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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 (membership rates valid until end of December 2013):

£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, 0300 123 0764 or conservation@warmemorials.org.

For enquiries about eligibility for funding a Grants Pre-application 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 Grants Pre-application 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,

Welcome to the bumper edition of the November Bulletin. We have expanded to 20 pages, rather than our normal 16, to bring you more about war memorials. Within this issue you will find our latest news, details of work to the Cenotaph on Whitehall carried out this year by English Heritage (our front cover shows how the memorial looked during works), conservation stories with grants cases and news of our work in Scotland, an update on War Memorials Online and how to get involved by adding your memorials, details of our educational work with young people, reports on our Regional Volunteer activities and ways you can support the charity including our Christmas cards for 2013 (shown right and selling fast).



As this issue goes out to our wider supporter bases, not just our members, I hope those of you who receive your annual copy enjoy the update. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or war memorial concerns. If you are not yet a member please do consider joining us. Membership subscriptions help the Trust support communities to protect and conserve their war memorials. Now is a great time to join as our life membership rate goes up in January 2014 from £100 to £150 so you can get in quick. Our annual rate remains at £20. We also offer gift membership so if you are looking for an interesting Christmas gift for friends or family why not make them a member (or ask someone to sign you up!).



It is vital that the charity secures additional support for our work as the centenary of World War I approaches. Interest in war memorials, and demand for advice and grants, will grow and it is important the charity can encourage conservation best practice and ensure any works considered or undertaken will benefit the long-term preservation of all our war memorials. War Memorials Online, which launched in November 2012, is really starting to give us a clearer picture of potential demand. We still need your help to add information about the condition of your local war memorials and we encourage you to register and contribute at www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk. On pages 14-15 we have further details of the project, the information it is revealing and how to get involved.

As we reported in the August issue our Chairman since 2002, Algy Cluff, stood down at the AGM with former Vice Chairman Peter McCormick OBE stepping into the role of Chairman. We are delighted that Algy is remaining as a Trustee and at the September meeting Trustees and staff expressed their thanks, on behalf of the charity, to Algy for his decade as Chairman. At that meeting Trustees appointed Meg Hillier MP as our new Vice Chair, a role she formerly held and which we are delighted she has accepted again.

To help ensure the charity increases awareness of its work as the centenary approaches we are working hard getting out and about meeting people, spreading the word and offering our help. Our Learning Officer has been to schools across the country and is already taking bookings for the year ahead whilst our new Conservation Officer in Scotland has been meeting councils and War Memorials Officers to promote the new funding scheme. Regional Volunteers give talks and attend events which help raise our profile and we thank them all for their efforts. As we go to print, the Trust is working with Civic Voice on an application to the Heritage Lottery Fund. The potential project would offer more training for contributors and development of War Memorials Online. We will keep you posted on the outcome of the application.

As you receive this Bulletin we will be looking ahead to 2014 with its challenges and opportunities. What we can be sure is when communities need help it will be thanks to your assistance that we will be able to respond. We thank you for your support and wish you a very early Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Frances

P.S Thank you again to everyone who supported the direct mail. The £28,000 reported in the last edition has now increased to £40,000. All this money goes directly to the Small Grants Scheme.

War Memorials Trust news

Introducing Alasdair Glass



Office Volunteer Alasdair Glass © Alasdair Glass, 2013

As an architect, I have always worked on historic buildings in both the private and public sectors, including for the Department of the Environment's Property Services Agency and for English Heritage. In the late 1980s, I was responsible for overseeing the conservation of the Cenotaph in Whitehall, Nelson's Column and the war memorials at Hyde Park Corner and for the repaving of Trafalgar Square.

My personal commitment to the work of the Trust is that, as a 1946 baby boomer, I never knew my grandfathers. My paternal grandfather was killed on the Western Front in 1917 serving as a Lieutenant in the Black Watch. My maternal grandfather was the Navigating Officer of HMS Malaya at the Battle of Jutland. He later lost a lung on the Dover Patrol and subsequently died of pneumonia between the wars.

I started volunteering with the Trust in July and have been assisting the Conservation Team with the assessment of the condition of war memorials and the preparation of listing applications.

Membership subscription rates

The results from the last supporter survey indicated that the Trust's annual subscription rate of £20 was appropriate but that the life subscription was a little low. In light of these results and given that the subscription rates have remained unchanged since 2001, the Trustees have decided that from January 2014 the life subscription rate will increase from the current £100 to £150 for an individual and £200 for joint life membership (two people at the same address).

The charity does recognise that the timing of this increase in the life membership rate is not ideal given the current economic climate. However, we feel that changing the life subscription whilst retaining the £20 annual membership rate is an appropriate approach and keeps membership accessible. Until the end of December 2013, any member who has paid their annual subscription in 2013 and wishes to change to life membership at the current rate of £100 is welcome to do so.

If you have any questions about these changes or wish to discuss changes to your membership, please contact the Trust's Membership and Volunteer Officer, Nancy, on 020 7834 0200 or info@warmemorials.org. If you are not already a member and wish to join, then please complete the form on page 20 or visit www.warmemorials.org/join.

Introducing Alan Simpson



Office Volunteer Alan Simpson © Alan Simpson, 2013

I started volunteering with the Trust in June, having recently taken voluntary redundancy after working for a quarter of a century in the Civil Service. Twenty of those years were spent at what is now the Department for Culture, Media and Sport where I worked on historic environment policy, listed building and conservation area casework.

