

## News statement



War Memorials Trust

## Cenotaph repairs

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### Starts

War Memorials Trust welcomes the news that English Heritage, the custodian of the Cenotaph on Whitehall, is undertaking repairs to the memorial in the lead up to the centenary of the First World War.

War Memorials Trust hopes the publicity around this event will encourage all war memorial custodians, and the wider community, to take a closer look at their war memorials and ensure they are in good condition. As the charity that works for the protection and conservation of war memorials in the UK War Memorials Trust has a range of advice and grant programmes which can help communities ensure they follow best practice in caring for this unique aspect of our national heritage.

Anyone who wants to share information on condition, or highlight a concern, around a war memorial is encouraged to submit information to War Memorials Online, [www.warmemorials.org.uk](http://www.warmemorials.org.uk). This website is seeking the public's help to create a greater understanding of war memorials condition as we approach the centenary. Anyone can add condition information, upload photographs or share information about war memorials. The condition of memorials is shown on the website where known helping identify those that need attention.

Frances Moreton, Director of War Memorials Trust, stated: "English Heritage is taking a lead in ensuring the Cenotaph is fit for the events and commemorations during the centenary. We hope custodians around the country will follow their lead and check their memorials and share information on War Memorials Online. If they need help with repair and conservation projects they should get in touch and War Memorials Trust can help with advice, and possibly grants through a range of programmes."

### Ends

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## Notes to editors

1. War Memorials Trust is an independent registered charity. Established in 1997 due to concerns about neglect and vandalism it works to protect and conserve war memorials. It provides advice, information and administers grants schemes that assist the repair and conservation of war memorials across the UK. As a charity the Trust relies on voluntary contributions to undertake its work. Supporters include annual and life members, donors, charitable trusts and corporate contributors.
2. War Memorials Trust provides grants that can assist repair and conservation of war memorials. Contact the Conservation Team to discuss eligibility on 020 7233 7356 / 0300 123 0764 or [conservation@warmemorials.org](mailto:conservation@warmemorials.org) or download a 'Grants Pre-application form' from [www.warmemorials.org/grants](http://www.warmemorials.org/grants).
3. War Memorials Trust provides a free advisory service to anyone with a war memorial enquiry. Specialist Conservation Officers are available on 020 7233 7356 / 0300 123 0764 or [conservation@warmemorials.org](mailto:conservation@warmemorials.org).
4. The Trust's Grants Showcase features all the projects supported by the charity through grants schemes and can be searched by county or area, [www.warmemorials.org/search-grants/](http://www.warmemorials.org/search-grants/).
5. War Memorials Online is a website run by War Memorials Trust, with the support of English Heritage. It was launched in November 2012 and seeks to create a greater understanding of the condition of war memorial heritage. It allows the public to contribute information and is gradually building records and contributors who share our interest in this issue.