surrounding brick or stonework with a blue/green copper sulphate runoff. The Coalbrookdale war memorial (WM199) in Shropshire is a bronze obelisk surmounted by a bronze cross, on a concrete base. Bronze name plaques are mounted onto each face of the obelisk in dedication to the men of the village who died during World War I and World War II.



Corrosion of Coalbrookdale war memorial before conservation works to the bronze © Jayne Madeley, 2010

The memorial was coated in a lacquer at some time in the past, however signs of corrosion were evident through the outer coating, and so War Memorials Trust gave a grant of £709 for cleaning of the memorial using a low-pressure steam cleaning system, and following this the bronze was waxed to protect it from pollutants which exacerbate corrosion. This wax needs to be regularly removed and re-applied as part of the maintenance of the memorial to ensure its ongoing protection.

All grants offered by War Memorials Trust where the war memorials include metal elements are required to mark the memorial with SmartWater as part of In Memoriam 2014. There are helpsheets available on our website covering the conservation of bronze and brass under the 'Advice and FAQs' section: www.warmemorials.org/a-z. If you have queries relating to the most appropriate methods of repair for metal elements of a war memorial, then please contact our Conservation Team on conservation@warmemorials.org or 020 7233 7356.



Bruton war memorial shaft during the works to replace the rusted internal fixings © Bruton Town Council, 2012



Bruton war memorial cross on completion of the repair works © Bruton Town Council, 2012

Conservation - In Memoriam 2014 in action



Many of you will be aware from our launch last year, through subsequent coverage in the Bulletin and wider media interest of our ongoing In Memoriam 2014 campaign. Working in partnership with the SmartWater Foundation the charity is able to help communities access free SmartWater to protect memorials from the risk of theft or damage. The crime prevention fluid will not only make memorials uniquely identifiable, it also offers robust traceability should a theft occur. This acts as a significant deterrent to those considering desecrating our war memorials by massively increasing their chances of detection and subsequent arrest.

By visiting www.inmemoriam2014.org custodians and owners of war memorials can submit simple details to register their war memorials. Following receipt of the required information SmartWater will be despatched and can be applied by the custodian. We are still encouraging people to apply and ensure their memorial is protected so please let us know if you would like further information, leaflets or Bulletins to apply yourself or pass to those you feel may benefit from this programme.

Over the course of the last year many war memorials have been protected and the message that they are being protected seems to be recognised. Cases of theft have subsided from the high levels of October/November 2011 when metal theft was so high profile and, writing this in early October 2012, we hope that the spike seen in 2011 is not repeated. War Memorials Trust has seen a substantial increase in interest in how to protect war memorials. We are able to direct people both to In Memoriam 2014 and our helpsheet 'War memorial theft: Prevention and solutions' which offer a range of solutions. The helpsheet can be downloaded from the helpsheets A-Z on the website www.warmemorials.org/a-z.

To help protect the memorials being funded through the Small Grants Scheme and Small Grants Scheme in Scotland, where appropriate, there is a condition in the grant contract that SmartWater is applied. Particularly if bronze is being removed for works, repairs being made or stolen pieces are being replaced it is an appropriate time for SmartWater to be applied thereby protecting both the memorial and the Trust's grant award to that memorial.

Some of the memorials which have been protected in this way over the last year are shown below. Further details of all projects can be found on the Grants Showcase on the Trust's website at www.warmemorials.org/search-grants.



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Learning

Learning leaflet and website

We included a copy of our new Learning leaflet in the August edition of the Bulletin and asked that readers pass these on to local schools or youth groups. Many of you contacted us to request extra leaflets to distribute more widely, which was fantastic. We have included another copy of the leaflet in this edition so that all our supporters can see the latest information about the Learning Programme and if possible pass this on to teachers, Scout leaders or anyone else who may be interested. Further copies can be obtained by contacting our Learning Officer, Ruth, on 020 7834 0200 or learning@warmemorials.org. Thank you to everyone who has helped us with this so far.

Our annual readers may also be interested to know that our new learning website, www.learnaboutwarmemorials.org, went live over the summer. This contains our new learning materials for primary schools, a gallery of war memorial images and Project Showcases for primary and secondary schools and youth groups. We are now working with secondary schools and youth groups to develop resources to support their war memorial work. If you work with young people or know anyone who does and who might be able to help us develop these materials, please get in touch with Ruth to discuss this.