Quite a few years ago I studied history at the University of Kent, and I have long had an interest in military history. This has developed in recent years as I have begun to research family members who were involved in that conflict: my grandfather (a conscript) survived; my great-great uncle (a lifetime soldier) was killed in action near Ypres in 1914 and is one of the thousands of 'missing' commemorated on the Menin Gate.

I enjoy my work at the Trust, which involves assessing information submitted in condition surveys and placing cases in order of priority as well as contributing to the War Memorials Online website.

War Memorials Trust news

Fundraising activity

War Memorials Trust was delighted to receive, earlier this year, an award from the Heritage Lottery Fund's Catalyst heritage: Building fundraising capacity programme. A grant of £8,600 was given towards helping the Trust undertake a fundraising review and develop a clear fundraising strategy looking at how we can attract donations from individuals as donors, members and legacy givers. With the approaching centenary the Trust needs to secure additional funding to help it meet the needs of those communities across the country who seek our support, advice and grants.



Staff and Trustees will be working with a fundraising consultancy through the autumn and winter to identify next steps and ensure the charity has appropriate plans in place to secure the funding needed to protect and conserve our war memorial heritage today, during the centenary and beyond.

London Marathon 2014



London Marathon runners running past the Merchant Navy memorial at Tower Hill © WMT, 2009

With 2014 marking such a significant anniversary, we believe it would be the perfect time to raise funds and awareness of the Trust at the world's biggest annual fundraising event - the London Marathon!

The 2014 marathon will take place on 13th April and anyone lucky enough to have gained a ballot place should now know. If you are running, or know someone who is planning to take part, please do keep War Memorials Trust in mind as a charity to support.

The Trust has one place available in the 2014 race, but it would be great to get as many runners as possible flying the flag for the charity in 2014. If you are interested in supporting the Trust, please contact Nancy on 020 7834 0200 or info@warmemorials.org.

Historic Religious Buildings Alliance Open Day 2013

The Trust was very grateful to be asked to give a presentation at this year's Historic Religious Buildings Alliance Open Day which took place on 11th September. Conservation Officer Amy Davidson represented the Trust and gave a presentation to a wide range of individuals and organisations from across the country with an interest in historic religious buildings.

As the Trust had not presented at the event before, Amy introduced the charity followed by a whirlwind tour of war memorials. This covered a history of war memorials and issues regarding ownership as well as a consideration of the particular types of memorials found in historic religious buildings. Amy highlighted the vast array and that they are not always located in the most obvious places which can sometimes mean that they are not factored into plans if a religious building is altered, closed or sold. Finally, Amy outlined the key ways that the Trust can help communities to look after their war memorials; through our advice, grants and projects such as the War Memorials Online website, the Learning Programme and In Memoriam 2014.

Amy received many enquiries from attendees about their war memorials so it was encouraging to see that attendees engaged with the presentation and were keen to look after their memorials.

The Cenotaph

Earlier this year English Heritage, the custodians of the Cenotaph, undertook conservation work on the memorial to make it ready for the centenary commemorative events. War Memorials Trust was privileged to visit at different stages of the work and meet those undertaking the project. Through this access we have tried to include as many photographs as possible so you can see all the interesting features, many rarely seen up-close, as well as the results of the conservation work.

The Cenotaph is a Grade I listed structure and has an important functional role as the focal point for the nation's commemoration of those killed and affected by war. Every year following the Remembrance service held at the Cenotaph the Trust is contacted by people concerned about its condition; primarily they refer to the soiling on it and the inference that it is not being respected or cleaned. This is not the case; there is an English Heritage maintenance plan in place which sees the Cenotaph being cleaned at least once a year.

Notably, the horizontal surfaces at the top of the memorial do not adequately shed water from the structure, which is a common flaw in the designs of Sir Edwin Lutyens and means that the stone at the top of the memorial is often saturated with water. This permanent dampness encourages biological growth; although this is removed from the surface during the annual cleaning, the roots of the growth remain deep in the open pores of the stone. In addition, the memorial is subject to sap from the surrounding trees and diesel particulates which have soaked in to the stonework over many years

To deal with these and other problems the methods used were based on detailed assessment of the problems and site trials of a number of conservation cleaning techniques. The importance of carrying out trials was demonstrated as some methods initially appeared successful but staining re-appeared within a few days. As a result of the trials, the first stage of cleaning was to use super-heated water to remove general dirt and biological growths. Following this a synthetic latex poultice was applied to the more heavily soiled areas at the top; certain areas required re-treatment. Finally, the top of the memorial was treated with a lime-based shelter coat to provide protection by filling the surface pores and thus slowing down the reappearance of dirt and staining. In addition, cleaning was required on the steps due to iron staining from the fixings of wreaths that are placed there.

Thankfully the stonework of the memorial is generally in good condition so the main works required during the recent conservation alongside the cleaning was re-pointing the narrow joints between the stone blocks. Although perhaps not as obvious as the cleaning, this was very important as the joints have both a functional and aesthetic role. Around 75% of the joints were re-pointed with lime mortar; this was selected following trials with different mixes and aggregates to ensure the mortar was of the right texture and blended in closely with the stone so as not to distract from the overall design. The shedding of water is a weakness of the memorial discussed above but fully restored pointing will help by directing the water down the structure rather than it becoming trapped in open joints.



