

News statement

War Memorials Trust welcomes additional centenary funding



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War Memorials Trust welcomes the announcement today of government support for the repair and conservation of war memorials. This one-off funding should support the additional demand for works to war memorials stimulated by the centenary of World War I.

War Memorials Trust looks forward to working with DCMS to develop this funding proposal. It is important resources are made available as quickly as possible to help communities ensure their war memorials are in the best possible condition through the duration of the centenary. It is also vital to recognise that projects do not happen overnight but may take time as the most appropriate works need to be identified to safeguard the long-term preservation of these historic monuments, plaques and landscape features.

Frances Moreton, Director, War Memorials Trust said: "The forthcoming centenary of World War I has already seen the charity make record numbers of grant offers and deal with a huge volume of enquiries. Those who donate to our work make that possible and we thank them and encourage them, and others, to continue that support. This new one-off funding will enable the charity to meet additional demands generated by centenary interest."

War Memorials Trust supports war memorials of all types and dates. It is currently encouraging people across the UK to support War Memorials Online, www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk. This project seeks to create a greater understanding of the condition of war memorials by asking the public to upload information. Anyone can register and get involved to share photos, data and condition details as well as reporting any concerns. From the information gathered the new resources can be used to target those memorials in greatest need.

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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 or download a 'Grants pre-application form' from 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.
4. Details of grants made can be viewed on the Trust's Grants Showcase www.warmemorials.org/search-grants. You can search by area, scheme, value and type of work.
5. War Memorials Trust has had a membership system since 2000. Annual members pay £20 per annum with lifetime members contributing £150. Joint memberships are available and the charity has a gift membership scheme for those who would like to give the gift of membership to a family member or friend.