

Centenary Memorials Restoration Fund



War Memorials Trust

Ten war memorials in Scotland offered grants this March

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Starts

Ten war memorials across Scotland are benefitting from grant offers totalling £33,180. These grant offers have been made through the Centenary Memorials Restoration Fund which has £1 million to allocate to the repair and conservation of war memorials. The formal announcement was made by the Cabinet Secretary for Culture and External Affairs, Fiona Hyslop on Thursday 3rd April 2014.

The war memorial projects supported come from across Scotland and are presented by county:

- **Laurencekirk Parish**, Laurencekirk Church of Scotland, **Aberdeenshire** (WM7982): Grant offer £5,760

The memorial stained glass window faces a number of issues including extensive paint loss. The movement of lead work has contributed to vertical unevenness of the window and in some areas there are visible gaps between the lead and the glass. While the existing sealed protective glazing is providing protection against the weather it is contributing to the deterioration of the window.

The grant funding will support the removal of the stained glass window to allow for conservation works to take place. This will include the replacement of decayed or stretched lead, low level cleaning and the consolidation of remaining paintwork. Once the window is put back into the church a new ventilated protective glazing will be installed.

Details of memorial can be found at www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/node/145731

- **Dunscore**, Dunscore, **Dumfries and Galloway**(WM5486): Grant offer £778

Water is getting into the memorial at the cracked concrete base and though gaps left by cracked or missing mortar in the joints. In addition the painted inscription is starting to deteriorate and flake off, over time will make the inscription difficult to read.

The grant funding will support work to remove the cracked concrete base and replace it with chipped stones which will help with recognised drainage issues at the base. In addition the memorial will be repointed with a lime mortar and the inscriptions will be repainted.

Details of memorial can be found at www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/node/149118

- **Glasgow School of Art, Glasgow** (WM7547): Grant offer £1,215

The hinges of the timber and brass frame containing the roll of honour are stuck in position and it is no longer possible to close the two outer leaves of the frame. Inside the frame the parchment has noticeable areas of discolouration and a small split has been identified.

The grant funding will support works to remove and stabilise the split in the parchment and to address the discolouration of the issues causing it. Following the completion of the conservation works the parchment it will be put back into the repaired frame.

Details of memorial can be found at www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/node/162130

- **Clyne**, Brora, **Highlands** (WM3995): Grant offer £5,914

This memorial faces a number of issues. At the clock dials the paint finish to the dial skeleton and hands is flaking and the previous replacement acrylic in the clock dials has discoloured and been damaged over time. While the clock is still functioning work is required to keep the mechanism in use. The condition of the surrounding hard landscaping is in poor condition, past repair and re-pointing to the boundary walls are starting to fail.

The grant funding will support works to the clock mechanisms and dials. At the boundary walls the crumbling cement based render and pointing will be removed and joints will be repointed with a lime mortar. Repair works will be carried out to the memorial's hard landscaping and the clock tower's timber louvers. In addition a like for like replacement for the missing section of railing will be fitted.

Details of memorial can be found at www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/node/146041

- **Aberlour Orphanage**, Aberlour, **Moray** (WM8107): Grant offer £3,344

Due to previous issues with vegetation roots this memorial is suffering from noticeable subsidence. In addition painted inscription is starting to deteriorate and flake off this and the presence of biological growth on the stone is making the inscription more difficult to read.

The grant funding will help to construct new foundations and re-point this protect10n memorial with a lime mortar. In addition appropriate stone cleaning and repainting of the lead lettering will be undertaken.

Details of memorial can be found at www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/node/153686

- **Hopeman memorial hall**, Hopeman, **Moray** (WM7887): Grant offer £10,000

Wear and tear of the much used hall space means that the existing timber flooring is in poor condition.

The grant funding will support work to relay a new timber floor in the hall. This work will allow the continual use of the hall by local groups and members of the community who enjoy taking part in a large range of activities.

Details of memorial can be found at www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/node/146230

- **Clachan-ath-luis**, Clachan, **North Uist**, (WM5543): Grant offer £2,520

The painted surface on the lead lettered inscription is starting to deteriorate and flake off which over time will make the inscription difficult to read.

The grant offer will support work to repaint the existing inscription. In addition, the missing name of L/Corporal Malcom MacDonald of the Cameron Highlanders who died during the First World War will be added into the memorial

Details of memorial can be found at www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/node/151042

- **Pierowall**, Westray, **Orkney** (WM8025): Grant offer £896

Over time the painted inscription on the memorial has worn away and is making the existing inscription more difficult to read. In addition missing and cracked mortar is allowing water to get into the memorial.

The grant funding will support work to re-point the memorial with a lime mortar and repaint the existing inscription.

Details of memorial can be found at www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/node/149604

- **Gattonside**, Gattonside, **Scottish Borders** (WM5546): Grant offer £1,665

Over time the painted inscription on the memorial has worn away and along with biological growth on the memorial is making the existing inscription more difficult to read. In addition cracks within the stonework alongside missing and cracked mortar is allowing water to get into the memorial.

The grant funding will support work to the cleaning and repair of the stonework. The joints of the memorial will be repointed with a lime mortar and the surrounding paving slabs will be re-laid to provide an even surface. The inscription will be re-painted.

Details of memorial can be found at www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/node/142289

- **Avendale Old Parish Church**, Strahaven, **South Lanarkshire** (WM8259): Grant offer £1,088

The inscriptions on the memorial are becoming difficult to read, this is because of stone erosion on the face of the sandstone plaque and the flaking paint on the lead lettered inscription on the marble plaque below. In addition water is getting into the plaques due to open joints.

The grant funding will support the selective deepening of the incised inscription along with the repainting and stone cleaning of the low level plaque. In addition the construction joints of the plaques will be repointed with a lime mortar.

Details of memorial can be found at www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/node/161515

Ends

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Images

The image(s) can be supplied on request

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.