The Cenotaph covered in scaffolding during the works. Information about the memorial and the project was displayed on the surrounding boards



The top of the Cenotaph has the most severe staining



The extent of the staining can be seen when exposed areas are compared to sheltered areas, as seen on this wreath before cleaning

The Cenotaph

The Cenotaph has a hallowed place within British society and its history so it is of the upmost importance that it is maintained in good condition for as long as possible. However, it is also important that we learn from the repercussions of previous over cleaning and there need to be realistic expectations as to how a monument of this age and location should and can appear, because as the Cenotaph ages it is less able to withstand cleaning. An immediate and understandable reaction to staining on the Cenotaph is to wish to see it cleaned but this can be to the detriment of the memorial itself. It is also important that any natural staining is not immediately considered as disrespectful without understanding how it has formed or how the decision not to clean was made.

The Cenotaph looks fantastic following the recent conservation project but this level of intervention cannot be sustained and it is anticipated that cleaning should not be required for another 2-3 years and that re-pointing will not be required for 10-15 years. Due to its role it will inevitably be cleaned more than is recommended for other historic structures, particularly those at Grade I, but this must be managed alongside care for its long-term prospects. With the more informed view of its conservation that we now have hopefully the Cenotaph will still be standing proud in another 100 years.

David Odgers, Contract Administrator for the project commented: "It is important to understand that the memorial is constructed of a natural material set in an exposed and polluting environment. We hope that the work done to the Cenotaph will help to ensure its continued well-being and that a sustained approach can be adopted to find a balance between its preservation and its appearance."



The Cenotaph following the cleaning and re-pointing work. Note in particular the difference in colour at the top of the memorial compared to previous images



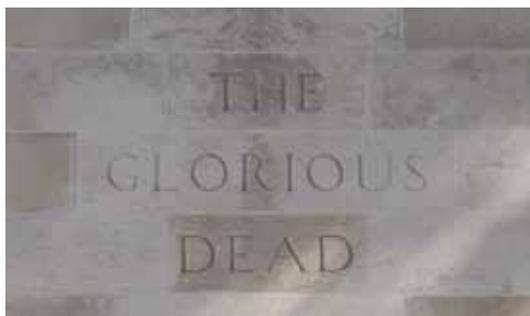
A close up on the wreath and some of the fossils etc. which make up the Portland stone



Guests on an English Heritage tour of the works, including War Memorials Trust Trustees Roger Bardell and Richard Broyd, view the works in progress. In this image the top of the Cenotaph is revealed; a simple wreath



The stonework alongside "The Glorious Dead" awaiting re-pointing



The new mortar blends harmoniously with the stonework

Listing

Madeley Heath war memorial, Staffordshire (WM3125)

Madeley Heath war memorial is constructed from sandstone and it consists of a tapered pillar on a stepped base topped by a sandstone figure of a soldier in uniform standing 'at ease'. The soldier is resting against a stone to the rear and there is a rifle to his right. On the pillar are dedications and a list of names.

The memorial is located on the roadside at a junction. It stands within an octagonal shaped curb enclosure which is topped with painted metal railings. Inside the railings there is a small area of planting.

The war memorial was originally erected in 1921 and commemorates 44 men from the parish who fell in the First World War and a further 17 men who fell in the Second World War.

The front face of the memorial bears the inscription to the fallen of the First World War:

"In grateful memory of
the men of this parish
who fell
in the Great War
1914-1918
Their name liveth for evermore"



Madeley Heath war memorial © Neil Johnson, 2013

Below this dedication is the list of incised names. The first names are those of higher ranks with a list of Privates following after. The additional dedication to the fallen of the Second World War was added to a separate face of the memorial at a later date and is also followed by a list of names. Interestingly the names of the fallen from the Second World War appear in alphabetical order, however the rank of the individual is still noted. The dedication for the Second World War is the same as that preceding the names from the First World War.

War Memorials Trust initially became aware of the Madeley Heath war memorial in 2009 when concern was raised over the structural stability of the memorial and further information about this memorial was received by the Trust in 2011. As the charity required further details about the current condition of the memorial, a local Regional Volunteer was asked to visit to carry out a condition survey and to determine if any action had been taken.

The photographs, condition survey and supporting information supplied by the Regional Volunteer showed that no action had, as yet, been taken to address the structural stability of the memorial. Through further discussions, the Trust learnt of possible plans to relocate the memorial. As relocation of historical structures can potentially have damaging effects, the Trust was concerned about these plans and so decided to apply for the listing of the memorial. Listing will not necessarily prevent the relocation taking place, but would mean that the local authority Conservation Officer will review any proposals to ensure they are appropriate and support the long-term preservation of the memorial.

One of the Trust's Office Volunteers carried out the historical research required for the listing application and, in July this year, the application was submitted to English Heritage. In October we were informed that the memorial had been granted listed status at Grade II. This was a particularly quick decision and indicates that we are not the only ones who recognise the importance of providing protection for our war memorial heritage in light of the upcoming centenary! English Heritage's website notes that they are intending on doing a thematic study on war memorials. This will hopefully mean that even more of the war memorials in England will be recorded and protected as a legacy to the centenary. This is something you can support by collating and submitting information to request the listing of your local freestanding war memorial if it is not already listed.

The main reasons given for the listing of the Madeley Heath memorial were:

- "Historic interest: it is a poignant reminder of the impact of tragic world events upon an individual

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community and, thus, has strong cultural and historical significance within both a local and national context;

- Architectural interest: as a well-executed memorial with an expressive and finely-detailed sculpture of a First World War soldier."

During research on this war memorial a number of interesting stories emerged regarding some of the individuals commemorated. The Regional Volunteer who undertook the initial survey was also able to gather some interesting historical information from the book 'The New Madeley Manor House – A Short Biography' by Jean M. Williams and L. Williams MA.

