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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 2017):

Annual membership: £20 individual or £30 joint

Life membership: £150 individual or £200 joint

### Grant schemes

War Memorials Trust administers a number of grant schemes for the repair and conservation of war memorials in the UK. Most types of war memorials are covered and all works funded need to be in-line with best conservation practice. Details are available at [www.warmemorials.org/grants](http://www.warmemorials.org/grants)



To find out if your war memorial project could get a grant you need to fill in a Grants Pre-application form. A member of the Conservation Team will review the form to identify the type of memorial, the appropriate works and costs. If your project is eligible we will send you an Application Form. The Grants Pre-application form can be downloaded at [www.warmemorials.org/grants](http://www.warmemorials.org/grants) or obtained from the Conservation Team on 020 7233 7356, 0300 123 0764 or [conservation@warmemorials.org](mailto:conservation@warmemorials.org).

**Please note that projects cannot be funded if they have already started or have finished.**

## Message from the Director

Dear supporters,

Welcome to the first edition of the Bulletin in 2017. This year is a special one for War Memorials Trust; May 1997 saw the then Friends of War Memorials register as a charity making this our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Throughout this year we will have events and activities marking the occasion. Whilst we may be young compared to other organisations in our fields it is incredible how far we have all come in just two decades. More than £3 million has been administered in grant funding supporting nearly 1,400 war memorial projects. And over 1,000 site visits have been undertaken giving staff the chance to see war memorials, discover their condition and meet communities and custodians. Our Learning Programme, just 6 years old has already engaged with nearly 6,000 young people whilst War Memorials Online has seen more than 20,000 condition reports submitted. Your support has been vital in making this possible for which we thank you and hope you agree the charity has made significant and important strides in protecting and conserving war memorials in the UK.

We do not however intend to sit on our laurels but expect another bumper year ahead to build upon the progress made in 2016. Grants paid last year include the Far Eastern Prisoner of War steam locomotive which features on the cover. The locomotive was captured by the Japanese Imperial Army at the Fall of Singapore in February 1942. Accounts from former prisoners confirm that the locomotive was put to work by the Japanese often alongside parties of prisoners from a local PoW camp unloading Japanese supply ships. It returned to Britain in 1953 working at Chatham Dockyard until retired in 1972. Initially preserved at Ashford, Kent it was acquired by the Rutland Railway Museum in 1979 whose image is used on the front page. In 2016 War Memorials Trust gave a grant of £1,300 towards works to clean and re-paint the locomotive. Works also included the removal of lacquer and cleaning of the brass plaques which were then polished before the lettering was re-painted. Volunteers supported the project including pupils from a local school. This grant is around the median value of awards in 2016-17; in this issue of the Bulletin we are able to bring you details of a number of projects at the upper end of the scale. That includes Cookham Dean memorial in Berkshire which features on page 9. Our Head of Fundraising Vikki Thompson was delighted to meet the Prime Minister, The Rt Hon Theresa May, MP at the rededication service in her constituency on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2016.



Oakham School Pupils working on memorial © Rutland Railway Museum, 2015



Cookham Dean rededication service with the Prime Minister in attendance © Jeremy Wilson Photography, 2016

Further sizeable grants reported on include Bootle on Merseyside and Norwich roll of honour in Norfolk on pages 6 and 7. Both projects have been funded through War Memorials Trust Grant Scheme supported by the First World War Memorials Programme. As you may be aware this one-off additional government funding through the centenary of World War I is being distributed through grant schemes managed by War Memorials Trust. A further endorsement of these schemes has been received with the Directory of Change nominating the charity for its Great Giving Funders' Award, turn to page 4 for more information and another award nomination for the charity.

At the end of 2016 I represented the charity at the memorial service for Major General Gerald Cavendish Grosvenor, 6th Duke of Westminster. The Westminster Foundation supports the charity wonderfully through provision of affordable central London office space for which we thank them. We greatly appreciated the support of the Duke in this way as being based in close vicinity to partner organisations, government and elected officials as well as many funders and supporters offers us the chance to engage directly with, and influence, others who can work with us to preserve the UK's war memorial heritage.

Kind regards, Frances

## War Memorials Trust news

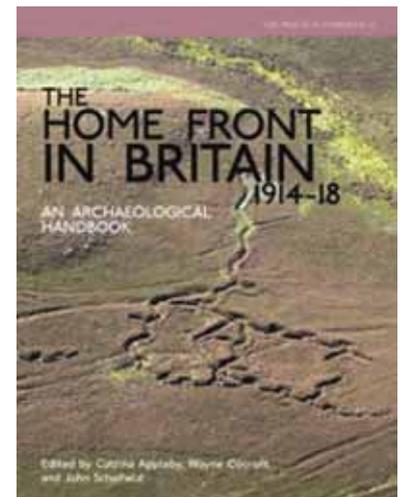
### Award nominations for War Memorials Trust

War Memorials Trust is delighted to have been nominated for the Directory of Social Change's Great Giving Funders' Award. The DSC describes the award as "for funders (trusts, foundations, companies, etc) that demonstrate a clear understanding of their beneficiaries and funding environment. The funder will be able to demonstrate that they apply and use that understanding to inform and improve grant making by giving clear guidance and support. The funder shows a willingness to work with applicants to address concerns and demonstrate a response to changing needs in the wider environment."

