

Public statement

Proposal for the relocation of Guernsey war memorial



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Starts

War Memorials Trust is aware of proposals for the relocation of Guernsey war memorial, currently situated in Smith Street in St Peter Port. The Trust has been in contact with the States of Guernsey Planning Service and has now commented on a planning application to move the war memorial to the Sunken Gardens.

War Memorials Trust does not recommend the relocation of war memorials except when they are either inaccessible (for example in storage), or are at risk of damage. This is because relocating war memorials can lead to a loss of a war memorial's setting, and also cause irreversible damage. War Memorials Trust has a helpsheet on [relocation](#), which may be of interest to those looking into this matter.

War Memorials Trust has objected to the proposals to relocate Guernsey war memorial as no justification has been provided which demonstrates that the war memorial is currently inaccessible or at risk of any damage. The current proposals show that the relocation of Guernsey war memorial would lead to the unnecessary loss of historic fabric as well as its setting. These would have been chosen by the family and friends of those who lost their lives to replace the graves of those buried overseas. War Memorials Trust believes the historic integrity of a memorial should be respected and the historic fabric and setting maintained where possible.

In response to the planning application, War Memorials Trust have recommended the States of Guernsey designate the war memorial as either a Protected Building or Protected Monument. We hope that the States of Guernsey take the opportunity to recognise the architectural, communal and historic significance of their war memorials and ensure these are protected for future generations.

Further details about this war memorial can be seen, and added to, at:
www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/node/230656.

Ends

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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.