This book details that Lady Annabel Crewe, daughter of Robert Crewe-Milnes, the Marquis of Crewe, lost her first husband, The Honourable Arthur O'Neill in the First World War. Arthur O'Neill was an Ulster Unionist Party Politician and, according to his Commonwealth War Graves Commission record, the first Member of Parliament to be killed in the war.

Lady Annabel Crewe went on to lose two of her sons, Captain The Right Honourable B. A. O'Neill and Lieutenant Colonel Lord O'Neill, in the Second World War. Both of their names appear on the Madeley Heath war memorial. The third son of Lady Crewe and The Honourable Arthur O'Neill also served in the Second World War.

Further research by one of the Trust's Office Volunteers found details of another distinguished individual commemorated on the Madeley Heath war memorial. Colonel J. H. Knight is listed amongst the fallen of the First World War. After his name are the letters VD which stands for Volunteer Decoration. The Volunteer Officer's Decoration was awarded to officers of the Volunteer Forces (the precursor to the Territorial Army) who had given 20 years service.

Colonel J. H. Knight, a solicitor by trade, was the commanding officer of the Fifth Battalion of the North Staffordshire Regiment. He led the Regiment in the charge on the Hohenzollern Redoubt, France on 13th October 1915. More than 500 men are reported to have died in the charge in less than an hour, including Colonel Knight himself.

A number of sources were used for researching the history of this memorial and the names which appear on it. These include the Commonwealth War Graves Commission website (www.cwgc.org) which provides information on casualties; W. H. Auden's website 'Family Ghosts' (www.stanford.edu); BBC News Northern Ireland (www.bbc.co.uk/news); the National Archives (discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk); The Sentinel (www.stokesentinel.co.uk); and the book 'The New Madeley Manor House – A Short Biography' by Jean M. Williams and L. Williams MA.

This illustrates the amount of information that is available on individuals and memorials in some cases, something which is likely to increase with the growing interest in the First World War particularly as we approach the centenary. It also highlights the vital role played by the Trust's volunteers in assisting us to undertake activities which we would otherwise struggle to find capacity for. In this case specific thanks go to Neil Johnson, Alasdair Glass and Martin Shorthouse who all played a role in unravelling the very interesting stories of these individuals and ensuring that the memorial which these servicemen appear on is protected for future generations.



Panel of Madeley Heath war memorial with inscribed names of the World War I fallen including Capt. The Rt. Hon. B. A. O'Neill and Lt Col Lord O'Neill © Neil Johnson, 2013



Panel of Madeley Heath war memorial with inscribed names of the World War I fallen including Col. J. H. Knight VD © Neil Johnson, 2013

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Cowbridge war memorial, Glamorgan (WM2758)

Structural instability is not commonplace in relation to war memorials however the problem can bring potential public safety hazards where it is identified. Therefore it must be resolved swiftly and with the correct level of intervention so as not to put the memorial at risk of damage or long-term stability issues. Inappropriate design, location, ground subsidence or incorrect construction are the most obvious causes of structural problems and these can become evident through a variety of visible changes to the structure. This is one of the main reasons why the Trust stresses the importance of recording and monitoring your war memorial regularly, so as to spot these signs as early as possible and resolve them before levels of damage become both severe and costly.

In most cases structural issues will become apparent through the leaning of the memorial, cracks on the structure, subsidence or physical upheaval from its surroundings. Usually the memorial will settle and need not be a cause of concern although it should be continually monitored for further movement in the future. The advice of a professional conservation accredited structural engineer with experience of historic structures can also be sought.

Cowbridge war memorial is located in a prominent position on the pavement outside Cowbridge Town Hall adjacent to a busy road through the town. It consists of a life sized marble figure, approximately 2 metres high, of a soldier in cap with his head bowed in a mourning pose and hands resting on his reversed rifle. The base, column and plinth are constructed of limestone and the inscriptions carved into the base are dedicated to the men of Cowbridge who lost their lives fighting in World War I and World War II.

War Memorials Trust were contacted by the Town Council in November 2012 when a member of the public noticed that the memorial had shifted from its original position and showed evidence of impact from a heavy object or a vehicle. The shift was a cause for concern as it indicated that the plinth of the memorial was not secured in any way and there were obviously no foundations. This raised concerns that the separate elements were not fixed together with



A photograph showing the point of impact to the base of the memorial and the subsequent shift of the memorial from its original position © A. Davies, 2012

internal pins. With the memorial being located in a vulnerable position on a busy road with a large number of pedestrians, it was important that the issue was addressed quickly so as to prevent harm to anyone.



The soldier figure being carefully lifted from the plinth after being carefully strapped up © A. Davies, 2013

War Memorials Trust only recommends dismantling of a memorial as a last resort, as we have seen instances in the past where following reassembly of the memorial there have been structural integrity issues and long-term stability problems. For this reason we encourage custodians to adopt less invasive approaches of repair wherever feasible. Regular monitoring of the memorial and its surroundings will help to identify whether any changes are occurring and how urgent or invasive the works required should be to secure the memorial in its condition. In this instance the movement of the memorial from its original position along two planes was an immediate cause for concern. With the memorial being so close to the road, it could be extremely dangerous if the marble statue were to become unstable.