Some of you will have been contacted by us to encourage you to vote online for the award which is determined by the public. Thank you very much if you voted and apologies to those who felt they received too many emails - we tried to find a balance but some people were members of several groups we emailed so did receive a number. Voting closed on 23<sup>rd</sup> January with the results due in mid-February. Being nominated for this award is wonderful recognition of War Memorials Trust's work supporting applicants and custodians through the grant process. As a conservation charity which gives grants the support and advice that we provide is, to us, as important as the financial assistance. We are educating people about best conservation practice to support the long-term preservation of our war memorial heritage. Grants are not just about today; they are designed to support memorials and custodians for many years to come.

Receiving the nomination for the 2017 ceremony, the year that marks the Trust's 20th anniversary, is great recognition. We will update you as to the outcome but with two other very worthy charities nominated we are delighted to be involved.

In addition, 'The Home Front in Britain 1914-18 An Archaeological Handbook' that accompanies Home Front Legacy, was nominated for 2017 Current Archaeology Awards Book of the Year. The winner is chosen through an online public vote which closed on 6<sup>th</sup> February with results to follow. War Memorials Trust contributed to the book, published by the Council for British Archaeology, which helps communities identify and record the remains of the Home Front as part of World War I centenary activity. This is a great example of how the Trust can work in partnership with others. We are recognised as a leading organisation in our field demonstrating how far we have come in our first 20 years. To order a copy of the book visit [www.oxbowbooks.com/oxbow/the-first-world-war-and-its-home-front-in-britain.html](http://www.oxbowbooks.com/oxbow/the-first-world-war-and-its-home-front-in-britain.html) or the ISBN number is 9781909990012 should you wish to purchase/order in a local bookstore.



### Remember WWI awards



War Memorials Register staff and volunteers with certificate © War Memorials Trust, 2016

War Memorials Trust was delighted to attend the Remember WWI Awards last November. The event, in association with The Telegraph celebrated some of the #activecommemoration projects which have been taking place across the country during the centenary so far. Alongside recognition of national projects, such as IWM's War Memorials Register shown left, a number of award categories looked at local community projects across a range of activities. As a Board member the Trust would like to congratulate all those who won, were shortlisted and submitted their projects for consideration.



## War Memorials Trust news

### Reception at St Mary Magdalene Church

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2016 War Memorials Trust held an evening reception at St Mary Magdalene church in Paddington. The event was attended by 50 guests including supporters, donors, Regional and Office Volunteers, grant applicants and representatives from peer organisations. War Memorials Trust's Director, Frances Moreton, gave a welcome address and Professor Gavin Stamp, one of the charity's Trustees, delivered a talk on the architecture of the Grade I listed church, designed by George Edmund Street, who also built the Royal Courts of Justice.

War Memorials Trust has been involved with the church's efforts to repair and conserve their war memorial calvary cross. A recent grant supported a condition survey to understand the works needed; during that survey it was found that immediate action was required to take down the cross due to decay of the base which could have caused it to fall at any point. An emergency grant from War Memorials Trust helped to ensure that work was undertaken appropriately. Subsequently, a further application for the repair and conservation works identified by the survey, along with re-instatement costs, was received and an offer of up to £40,000 was made through the First World War Memorials Programme funding which supports War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme. The works include cleaning and re-gilding the cast-iron figure of Christ, repairs to the woodwork and lettering as well as re-building the supporting plinth and wall.

As the works had already started the memorial was not on display at the event. However, guests were able to view an exhibition about the project and talk to members of War Memorials Trust's Conservation Team to find out more.



Gavin Stamp at St Mary Magdalene church © War Memorials Trust, 2016

### Annual General Meeting

On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016 War Memorials Trust members gathered at St James the Less Church in Pimlico for the Annual General Meeting. Reports from the Chairman and Treasurer were followed by a lively question and answer session covering a range of issues and subjects.

Following the discussion the charity was delighted to welcome award winning author and journalist Clive Aslet. Clive talked about war memorials touching on some of the stories from his 2012 book 'War Memorial' which discovers those commemorated on Lydford war memorial in Devon. We would like to thank Clive for his fascinating talk and for staying with us afterwards as members, staff and Trustees took refreshments and explored the church.



St James the Less war memorial © War Memorials Trust, 2015



Clive Aslet speaking at the AGM © War Memorials Trust, 2016

There had been a longer gap than normal between AGMs; the last one having taken place in July 2015. This reflected the charity changing its financial year from a calendar period to a financial year. As such future AGMs are anticipated to be held in November each year to allow preparation of the Annual Report and Accounts. We will confirm in future issues of the Bulletin details of the 2017 event at which we hope you can join us. You can obtain copies of our Annual Report and Accounts online at [www.warmemorials.org/bulletin-back-issues](http://www.warmemorials.org/bulletin-back-issues) or contact the office to request a copy.