Restoration of Stonecross war memorial, Downham Market, Norfolk (WM545)

Since the Learning Programme began we have heard of many war memorial projects that have involved young people. One particularly impressive case involved Stonecross war memorial in Downham Market, Norfolk, which was restored during the summer of 2011 by two secondary school students, Fraser Davidson and Ellen Hurst. War Memorials Trust was alerted to this project when it was featured in the local news and our Learning Officer was delighted to be invited up to Norfolk in April to meet Fraser and Ellen and find out more about their work.



Stonecross war memorial before restoration © WMT, 2011

Visiting the war memorial, which commemorates two local men both killed on 25th September, one in 1915 and one in 1916, it was clear to see how much work Ellen and Fraser had put into the restoration. As well as cleaning and repairing some elements of the memorial they repainted lettering, cleared the surrounding area of weeds, repaired a bridge that provides access to the memorial from the surrounding area and created a paved contemplation area around the memorial making it possible to hold services there. They had also taken the time to find out about the moving story behind the memorial by talking to the nephew of one of the men commemorated.

Ellen and Fraser are, quite rightly, very proud of what they have achieved and have received a great deal of support from locals, including relatives of the two men commemorated on the memorial. Having completed the restoration project they also organised a rededication service and have pledged to continue to look after the memorial.

Following the Trust's visit Fraser and Ellen wrote their own report about the restoration of the war memorial and submitted this to the Project Showcase on the learning website. Their report, which gives further details about the remarkable project and the history of the memorial, can be seen at www.learnaboutwarmemorials.org/youth-groups/showcase.



Stonecross war memorial after restoration showing the new planted and paved area © WMT, 2012

We hope that many more young people will get involved with their local memorials as we approach the centenary of the First World War. If you have an example of a war memorial project that young people in a school or youth group have done, please visit the learning website to upload it to the Showcase.

Manx war memorials

By the Isle of Man Government Preservation of War Memorials Committee



Isle of Man national war memorial, St John's © Isle of Man Government Preservation of War Memorials Committee, 2012

In the Isle of Man, a Crown Dependency in the Irish Sea, the Manx Government is supporting local volunteers to safeguard the memory of the 16,000 islanders who have died in the service of the British Armed Forces.

In 2008 a group of enthusiastic volunteers approached the Isle of Man Government to ensure that their hard work cataloguing, inspecting and pressuring for proper maintenance of the island's war memorials was not lost. That October the island's parliament, Tynwald, formed the 'Isle of Man Government Preservation of War Memorials Committee', led by a government minister and a backbencher. The current committee was appointed in early 2012 and is chaired by Hon. Juan Watterson MHK, Minister for Home Affairs and the Vice Chair is Mr Richard Ronan MHK. These two parliamentarians are joined by five lay members selected by the government for a five year term. The members, Mr Hector Duff MM, Mr Roger Christian, Mrs Fiona Robinson, Mr Hamish Killip and Mr Keith Dalrymple, bring a wide variety of experience and capability to the committee.

The inaugural committee – which was disbanded in September 2011 prior to the island's general election - had undertaken extensive research with local authorities and churches throughout the island to confirm each and every memorial within their respective responsibilities. The information collated, together with photographs of each memorial taken by committee member Roger Christian, was submitted to Manx National Heritage who are utilising the information to create a publically accessible database. The inaugural committee visited several memorial sites and encouraged custodians across the island to maintain their memorials in good condition.

The newly appointed committee has set out its direction for the next five years, which will include further inspection of war memorials, the In Memoriam 2014 SmartWater project, promotion generally and especially 2014's important centenary, as well as maintaining the database of memorials in conjunction with Manx National Heritage. This research extends far beyond a photograph, and where possible the ownership, designer, maker and transcript are all recorded. It is hoped that this data will be available through Manx National Heritage's iMuseum in the autumn of 2012 (www.imuseum.im).

The committee itself does not own any of the island's memorials, a duty of care still rests with local authorities in the main. This allows the committee to encourage the custodians of these important treasures, stones, plaques, books and organs to ensure they are maintained to a good standard to honour the memory of those they are dedicated to.

For an island of just 84,500 people, the Isle of Man has a long and proud record of supporting the British Armed Forces. From Captain John Quilliam, who steered Victory at the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805 to its heroes of today on the streets of Afghanistan the island has much to be proud of. However, not all come through conflict unscathed. The island's 170 memorials record some 16,000 names of those men and women who left the island's shores to fight for King, Queen and country.