In 2013, War Memorials Trust offered a grant of £2,290 through the Small Grants Scheme towards the necessary remedial works to secure the memorial. Before undertaking the works, the memorial was first photographed for recording purposes before careful dismantling could

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commence. The statue was safely strapped up using support belts and was vertically lifted from its base and laid down in order to prevent damage. The base, column and plinth were also lifted individually from the foundation plate and carefully stored. Dismantling of the memorial confirmed that there were no fixings between each section and nothing to secure it to the ground. The memorial was re-assembled with internal stainless steel dowels fixing the sections to each other and these were further secured using a lime mortar. Throughout the process the memorial was photographed for recording purposes.



A photograph showing the extent of fixing of the soldier to the memorial plinth © A. Davies, 2013

It is important to ensure, before commencing such a project that appropriate permissions have been obtained, including the less obvious ones such as consent from the Highways Authority where works are likely to have an impact upon traffic flows through the area. If a memorial is in a sensitive location then it might only be feasible to undertake works during certain hours of the day, thus increasing the timescale or the overall costs of works. Preparing a method statement in advance of requesting quotes will help to identify any permissions required or scaffolding, fencing and other site protection therefore eliminating unexpected costs being incurred or time delays further down the line. War Memorials Trust has produced a helpsheet on the preparation of a method statement which should be helpful for any repair or conservation projects.



Cowbridge war memorial on completion of the works © A. Davies, 2013

The memorial was erected circa 1921.

On the face towards the road the inscription reads:

“To the memory of
the men of this borough
who volunteered for active service
and gave their lives for King and
country in the Great European War
1914 – 1919”

On the opposite face there is the inscription:

“And
to the memory of
those of this borough
who gave their lives
in the Second World War
1939 – 1945”

If you would like to discuss a structural issue with a member of the Trust's Conservation Team then please contact us on 020 7233 7356 or conservation@warmemorials.org. If you would like to find out more about the Trust's grant schemes then please visit www.warmemorials.org/grants for further information.

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



Centenary Memorials Restoration Fund



In the May 2013 edition of the Bulletin we were pleased to provide some initial information about the Centenary Memorials Restoration Fund (CMRF), a scheme which will see the Scottish Government make £1million available for repair and conservation works to war memorials in Scotland during the centenary of the First World War.

Following on from this announcement, the Trust has been working with the Scottish Government and Historic Scotland, which administers the fund. As a result the scheme is now fully operational, accepting and processing applications for funding, with a Conservation Officer in Scotland in post to manage and promote the scheme to communities, local authorities and interested organisations and to provide conservation advice to those making applications to the scheme.

The CMRF is scheduled to run until March 2018, during which time individuals, organisations and local authorities are invited to apply for funding for war memorials of all types, including freestanding and non-freestanding and in commemoration of all conflicts. With conservation and repair at the heart of the scheme, the CMRF promotes current conservation best practice to ensure that no works damage a memorial's overall appearance or unnecessarily disturb or destroy historic fabric and to ensure that they are maintained for future generations to pay tribute to the fallen within a particular community. There is comprehensive advice about the CMRF in the Principles and Eligibility Criteria and Guidance Notes which can be found at www.warmemorials.org/grants-scotland; as well as specific conservation helpsheets which can be found at www.warmemorials.org/a-z. Additional advice can also be obtained from the Trust's Conservation Team.

For those interested in making an application to the CMRF, the first step is to discuss this with the Trust's Conservation Team. If you have not already done so, you will need to complete a Grants Pre-application form which is available on the Trust's website or by contacting the charity. Once completed and returned, the form will be reviewed in relation to the eligibility criteria. If you are advised that the work you want to carry out to the war memorial is likely to qualify for a grant under the CMRF you will be invited to fill in the Application Form and gather together the information needed to assess your application.

Completed applications are assessed for grant funding, normally up to 75% of the eligible costs to a maximum grant of £30,000. Assessment is carried out in rounds on the following dates each year: 28th February, 31st May, 31st August and 30th November, but applications can be submitted at any time and should not be left until the assessment date as it may not be possible to consider them in time for that round. The assessment process allows for a mechanism of prioritisation, ensuring that applications are assessed on the priority of the need for the works and their urgency. In cases where there are insufficient funds to offer a grant to a project or the required information for assessment is not available by the assessment date, applications will be re-assessed at the next round. Exceptions may be made for assessment of applications outside the noted dates should it be demonstrated that there is an urgent case; applicants are encouraged to discuss these cases with the Trust at the earliest opportunity.

The Trust is pleased to report that there has been significant interest in the CMRF already, resulting in enquires spanning the length and breadth of Scotland and completed applications are being assessed. In September the Trust was able to make the first round of CMRF grant offers, totalling £22,573, for works to three Scottish war memorials. More information and details of these awards will follow in due course after the completion of grant funded works and we look forward to adding write-ups to the Grants Showcase section of the Trust website.

Although it is clear that there is much interest in the scheme, we would encourage our members and supporters to continue to spread the word and ensure that custodians of memorials are aware of the financial and technical support that is on offer. If you know of memorials which may benefit from work but do not know the custodian, then add details to War Memorials Online or let the Trust know and we will investigate as part of our casework.

Working in partnership with local authorities

Approaching and throughout the centenary of the First World War, it is expected that many communities will start carrying out repair and conservation work to their local memorials, to ensure that they are in the best possible condition in time to mark the 2018 commemorations of the end of the War.

War Memorials Trust, as well as working with local communities and organisations, is actively supporting War Memorials Officers from local authorities who are proposing to undertake works or are at the initial stages of assessment and survey to ascertain the current condition of the war memorials for which they are custodians. This type of partnership is highly beneficial; it provides a mechanism by which the Trust is able to provide local authorities with technical information on current conservation best practice, specialist support regarding the protection and conservation of war memorials as well as giving financial assistance through one of the three grant schemes that are administered by the Trust.