## Grants - War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme

### Norwich roll of honour, Norfolk (WM9075)

The roll of honour for Norwich is an unusual freestanding oak case housing 16 double and single sided hinged panels painted with the names and units of the 3,544 men of Norwich who died in World War I. Sited in the Keep of the Castle Museum as a 'temporary' location in 1931 it was moved in 2016 as part of a repair and conservation project to the Grade II\* City Hall which stands within a conservation area.

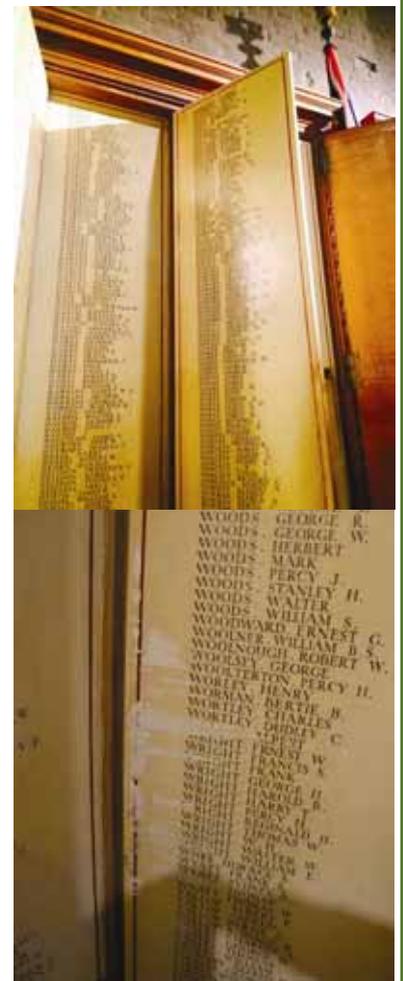
In 2014 War Memorials Trust received an enquiry about funding works to the war memorial. Clearly a complex project a Conservation Officer visited the war memorial to gain a better understanding of the conservation challenges involved discussing a detailed Design and Heritage Statement and proposals for work. As the memorial is the work of eminent architect Sir Edwin Lutyens, to complement his cenotaph outside City Hall, it was recognised by all involved that this case required great care and attention to ensure all works undertaken were in-line with best conservation practice. War Memorials Trust's Trustees were consulted about key issues throughout the grant assessment.

In 2015, a grant of £22,490 was offered through War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme, supported by the First World War Memorials Programme. The grant assisted the repair and conservation works but not the relocation which was outside the eligibility criteria of the scheme. The memorial was carefully dismantled with all elements recorded. It was cleaned with any cracks or damaged areas filled and repaired to match the existing colour. With some areas of timber having split and clearance issues having emerged, minor adjustments to the positioning of panels was required to enable them to open. This was discussed in detail during the Trust's site visit to ensure this delicate work resulted in minimal alteration whilst ensuring that the names of those recorded can be read and all the panels safely opened.

Interestingly this case has an array of supporting information to provide context to the history of the memorial over the years. Minutes exist for the War Memorial Committee which comprised the Lord Mayor, the Sheriff and prominent individuals. In 1927 they confirmed that the names would be recorded on panels at the cost of £500 paid for from the Lord Mayor's War Memorial Fund. Later that year the Castle Museum Committee confirmed that they would accept the 'Stand' with names being placed in the Museum as a temporary measure on the understanding that "at some future date the Stand will be removed from the Castle". With further correspondence over the years showing regular discussions about the siting of the roll of honour one imagines they did not expect a relocation to take until 2016! War Memorials Trust was delighted that some of its Regional Volunteers were able to attend the rededication and thank them for that.



Norwich roll of honour after works © Norwich Museums Service, 2014



Norwich roll of honour before works © middle War Memorials Trust, 2015 and bottom Norwich Museums Service, 2014

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## Grants - War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme

### Bootle, Merseyside (WM2464/1)

One of the largest grants given by War Memorials Trust to date has supported works to Bootle war memorial. The memorial is located within Stanley Gardens (also referred to as King's Gardens) on Stanley Road in Bootle, Merseyside which opened in 1904. The stepped base supports a 12-sided Forest of Dean sandstone drum which carries three bronze figures of a soldier, sailor and airman. In the centre is a stone triangular, concave-sided obelisk supporting a bronze statue of a mother and child symbolising new life and hope. The design is based on a suggestion from the local War Memorial Committee that all three services should be represented. The inclusion of an airman is very unusual for World War I as air warfare was still very new.

Around the drum are 12 bronze plaques with raised inscriptions commemorating those who died in World War I. Those who died in World War II, and later conflicts, are remembered on bronze plaques and lead lettered inscriptions on the original stone boundary plinth and around the steps leading up to the memorial which is Grade II listed. On the west side there is also a stone tablet commemorating the Liverpool Escort Force of World War II.

