

Centenary Memorials Restoration Fund

Three war memorials in Scotland share £22,500 this November



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Status: Immediate release

Starts

Three grant offers totalling £22,500 have been made to war memorial projects across Scotland. These grant offers have been made through the Centenary Memorials Restoration Fund this November. The formal announcement was made by First Minister Alex Salmond on 11th November 2013 (<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/War-memorial-funding-604.aspx>).

The war memorial projects supported are:

- **New Kilpatrick Church**, Bearsden, East Dunbartonshire (WM7129): Grant offer £9,107

The existing 'Poor' condition of the memorial is the result of graffiti, weather erosion (originally located outside) and previous unsuitable conservation work. All these factors have led to the decay of the sandstone which has resulted in the loss of sections of caved stone and fading inscriptions.

The grant will help fund repair and stabilisation works to the sandstone, removal of the existing joints and re-pointing using a lime mortar, removal of graffiti and the re-painting of the memorial inscriptions.

Details of memorial can be found at www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/node/147308

- **Elderslie**, Abbey Cemetery, Renfrewshire (WM4047): Grant offer £6,005

The memorial has loose and cracked cladding panels, poor historic repair work and faded inscriptions which are hard to read. Water is getting into the memorial as there are areas where the existing mortar is cracked or missing. These issues have combined to leave the memorial in a 'Poor' condition.

The grant funding will support the removal of existing mortar joints and re-pointing of the memorial and the supporting wall using a lime mortar. Work will also include the repair of cracked cladding panels, re-fixing of loose panels, replacement of badly damaged stonework and the re-painting of the memorial inscription.

Details of memorial can be found at www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/node/138106

- **Bridge of Weir**, Renfrewshire (WM5728): Grant offer £7,461

The build-up of dirt and algae on the memorial along with flaking paint on the inscription means it is hard to read. In addition the memorial's boundary wall and ironwork railings have extensive decay leaving them in a 'Poor' condition.

The grant offered will support works which include the removal of cracked or missing cement joints in the boundary wall and re-pointing using a lime mortar. Badly worn away sections of stone will be replaced and the ironwork railings will be cleaned and re-painted. In addition to the boundary wall work the memorial will be correctly cleaned and the inscription will be re-painted.

Details of memorial can be found at www.warmemorialsonline.org/node/146633

Ends

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Images

Images of the memorials can be provided

Notes to editors

1. Centenary Memorials Restoration Fund has £1 million available to support the repair and conservation of any war memorial of any type anywhere in Scotland. The scheme was launched in April 2013 and will run through the centenary of World War I. Funded by the Scottish Government and Historic Scotland the scheme is administered by War Memorials Trust. For further information visit www.warmemorials.org/grants-scotland.
2. Historic Scotland is an executive agency of the Scottish Government charged with safeguarding the nation's historic environment. The agency is fully accountable to Scottish Ministers and through them to the Scottish Parliament. For more information visit www.historic-scotland.gov.uk.
3. 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.
4. 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 or download a Grants Pre-application form from www.warmemorials.org/grants/.
5. 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.

6. Details of grant(s) completed through the Centenary Memorials Restoration Fund can be found on the Trust's website: www.warmemorials.org/search-grants. The Grants Showcase features all the projects supported by the charity through grants schemes and can be searched by county or area.