One example of the benefits of partnership working between the Trust and local authority is that which has been developed with the Highland Council. Since the launch of the War Memorials Officer campaign, in 2010, a War Memorials Officer has been identified within the council, and this has meant that the Trust has had a main point of contact for dealing with enquiries and issues relating to the diverse range of war memorials within the Highland communities. The Trust has been able to provide advice and updates, including information and guidance regarding the launch of the Centenary Memorials Restoration Fund (CMRF) in Scotland. Consequently, the Highland Council is in discussion as to how applications may be made to secure funding for repair and conservation work to their war memorials. This request for funding advice was made as part of the council's strategic undertaking of a programme of works, including the systematic recording and surveying of 173 war memorials.

As the Highland Council are now concluding their survey and research work, they are in discussion with the Trust regarding how their collected condition survey information can be shared on the War Memorials Online website. Once on the website, the condition details can be updated as and when proposed repair and conservation works are completed. The Trust has also encouraged the Highland Council to consider proactively protecting those war memorials which are not already protected from the risk of theft or vandalism by making further applications to the In Memoriam 2014 programme which is making SmartWater available, free of charge, to all war memorial custodians. The use of the crime prevention fluid makes the Highland memorials uniquely identifiable and also offers robust traceability should a theft occur.



Reay war memorial © Highland Council , 2013



Dingwall war memorial © Highland Council , 2013



Gairloch war memorial © Highland Council , 2013

War Memorials Online

War Memorials Online: what we have learnt

At the time of writing this piece, in early October, War Memorials Online has 11,900 records which have been edited or added to the website since its launch in November 2012. This is an amazing response given that the website has not been widely publicised so thank you to everyone who has been contributing. The number of records is just over 10% of the estimated 100,000 war memorials in the UK so it is a reasonable basis upon which we can start to identify trends and develop accurate condition data. But we need more, so please start, or keep, checking, editing and adding war memorials you know or discover as you are out and about!

Up to the end of September 2013 condition updates indicate 9% of war memorials in 'Poor' condition and just 1% in 'Very bad' condition. This means as many as 10,000 memorials are potentially vulnerable and we need your help to identify them and ensure they get the help needed. But we also want to celebrate the good work being done and memorials which are in 'Good' and 'Fair' condition. There may be opportunities to link communities where condition is 'Poor' with neighbours whose memorial is 'Good' so best practice can be shared.

Any 'Poor' or 'Very bad' condition updates submitted to War Memorials Online are passed to the Trust and incorporated into the Conservation Team's casework. This ensures War Memorials Online does not just hold information but action is taken (see the case study opposite). In addition to assessing condition reports, any concerns submitted are also dealt with by the Trust. 86 memorial concerns have been reported so far. Whilst this is not a big percentage of total concern reports received by the Trust it is worth recognising that 48 are new to the charity indicating that War Memorials Online offers a reporting tool that some people prefer to use. It perhaps offers a more anonymous approach, particularly in controversial local cases, as you do not have to be registered to report a concern about a war memorial.



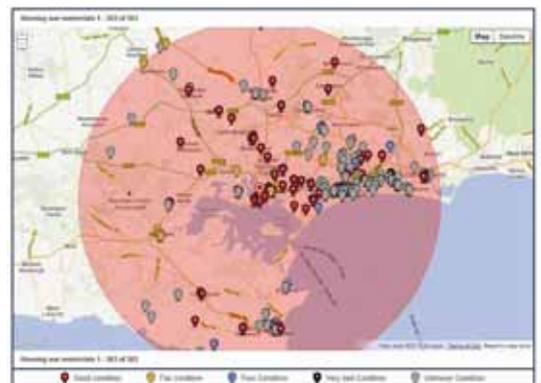
War Memorials Online: what you can do

Just viewing the website you can:

- **Search** for memorials using a keyword or postcode
- **Search** for memorials on a map to give a picture of which memorials there are in an area and their condition
- **View** memorial records to see what information or photographs have already been added
- **Report** concern about memorials; photographs detailing areas of concern can be added to reports

Contributors are those who have registered on War Memorials Online. Once registered, you can:

- **Add** new memorials to the website or edit information of memorials already on the website
- **Share** photographs helping to build a timeline of memorials' condition
- **Provide** condition updates adding to the national picture of condition and helping the Trust target resources at those memorials in 'Poor' or 'Very bad' condition
- **Report** concern about memorials; photographs detailing areas of concern can be added to reports
- **Submit** information about memorials or add links to other websites, including your own
- **Propose** custodian details, heritage listing and conservation area information to improve our understanding of who and how war memorials are protected
- **Correct** inaccurate information yourself or by reporting inappropriate content, duplication of memorials, etc.



War Memorials Online

War Memorials Online: a grant paid and a memorial helped

In December 2012 the Congresbury Memorial Hall Management Committee submitted a condition update via War Memorials Online which noted the memorial hall was in 'Poor' condition due, amongst other things, to a serious roof leak. This was passed to the Trust's Conservation Team who discussed the case with the committee and an application was submitted to the Small Grants Scheme. A grant of £1,805 was offered in February 2013 and works completed in the summer. As the Trust pays on completion of works to ensure conservation best practice has been followed, the grant was paid in October.