In 2016, a grant of £88,320 was offered through War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme, supported by the First World War Memorials Programme, towards repair and conservation work. As part of the project a War Memorials Trust Conservation Officer made a series of site visits through the programme of works to discuss issues on site and help the smooth running of this large scale project. Works undertaken included steam cleaning to improve the legibility of the inscriptions. Construction joints were re-pointed with lime mortar whilst necessary stone indent repairs were undertaken. The approach steps and base were lifted and re-laid to the original design on new foundations and lead letters were repaired. Finally, the bronze was cleaned, repaired where needed and protective wax was applied; confirmation that SmartWater had been applied was also required as part of the In Memoriam 2014 initiative. A grant of £86,660 was paid as costs were lower than expected.

Construction commenced on Bootle war memorial in May 1922. The bronze sculptures are by Joseph Hermon Cawthra, RBS (1886-1971) and were cast by Mario Manenti (1885-1954). It is believed that the overall form and configuration design was by Hubert Ernest Bulmer, ARCA (1874-1963). The memorial was erected under the direction of Mr B.J. Wolfenden, the Borough Engineer with the contractor, Henry Clegg of Chester.

The memorial was officially unveiled on 15<sup>th</sup> October 1922. The World War II inscriptions were added in 1948. The conserved and repaired memorial was officially rededicated and unveiled on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2016 with War Memorials Trust's Director, Frances Moreton, invited to give a speech at the service attended by people paying their respects to those remembered on their local war memorial.

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Bootle unveiling © IWM's Farthing Collection



Bootle sculpture during works © War Memorials Trust, 2016



Bootle rededication service © War Memorials Trust, 2016

## Grants - Centenary Memorials Restoration Fund

### Yoker, Glasgow (WM1889)

Located in Yoker Park (formerly Lady Anne Park), off Dumbarton Road in Glasgow this memorial is a tapering cairn standing on a rubble plinth. A black marble tablet, originally granite, displays the names of those from Yoker who lost their lives during World War I. Local monumental sculptors Scott & Rae were responsible for the design which was unveiled and dedicated in November 1921.

In 2016, a grant of £3,660 was offered for repair and conservation work. To address the dirt and biological growth build-up, low pressure steam cleaning was undertaken. The extensive failed mortar was carefully raked out and then re-pointed using a lime mortar whilst repairs were undertaken to the base. Works to install a simple wreath holder and provide an access path were undertaken at the applicant's expense.



Yoker war memorial after works © Glasgow City Council, 2016

### Tillicoultry, Clackmannanshire (WM5271)

The memorial is located in Tillicoultry cemetery on Dollar Road. The contemplative female figure holds a victory wreath atop a granite pillar. Each pillar face has a recessed granite plaque with a World War I inscription and the names of those from Tillicoultry who lost their lives. This memorial is encircled by thirty-two individual stones that display a simple incised cross and the names of those from Tillicoultry who lost their lives.

In 2016, a grant of £7,810 was offered for repair and conservation work. Failed pointing was potentially allowing water ingress through the construction joints. This may have influenced the biological growth appearing on the stone. Some of the inscriptions were also becoming difficult to read. To address these issues the failed mortar was carefully raked out and then re-pointed using a lime mortar. Mosses and algae growth were carefully removed using wooden tools and the masonry was cleaned using natural bristle brushes and water. Defective paint was removed from the lead lettering which was re-painted using enamel paint.



Tillicoultry war memorial after works © Tillicoultry Community Council, 2016

### Kitchener memorial and Scottish Heritage Angels Award

In the November issue of the Bulletin we brought you the story of the works to repair and conserve The Kitchener Memorial on Orkney. We were not the only ones to be celebrating the project. In October 2016 the Scottish Heritage Angels Awards recognised the work done.

The Caring and Protecting award was given to Neil Kermode and the Orkney Heritage Society, for their work on this war memorial project. War Memorials Trust sends our congratulations to all involved and is delighted that the £30,000 grant from the Centenary Memorials Restoration Fund was able to assist this important work.

This was the second year of the Scottish Heritage Angels Awards. With an award for a war memorial project in 2016, and a Lifetime Contribution to the Historic Environment nomination for our Regional Volunteer Paul Goodwin in 2015 War Memorials Trust is delighted that war memorial heritage is being recognised through the Angels Awards in Scotland.



Kitchener Memorial © Orkney Heritage Society, 2016

## Grants - Grants for War Memorials

### Cookham Dean, Berkshire (WM6164)

Cookham Dean war memorial is a freestanding monument prominently located on the green, close to Cookham in Berkshire. It is a small Latin cross atop a pillar standing on a plinth supported by a three-stepped base. World War I inscriptions read 'For God King and Country' and 'Faithful unto death 1914-1918' with names inscribed. In 1946 two bronze plaques were added to the war memorial to commemorate World War II names and in 1974 another two bronze plaques were added to display some of the eroding World War I names.

