

Appendix to theft and vandalism news statement 21st October 2013



War Memorials Trust

The following are war memorials where War Memorials Trust is aware of cases of vandalism, theft or attempted theft occurring in 2013. 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 or vandalism are received, up to Friday 15th 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 21st October 2013 have the date of addition noted.

England:

Cambridgeshire

1. **Whittlesey, Queen Street** (WMT ref: WM7288)

VANDALISM: Wooden cross on the memorial snapped.

www.cambstimes.co.uk/news/war_veteran_sickened_and_heartbroken_after_vandal_s_damage_whittlesey_memorial_1_1784879

No photographs available.

Cheshire

1. **Alderley Edge, St Philip and St James Church** (WMT ref: WM5167)

THEFT: Stone planter stolen.

www.macclesfield-express.co.uk/news/local-news/theft-war-memorial-st-philip-6194899#.Ul-pi4pl8CM

Photographs of the memorial are available.

Derbyshire

1. **Castle Gresley and Linton, Junction of Mount Pleasant Road and Linton Road** (WMT ref: WM7659)

VANDALISM: Railings hit by a car in hit and run.

www.burtonmail.co.uk/News/Hit-and-run-motorist-damages-war-memorial-20130104082849.htm

No photographs available.

Essex

1. **Saffron Walden Anglo-American memorial** (WMT ref: WM8035)

VANDALISM: Damage by fire started nearby.

www.saffronwaldenreporter.co.uk/news/saffron_walden_damage_caused_to_anglo_american_war_memorial_during_small_fire_1_2373513

No photographs available.

Greater London

1. **Ealing, Pitzhanger Manor / Walpole Park / Ealing Common** (WMT ref: WM2813)
VANDALISM: Graffiti.
www.ealingtoday.co.uk/default.asp?section=info&page=eamemorial001.htm
No photographs available.
2. **Animals in War, Park Lane, Westminster** (WMT ref: WM2813)
VANDALISM: Graffiti.
www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-22678874
Photographs available.
3. **RAF Bomber Command, Green Park, Westminster** (WMT ref: WM6891)
VANDALISM: Graffiti.
www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-22678874
Photographs available of the memorial and graffiti.
4. **RAF Bomber Command, Green Park, Westminster** (WMT ref: WM6891)
VANDALISM: Second graffiti attack.
www.express.co.uk/news/uk/405288/Vile-graffiti-vandals-attack-Bomber-Command-memorial-AGAIN
Photographs available of the memorial but not the graffiti.

Lancashire

1. **Barnoldswick Memorial Gardens, Kelbrook Road** (WMT ref: WM5438)
THEFT: Shrubs taken from around the memorial.
www.lancashiretelegraph.co.uk/news/pendle/10364719.New_shrubs_stolen_from_Barnoldswick_war_memorial/
Photographs available of the memorial.
2. **Poulton-le-Fylde, Market Place** (WMT ref: WM8126)
VANDALISM: Memorial flower bed trampled.
www.blackpoolgazette.co.uk/news/teenagers-blamed-for-desecrating-war-memorial-1-6028927
No photographs available.

Leicestershire

1. **Thornton lychgate, St Peter's Church** (WMT ref: WM7997)
VANDALISM: Graffiti.
No photographs available.

Merseyside

1. **Birkenhead, Hamilton Square Gardens** (WMT ref: WM1747)
THEFT: Someone tried to remove a stone circular emblem from the memorial.
Photographs available.

Norfolk

1. **Narborough, All Saints Church** (WMT ref: WM7627)
THEFT: Brass decorative plaques stolen

www.edp24.co.uk/news/crime/desecration_of_the_memory_of_those_who_gave_of_their_lives_for_peace_and_freedom_vicar_speaks_out_over_war_plaques_theft_1_1864_857

No photographs available.

2. Fincham, St Martin's Churchyard (WMT ref: WM7839)

THEFT: Iron chain stolen from around the memorial.

www.lynnnews.co.uk/news/local/latest-local-news/desecration-of-fincham-war-memorial-1-5219306

No photographs available.

Nottinghamshire

1. Nottingham, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Soldiers, Sailors and Nurses, Park Row

(WMT ref: WM7938)

VANDALISM: Graffiti.

No photographs available.

Oxfordshire

1. Witney, Church Green (WMT ref: WM7579)

VANDALISM: Surrounding pillar knocked over.

www.oxfordtimes.co.uk/news/10214779.Outrage_as_town_war_memorial_vandalised/

No photographs available.

West Midlands

1. Dudley, Queens Cross Cemetery (WMT ref: WM7769)

THEFT: Bronze rifle stolen.

www.expressandstar.com/news/2013/05/25/thieves-strip-bronze-rifle-from-dudley-war-memorial/

No photographs available.

2. Radford, St Nicholas Church (WMT ref: WM7804)

THEFT: Attempted theft of plaques.

www.coventrytelegraph.net/news/coventry-news/attacks-thieves-forces-world-war-4331300

No photographs available.

3. Lye, Christ Church memorial window (WMT ref: WM7658)

VANDALISM: Window shot with an airgun.

www.expressandstar.com/news/2013/04/11/vandals-shoot-dudley-churchs-war-memorial-window/

No photographs available.

West Yorkshire

1. Wakefield, Rishworth Street (WMT ref: WM7133)

VANDALISM: Graffiti.

www.wakefieldexpress.co.uk/news/local-news/graffiti-yob-caught-defacing-wakefield-s-war-memorial-by-off-duty-top-copper-1-5502728

No photographs available.

Northern Ireland:

No reported cases.

Scotland:

Ayrshire

1. **Kilwinning, Abbey of St Winning** (WMT ref: WM1822). **Details added 1st November 2013.**

VANDALISM: Graffiti

www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/local-news/vandals-target-kilwinning-war-memorial-2287994

No photographs available.

Dumfries and Galloway

1. **Troqueer and Maxwelltown, Junction of Rotchel Road and New Abbey Road** (WMT ref: WM6028)

VANDALISM: Graffiti.

www.dgstandard.co.uk/dumfries-news/local-news-dumfries/local-news-dumfriesshire/2013/05/08/mindless-yobs-vandalise-war-memorial-51311-33300914/

Photographs of the memorial and graffiti available.

Fife

1. **East Wemyss, St Mary's by the Sea Churchyard** (WMT ref: WM7823)

THEFT: Soldier stolen but later returned.

www.thecourier.co.uk/news/local/fife/poignant-east-wemyss-war-memorial-ceremony-sees-jimmy-back-where-he-belongs-1.135621

No photographs available.

2. **Glenrothes, Church Street** (WMT ref: WM7697)

VANDALISM: Lights smashed.

www.thecourier.co.uk/news/local/fife/black-watch-veteran-absolutely-shocked-by-glenrothes-war-memorial-vandalism-1.89379

No photographs available.

Perth and Kinross

1. **Milnathort, South Street** (WMT ref: WM6997)

THEFT: Theft of plaques.

www.scotsman.com/news/scotland/top-stories/war-memorial-vandalised-for-scrap-1-3020627

No photographs available.

Wales:

Cardiff

1. **Welsh National War Memorial, Alexandra Gardens, Cathays Park** (WMT ref: WM4927)

VANDALISM: Graffiti.

www.walesonline.co.uk/news/wales-news/vile-vandals-daub-wales-national-6030341

Photographs available of the memorial but not the graffiti.

Gwynedd

1. **Bangor (1/1st Welsh Royal Garrison Artillery memorial), Deiniol Road** (WMT ref: WM7782)
VANDALISM: Graffiti.
No photographs available.