Full details of the Trust's grant towards works to make the hall watertight can be found on the Grants Showcase www.warmemorials.org/search-grants. Some of the damage and subsequent repairs can be seen in the photographs below. Funding such work means the Trust is helping to ensure that the building retains its war memorial function and can continue to be used by the community.



Internal damage by leaking roof © D Smith, 2013



Roof after repairs © D Smith, 2013

How you can get involved: check your local war memorials

Anyone can contribute information to War Memorials Online to help create a greater understanding of our war memorial heritage. If you have ever thought you would love to do more for war memorials then this might be your opportunity. War Memorials Online can take up as little or as much time as you can spare and all contributions help protect and conserve war memorials.



Whether you concentrate on your local war memorial(s), focus on types, identify conflicts or 'collect' war memorials from different locations in the UK, any information you can contribute is valuable. This can include adding a memorial not yet on War Memorials Online, adding additional information to an existing memorial record, updating condition or uploading an up-to-date photograph of a memorial. You can also edit incorrect information on, or add missing information to, an existing record.

By adding memorials not yet on War Memorials Online or providing up-to-date condition information for existing memorials you will be helping to create a clearer picture of our war memorial heritage. This will enable others to find out more and perhaps engage them further with war memorials leading to an increase in interest in War Memorials Online and support for War Memorials Trust.

If you are reading this and thinking you cannot get involved as you do not use a computer then do not worry. Perhaps family and friends can help you get the information onto the website - it is a great opportunity to get young people involved. But if you do start be warned, War Memorials Online can get a little addictive. Whilst we are not aware of any divorces yet we know of a number of holidays that have seen one half driven to distraction by the number of war memorial detours undertaken!

Learning

Visit to Bryn Deri Primary School, Radyr, Cardiff

The start of the new school year has certainly kept our Learning Officer busy! With less than a year to go before the start of the First World War centenary many teachers are making use of our learning resources and have asked us to visit their school to work with pupils on a range of war memorial lessons and projects. The first visit of the school year was to Bryn Deri Primary School in Radyr which Ruth visited on 5th September to work with the Year 6 class. The class were beginning a study of the Second World War and were particularly keen to find out more about the men named on their local war memorial and the impact of both World Wars on their local community. During the day the class learnt more about what war memorials are and their significance and then went on to research the names on the war memorial, which they had visited the day before. One child even brought in several photographs of and records relating to his great-grandfather's service in the First World War and used the lesson to match up these records with those he found online and put together a clearer picture of his family history.

We are delighted so many schools are using our Learning Programme as the centenary approaches. Ruth has more school visits lined up over the coming months and we look forward to supporting the work of young people as they learn about war memorials and get involved in protecting and conserving them.

Heritage Lottery Funding for Learning Volunteers

War Memorials Trust was delighted to find out at the end of August that our application to the Heritage Lottery Fund's Sharing Heritage grant scheme, for funding for our Learning Volunteers project, was successful. The Trust has been awarded £9,900 to develop the project, entitled 'Remembering their history: Inspiring Kent's young people with the stories of the county's war memorials', which will train ten Learning Volunteers in Kent so that they can visit local schools and youth groups and offer direct support to young people learning about local war memorials by giving talks, lessons and assemblies. The project got underway in September and we are working with schools to develop training sessions and materials, and with Stories in Film to create a film to be used in training sessions. The project is a pilot and Kent was chosen as we have a large number of active Regional Volunteers and connections with a number of the centenary projects happening in the county. War Memorials Trust is extremely grateful for the support of the Heritage Lottery Fund's Sharing Heritage programme for this project. More information about the development of the Learning Volunteer role will be provided in future Bulletins and on the learning website at www.learnaboutwarmemorials.org/get-involved.



War memorial education in Scotland

In addition to her visit to Wales earlier this year, Ruth spent time in Scotland at the end of August to attend a series of meetings with schools and heritage organisations in Glasgow and Edinburgh. Glasgow City Council is encouraging its schools to teach their pupils about the First World War centenary and local war memorials during the academic year leading up to August 2014. Representatives of 21 Glasgow schools attended a meeting where the achievements of 3 schools participating in a pilot for this scheme were shared and future plans for similar work in other schools discussed. It was so inspiring to see that so many children, from the very youngest in nursery school through to secondary school pupils, were learning about war memorials, the people they commemorate and the impact of the First World War on Glasgow and we hope this work will spark an interest that will continue throughout the centenary and beyond. Ruth had the opportunity to present some of the Trust's learning resources to the teachers there and hopes to work with them as their projects develop.

Following this Ruth also met with learning staff at Historic Scotland and the Royal British Legion Scotland, as well as staff leading a war memorial research project at Queensferry High School in Edinburgh. The time spent in Scotland was a great opportunity to establish links with our colleagues in other organisations and promote our learning resources to a wider audience.

Legacy giving and Regional Volunteers

Legacy giving

Leaving a legacy to War Memorials Trust will help the charity protect and conserve war memorials across the UK. These donations can support our grant schemes, conservation work and educational activities. They make a real difference to how many communities the charity can assist.

Many of these communities, whose predecessors erected war memorials following World War I, face significant challenges dealing with their war memorial heritage. A common one is that in the early 1920s ownership of, or responsibility for, war memorials was often not formalised. Those in the photograph



Worthing war memorial © IWM's Farthing Collection (both images)

stood around Worthing's war memorial at its unveiling would probably never have imagined a time when the maintenance or repair of war memorials was subject to financial discussions or disputes.