In 2014, an application to the Grants for War Memorials scheme, supported by English Heritage (now Historic England) and the Wolfson Foundation resulted in an offer of £30,000 towards a repair and conservation project to address varying levels of stone deterioration, increasingly illegible inscriptions, later unsympathetic additions, failed pointing and hard landscaping.

A key issue to address were the bronze plaques. What may have been a cost effective solution was not sympathetic to the original design and was causing conservation issues. The added plaques were in poor condition and trapping water against the stone to which they were attached, exacerbating natural stone deterioration. They were removed as part of this project and are now in the care of Cookham Cemetery chapel.

Below the removed plaques the stone panels which had originally borne the inscribed names of World War I fallen were now almost impossible to read. Deepening and sharpening trials of the original inscriptions were undertaken but the stone was found to be too deteriorated to retain. Therefore a comparable limestone was sourced. The names were carved onto these new panels which were inset into the existing shallow recesses. The names which had existed on the World War II plaques were added to new limestone panels and carefully mounted to the same pedestal location. This approach attempted to balance the desire to retain original fabric whilst ensuring the memorial could fulfil its commemorative function. Best conservation practice has to understand and react to the circumstances presented when dealing with each war memorial case. Staff from both War Memorials Trust and Historic England attended site visits at this war memorial through the course of the project to ensure that they could contribute to the decision-making as the project progressed.

Other works undertaken as part of this grant included removing failed pointing and re-pointing joints with lime mortar, a steam clean to remove deposits which also helped to improve the legibility of the principal dedicatory inscription. The pebble paving was also renewed using carefully sourced pebbles. Finally, a name that had been researched and the spelling found to be incorrect was amended.

The rededication service on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2016 was attended by over 500 people from the local community and schools. The Prime Minister, The Rt. Hon Theresa May, MP for Maidenhead joined them.



Cookham Dean rededication service with the Prime Minister in attendance © Jeremy Wilson Photography, 2016



Cookham Dean before works © War Memorials Trust, 2015



Cookham Dean after works © Cookham Parish Council, 2017

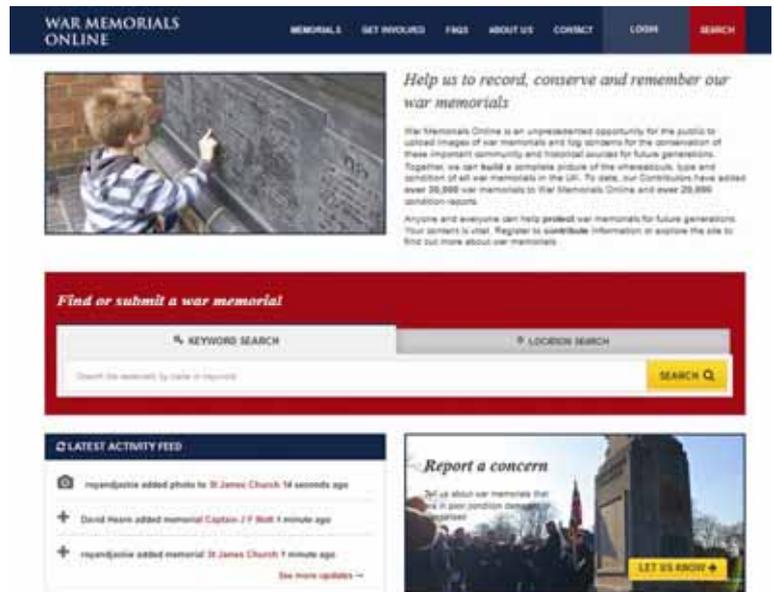
## War Memorials Online

### War Memorials Online new website launch

In November 2016 the new look War Memorials Online was launched. With thanks to all our Contributors we now have over 30,000 records and it had become necessary to undertake some development work to ensure the system works as effectively as possible. The majority of changes that were made were to the backend/administrative systems to improve the functionality of the website. There were however some changes made to the frontend and the website now has an updated look (shown right).

Contributors now have the option to use either the keyword or location search and filter results by condition level, conflict and description. The new search options are designed to be more efficient, garner higher quality results from your searches and reduce the occurrence of duplicate entries. Over 500 duplicate entries had been reported but because dealing with duplicates was previously a time consuming exercise and responding to concern and condition reports need to take priority these were not efficiently dealt with. Changes to the backend have allowed us to merge duplicate records quickly while retaining all information from both the original and duplicate entries. Of the over 550 duplicates reported, nearly all have now been merged with the original records. Please do let us know if you spot a duplicate record by clicking 'Report a duplicate memorial record'. We have also made some changes to how you can edit existing war memorial records. You can now change the map pin, address and name of the record on one page and save changes, and edit the memorial details such as the description on another, rather than having to go through both pages to change just one detail.

One change we were not expecting was that all users would need to reset their passwords on entering the new site. Unfortunately War Memorials Trust was not made aware of this prior to the launch, so please accept our sincere apologies for any inconvenience this caused. We would like to thank everyone who provided feedback, your enthusiasm and continued support is greatly appreciated. We hope your experience of the new site has been positive and you will continue to contribute.