The memorials give Manx people a sense of pride, and are a reminder of what such a large loss meant, and continues to mean, for a small island community.



Get involved

Christmas cards

War Memorials Trust is delighted to offer two Christmas card designs for sale this year.

The first image is 'Cavalry in the snow', and is a representation of Horse Guards outside Buckingham Palace in the snow. This card measures 16 x 11.5cm (6¼ x 4½ inches) and is available in packs of 10.

The second is 'Carols in the snow', which depicts a village choir scene in the snow and features a war memorial cross with wreaths on the right hand side of the card. This card also measures 16 x 11.5cm (6¼ x 4½ inches) and is available in packs of 10.

Inside both card designs there are details of the charity alongside the message 'Season's Greetings'.

Our Christmas cards have been very popular in previous years and we often sell out quickly, so we recommend ordering early to avoid disappointment.

When ordering, please also let us know whether you would like us to substitute your order for the other design if your chosen design has sold out.

The cards are being sold at £4.50 plus 75p p&p per pack (£5.25 total). Please use the order form on page 15 to obtain your packs or visit www.warmemorials.org/shop where you can order your cards via our online shop.

For those supporters who have noted the errors in the 'Calvary in the snow' card please accept our apologies. The Trust selects cards from a catalogue and we have found that the representations of the Guards are a very popular subject for our cards. We therefore selected a version this year but did not check the details regarding the direction of the Guards and the sword carrying arm. We apologise for these errors.



'Carols in the snow' design Christmas card



'Cavalry in the snow' design Christmas card

Giveacar - a different way to donate

Giveacar is a UK based fundraising organisation that specialises in auctioning or scrapping old cars for charitable causes throughout the world. War Memorials Trust is now registered as a beneficiary. Since Giveacar was set up in 2010, the organisation has raised over £500,000 for over 450 charities.

Giveacar provide a FREE service which is available throughout the UK, and can work with you hand-in-hand in the following ways:

- They can arrange the collection of the vehicle;
- Depending on its age and condition, they can either send it for environmentally safe disposal and recycling at an Authorised Treatment Facility, or to a salvage auction.

Scrap donations raise an average of £100 for the charity, with auction cars often raising much more. To arrange collection of a car, visit Giveacar.co.uk or call 020 0011 1664, quoting War Memorials Trust as your preferred charity. Or let a friend or family member know about the scheme.



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).



Order form

Please complete this order form and your details overleaf then send to the address details at the bottom of page 16.

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	Pack(s) of 'Carols in the snow' Christmas cards at £5.25 per pack of 10 cards (inc. p&p)	
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	Set of 3 Trust pens at £4 (inc. p&p)	
	Set of 5 Trust pencils at £2 (inc. p&p)	
	Trust lapel badge at £3.50 (inc. p&p) each	
	'Pound for Life' key ring at £1.50 (inc. p&p) each	
	Copy(ies) of 'A Century of Remembrance' by Derek Boorman at £10 (inc. p&p) per copy	
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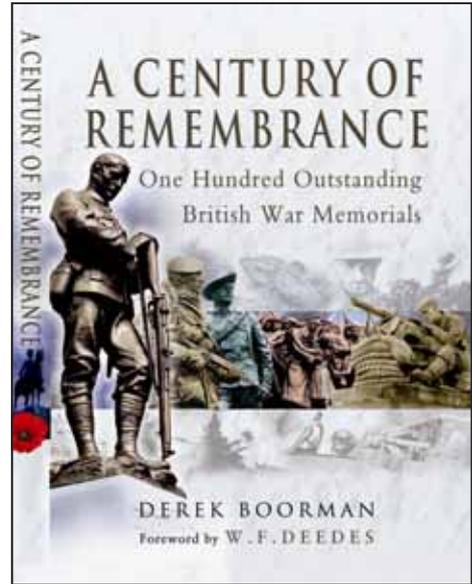
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Merchandise

A Century of Remembrance by Derek Boorman



'A Century of Remembrance' is a study of 100 outstanding UK war memorials. Published in 2005, it covers memorials which commemorate 20th century conflicts from the Boer War to the Falklands and Gulf Wars.

With a short description of the featured memorial's background and significance accompanied by photographs of the whole and detail, each entry is highly informative.

The book would make an excellent Christmas present for anyone interested in the UK's war memorial heritage and so is being offered at the **special Christmas offer price of £10 (including p&p)**.

Please complete both sides of the order form, detach and send to:

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