The young man at the far left of the main picture, shown left, was perhaps present to pay respects to a father, older brother or uncle. He would not have considered, seeing the expressions of grief in the people and flowers, that a legal document was needed to maintain the war memorial. Fortunately, Worthing war memorial has a custodian undertaking maintenance but many war memorials are not so fortunate.

You can help those less fortunate war memorials through your own legal document, your will. War Memorials Trust hopes that when you make your will, and once you have ensured family and friends are supported, you will consider making the charity a beneficiary. A legacy will support the protection and conservation of war memorials and ensure that across the country young people can continue to pay their respects at their local war memorials as that young man did.

Regional Volunteers

War Memorials Trust's Regional Volunteers (RVs) are members of the charity who wish to take on a more active role to help the Trust achieve its aims and objectives. RVs are registered by county across the UK and have become involved with the charity for a variety of reasons but all have a firm belief in the importance of the protection and preservation of war memorials.

The activities in which RVs can be involved include:

- Monitoring and reporting on the condition of war memorials
- Listing and researching the history of war memorials
- Promoting the charity locally or giving talks on behalf of the Trust
- Supporting our work by organising and running events
- Representing the charity at rededication ceremonies or similar events
- Supporting and assisting with ongoing Trust projects, such as the War Memorials Officer campaign, In Memoriam 2014 and War Memorials Online

If you are interested in becoming a RV, please contact Nancy on 020 7834 0200, rv@warmemorials.org or visit the Trust's website www.warmemorials.org/regional-volunteers. We are particularly interested in recruiting more RVs in: Cumbria, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire, Northumberland, Rutland, Shropshire, Tyne and Wear, West Midlands and all areas of Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

Get involved

Christmas cards

War Memorials Trust is delighted to offer supporters a choice of two cards for sale this year.

The first image 'Choir Processions' shows a choir approaching a church through its lychgate. With lychgate war memorials being common and many war memorials found in churches, we feel this is an appropriate card for the charity. The card is 14cms/5.5inches square. The card comes in packs of 10 and inside it reads 'Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year'.



The second image 'Palace Guards' show a band marching past Buckingham Palace. It marks a change

from our cards of recent years which have shown mounted soldiers, but maintains a military link with a style of card we know many members like to purchase. The card is 14cms/5.5inches square, comes in packs of 10 and inside it reads 'Season's Greetings'.

When ordering please let us know whether you would like us to substitute your order for the other design if you chosen design has sold out. The cards are being sold at £4 a packet plus 75p p&p per pack. Order online at www.warmemorials.org/shop or complete the order form on page 19.

Please note that sales are strong so we recommend **ordering as soon as possible** to secure your cards!

Donate to War Memorials Trust with flowers: Charity Flowers

War Memorials Trust has recently registered with Charity Flowers. Ordering flowers through Charity Flowers, quoting the source code, **WMT**, will result in War Memorials Trust receiving 15% of the retail price as a donation. This means you can support the charity at the same time as sending a wonderful gift of flowers. And it is not just limited to flowers; gifts, baskets and bulbs are also available.

Your wedding anniversary gift can also support your favourite charity. Birthday gifts give that bit more. A bouquet in sympathy can also donate to a cause that was supported by the person who has passed away.



If you are planning to send flowers, or need an excuse to, then please use www.charityflowers.co.uk or call 0870 5300 600 and remember to quote WMT!

CharityFlowers.co.uk
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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. Please note there has been a change in design of the pen.



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 this page.

No.	Item	Total
	Pack(s) of 'Palace Guards' Christmas cards at £4.75 per pack of 10 cards (inc. p&p)	
	Pack(s) of 'Choir Processions' Christmas cards at £4.75 per pack of 10 cards (inc. p&p)	
If ordering Christmas cards please indicate if you are happy to accept the alternative card if your card has sold out: I do / do not want the other card		
	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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War Memorials Trust
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I would like to join/donate to War Memorials Trust
(membership rates valid until the end of December 2013)

Individual/ joint annual membership £20/£30
(joint = two people at the same address)

Life membership £100

Single donation of £.....

Please tick if you DO wish to receive a receipt for your payment.

Use Gift Aid and you can make your donation worth more.
For every £1 you give to us, we get an extra 25p from HMRC.
So just tick here. It's that simple.

I want all the donations I have made to War Memorials Trust for the four years prior to the date of this declaration and all future donations that I make from the date of this declaration to be Gift Aid until I notify War Memorials Trust otherwise. I confirm that I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year that is at least equal to the amount of Gift Aid that all charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify.

Gift Aid is not appropriate for my donation

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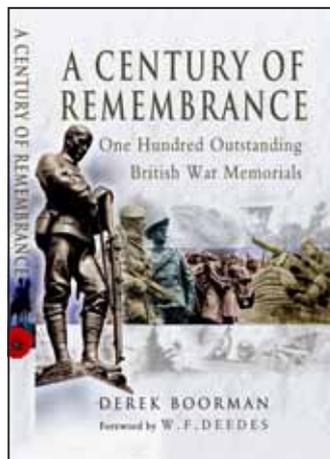
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Merchandise

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 note that we only have limited numbers of this book left in stock so **order now** to avoid disappointment!

Gift Aid

Gift Aid enables War Memorials Trust to reclaim an extra 25p on every pound you donate so your £20 subscription becomes £25 and your £100 gift, £125. You can Gift Aid your donation if you pay Income or Capital Gains Tax at least equal to the value War Memorials Trust would claim.

Please contact War Memorials Trust if you would like further information. If you have already made a Gift Aid pledge please do remember to advise us if you move house or cease paying tax.

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