### Post winter condition surveys

Would you be able to visit your local war memorial, check its condition and take photographs to illustrate this? While we encourage members of the public and custodians of war memorials to check the condition of their local memorial annually, now is a particularly important time to undertake a condition survey. The cold and wet weather we have had over the winter period may have affected the condition of your local war memorial. Water freezing and thawing can cause cracks, as illustrated in the picture. On occasion heavy winds have caused tree branches to snap and damage the war memorial in their vicinity. Your local memorial may have been exposed to driving wind and rain over the winter, in addition, more extreme weather such as flooding may have also had an effect. Please note that memorials reported in Poor and Very bad condition and all concerns reported are assessed by War Memorials Trust so we can take any follow up action. If you would like further information about what to look out for please contact Brogan on [info@warmemorialsonline.org](mailto:info@warmemorialsonline.org).



An example of damage caused by freeze thaw  
© War Memorials Trust, 2016

## Listing

### Albert Toft (1862-1949)

Albert Toft was a leading figure in the 'New Sculpture' movement in the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century. He produced sculpture for a number of Boer War memorials including that in Cannon Hill Park, Birmingham (WM742) shown right. He also worked on the Welsh South African war memorial located near Cathays Park in Cardiff. Having established this body of war memorial related work Toft was later commissioned to produce bronze pieces for a number of memorials after the First World War.

As part of the First World War Memorials Programme Historic England aims to add a further 2,500 war memorials to the National Heritage List for England during the centenary. This project includes not only the addition of new memorials to the list but also the re-grading of suitable examples. As part of the project a number of Toft's war memorials have recently been assessed for listing and upgrading resulting in further recognition.

The Oldham war memorial (WM4339) received a grant of £30,000 for conservation works from the Grants for War Memorials scheme in 2012. At the time the memorial was listed at Grade II, however following a reassessment in 2016 the importance of the memorial was recognised and its listing upgraded to Grade II\*. The sculpture by Toft, shown centre right, stands on a large granite pedestal. It represents a group of five soldiers making their way through the trenches. It is an image that Toft also used for his commissions for the Royal Fusiliers Memorial in Holborn, Grade II listed, and the 41<sup>st</sup> Division at Fleurs on the Somme Battlefield.

As well as his freestanding memorials which have been recognised at Grade II and II\*, Toft was also involved in the creation of the Grade I listed Hall of Memory in Birmingham (WM5313). The Hall of Memory was designed by S. N. Cooke and W. Norman Twist. Around the outside of the Hall are a number of bronze statues and panels. The four figures of service personnel are Toft's and are noted as one of the reasons for its designation in the list description. The figures represent the Navy, the Army, the Air Force and the Nursing Service. The image below right shows the sculpture Toft produced to represent the Navy. It consists of a bare chested sailor holding a coil of rope in one hand and a ships wheel in the other.

Alongside Toft's work that of a number of other notable architects and sculptors, such as Lutyens and Eric Gill, have been revisited as part of the First World War Memorials Programme to ensure both listing and the listing grade is appropriate for the war memorials within their work. By looking at an individual's body of work it helps to put the importance of their memorials in context and assists in ensuring that the most prominent examples are listed at the higher grades.

War Memorials Trust's early work to assist with the centenary listing initiative involved identifying and applying for appropriate memorials to be upgraded. However, our focus has now moved to identifying those memorials deserving recognition at Grade II while Historic England lead on determining those at the higher grades. The Trust's focus has helped to ensure that many of the more simple examples of our war memorial heritage also receive the protection that listing offers. All our war memorials are important as poignant reminders of the effects of conflict and we seek to help ensure their long-term preservation.



Cannon Hill Park Boer War memorial © War Memorials Trust, 2012



Oldham war memorial © Oldham Council, 2014



Hall of Memory © War Memorials Trust, 2015

## Learning

### Promoting the Learning Programme in 2017

During 2017 War Memorials Trust will be working to promote the Learning Programme to schools, youth groups and young people across the UK. The end of the World War I centenary in 2018 may seem a long way off now but we want to ensure schools are prepared for it and are aware of how War Memorials Trust can support their work to commemorate this important event. Building on what the Learning Programme has achieved so far, we will be developing and promoting new learning resources in 2017, including some for specific regions providing local information.

We would also like to raise awareness of our school visits. Since the start of the World War I centenary in 2014 our Learning Officer has made 58 visits to schools and worked with approximately 4,600 young people. Not surprisingly, our visits are in most demand around key dates and again, we want to highlight what we can offer to schools in 2017 and 2018. Our members and supporters can help us with this by spreading the word. If you can tell your local schools or youth clubs or those attended by members of your family or friends, if elsewhere in the country, you can assist us to reach as many young people as possible. Once engaged we can equip them to become the future custodians of our war memorial heritage. Having projects such as War Memorials Online is important in that regard as young people are familiar with the technology and it offers something they can do regularly to get involved.

The Trust's visits to schools vary considerably and are, where possible, tailored to individual requirements. We can, for example,:

- give an assembly about Remembrance Day and war memorials to a primary school
- speak about the importance of war memorials in a secondary school assembly in an area where vandalism is an issue
- teach a class of primary school pupils about the history and importance of war memorials
- visit and research the names on a local war memorial with primary and secondary pupils (shown in the photo on the right)
- help primary and secondary classes carry out a condition survey of their local war memorial and add this information to War Memorials Online
- work alongside local people to teach school pupils about their local war memorial

School visits receive consistently good feedback from teachers and pupils. After a recent visit to St Mary's school in West Derby, where a Year 6 class visited their local war memorial to do a condition survey, some of the pupils made the following comments:

- "I really liked your lesson and when I got home I went on your website."
- "I love seeing memorials as it shows that the people who made it cared about all of the people who fought and died in the war, like I do."
- "I especially enjoyed reporting information about our own memorial...it is amazing that our memorial will now be able to be taken care of."

The Trust aims to visit many more schools before the end of the centenary and hope that our members can help us achieve this. If you work in a school, know someone who does, or have children, grandchildren or other friends and family still in education, War Memorials Trust would be most grateful if you would help us raise awareness of our Learning Programme. Pass on this Bulletin or for more information/to obtain some of our learning leaflets, please contact the Learning Officer at [learning@warmemorials.org](mailto:learning@warmemorials.org). You can also visit [www.learnaboutwarmemorials.org](http://www.learnaboutwarmemorials.org) to find all the resources available from the Learning Programme to be downloaded and used today.



Primary school pupils using online and family history resources to research the names on their local war memorial during a WMT visit © War Memorials Trust, 2013



Pupils carrying out a condition survey and taking photographs of a local war memorial © Historic England, 2015

## 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 charity 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 because of a shared belief in the importance of the repair and conservation 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 War Memorials Online, In Memoriam 2014 and the War Memorials Officer campaign

If you are interested in becoming a RV, please contact Ruth for information on 020 7834 0200, on [rv@warmemorials.org](mailto:rv@warmemorials.org) or visit [www.warmemorials.org/regional-volunteers](http://www.warmemorials.org/regional-volunteers).

### Regional Volunteer End of year report 2016

At the end of every year we ask all our Regional Volunteers (RVs) to complete a report on the activity they have done as part of their RV role during the year. This helps staff to demonstrate the wonderful contribution that RVs make to the charity's work, and enables us to plan more effectively for the future of the RV programme in response to RV feedback.

At the time of the Bulletin we are able to report on returns processed by 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017. The 2016 reports (44% response rate) show that during 2016 RVs participated in 2,105 activities and gave about 3,497 hours of their time. With 196 registered RVs at the end of the year, this means that each RV gave an average of 18 hours of their time. With the Heritage Lottery Fund valuing this volunteering at £50 a day, during 2016 our RVs contributed an amazing £25,000 worth of time to our work.

Of those returning forms 83% of RVs were involved in monitoring the condition of a local memorial in 2016 (2015 total: 86%), and 28% (2015 total: 35%) reported a concern about a war memorial to the Trust. This is extremely helpful to our work - with an estimated 100,000 memorials throughout the UK we rely on receiving information about memorials at risk so that we can take action to help them. We regularly post requests for help from RVs on our website (136 requests were posted in 2016) and the responses to these help us ensure that we have accurate, up to date information.

The RV End of year report also helps us plan RV training for the forthcoming year. Training is offered to RVs to help them increase their knowledge of our work and develop their skills in different areas. Some RVs have indicated that they would value training on using War Memorials Online. This website is an increasingly vital tool to help us manage our casework and it is wonderful that RVs are enthusiastic about contributing to it effectively. 17% RVs (2015 total: 22%) have also given talks to interest groups this year and so helped to promote and raise awareness of War Memorials Trust.

Finally, we are delighted that 98% of RVs (2015 total: 90%) have told us that they are happy with the level of support they get from staff and 98% (2015 total: 93%) would recommend us as a organisation to volunteer for. It is good to know that, as well as helping War Memorials Trust achieve its objectives, the RV role provides enjoyment for volunteers.

We are hugely grateful for everything that our RVs have done to support the charity throughout 2016 and staff are looking forward to building on this and continuing to work closely with our volunteers in 2017 and beyond. We are always keen to hear from people who may be interested in becoming a Regional Volunteer, so if you think this might be a role for you please get in touch using the details in the section above. We are particularly keen to hear from potential new volunteers in Wales and Northern Ireland but new volunteers from other regions are also welcome.

## Get involved

### Your legacy, their memory

Since its foundation in 1997 War Memorials Trust has received more than £300,000 in legacy gifts. The charity is immeasurably grateful to those who have chosen to leave a gift in their Will. Donating through your Will is a great way to give. A legacy does not get taxed so every penny comes directly to the charity. Giving in this way will cost you nothing now and a gift of any size can make a really big difference.

As we live through the centenary years of World War I it is already clear how significant this is; particularly to those who have family members who served or fell in battle. The dead are remembered on an estimated 100,000 war memorials in the UK, including Worthing, West Sussex (shown right). While many war memorials are treasured in their communities it is thought that up to 8,000 may be in need attention, suffering the effects of ageing, weathering and vandalism.



Worthing war memorial © IWM's Farthing Collection

In the last 20 years War Memorials Trust has helped 1,384 communities to repair and conserve their war memorials through the schemes it administers with more than £3 million of grant funding distributed.

If the time is ever right, and after you have looked after the needs of your loved ones, we hope you will consider remembering War Memorials Trust in your Will. A legacy left by you would be your memorial to help protect our nation's war memorials and ensure that future generations can pay their respects for years to come. For further information please contact Vikki Thompson, Head of Fundraising on 020 7834 0200 or [vikki@warmemorials.org](mailto:vikki@warmemorials.org) or visit our website [www.warmemorials.org/legacy](http://www.warmemorials.org/legacy).

### Centenary Campaign

War Memorials Trust's Centenary Campaign was launched in June 2016 and aims to raise £55,916 in the 2016-17 financial year as part of an overall target to reach £201,811.11 by 11.11.2018 - the fundraising target being the date of the end of the war reversed.

We are delighted that this year's campaign has raised a staggering £53,647 and we are now just £2,269 away from our target. Of the 2,700 members and supporters we mailed 794 have donated and War Memorials Trust would like to thank you all for your most generous support. Many supporters have also pledged to give a donation each year throughout the centenary. Some have pledged to be Centenary Ambassadors (£500 per year), Centenary Champions (£250 per year) or Centenary Pioneers (£100 per year). War Memorials Trust is immeasurably grateful to those who have made this commitment.



Douling, Somerset © Douling Parochial Church Council, 2015

The centenary of World War I presents War Memorials Trust with a once-in-a-generation opportunity to raise awareness of its work and help more communities throughout the UK protect and conserve their war memorials. In order to fulfil this mission the charity needs to raise more than £300,000 each year.

Please help us to raise the remaining £2,269 of this year's target. A gift of any size will make an important contribution to our work. You can make a donation by completing the form on the back page, on 020 7834 0200 or by visiting [www.warmemorials.org/donate](http://www.warmemorials.org/donate).

With your help we can ensure that those commemorated on our war memorials, such as Douling in Somerset (shown left), are not forgotten.

## 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. Pack of 3 pens costs £4 including p&p.



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. Pack of 5 pencils costs £2 including p&p.



### Tote bags

War Memorials Trust's tote bags have recently been added to our merchandise range.

These lightweight bags, which bear the War Memorials Trust logo on one side, measure 38cm by 42cm (15in x 16.5in), excluding handles, and can easily be folded up into a pocket or a handbag. They should be washed and tumble dried at 30 degrees Celsius. The bags cost £5 each including p&p. Every purchase will make an important contribution to War Memorials Trust's work.



## 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
	Set of 3 Trust pens at £4 (inc. p&p)	
	Set of 5 Trust pencils at £2 (inc. p&p)	
	Tote bag at £5 each (inc p&p)	
	<b>Total</b>	
	Donation	
	<b>Grand total</b>	

### 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 £150 gift, £187.50. 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.

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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.

Please complete both sides of the order form, detach and send to:

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**War Memorials Trust**  
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## Your details

Title First name

Surname

Address

Postcode Telephone

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I would like to join/donate to War Memorials Trust  
(membership rates valid until the end of December 2017)

- Individual/ joint annual membership £20/£30  
(joint = two people at the same address)
- Individual/joint life membership £150/£200
- Centenary Campaign donation of £.....

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

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So just tick here. o It's that simple.

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- Cash
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## Merchandise

### Special Offer: Christmas cards

War Memorials Trust's Christmas cards are always popular and 2016 saw strong sales again. We hope that this is a trend which will continue and we are already choosing our Christmas card designs for 2017. These will be featured in the August 2017 issue of the Bulletin.

As you may recall we offered a choice of two designs: 'Horseguards Parade' and 'Three Ships'.

We are delighted to offer a limited number of 'Horseguards Parade' cards at the special price of £2.50 per pack including p&p (previous price £4.75).



The cards depict a wintry scene outside Horseguards Parade in London.

The Christmas cards are sold in packs of 10 and measure 11.4cm/4.5 inches high by 16cm/6.3 inches wide. The greeting inside the card reads 'Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year'.

Each pack of Christmas cards purchased will make a valuable contribution to War Memorials Trust work, which is more important than ever with the end of the World War I centenary approaching. This will culminate in major national events in November 2018. We anticipate that communities throughout the UK will see the coming year as a time for action so that they can ensure their memorials are in a fit condition as they will be a focal point for local commemorations.

Due to limited stock please order online at [www.warmemorials.org.uk/shop](http://www.warmemorials.org.uk/shop) or call us on 020 7834 0200 to ensure availability.