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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



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 or obtained from the Conservation Team on 020 7233 7356, 0300 123 0764 or conservation@warmemorials.org.

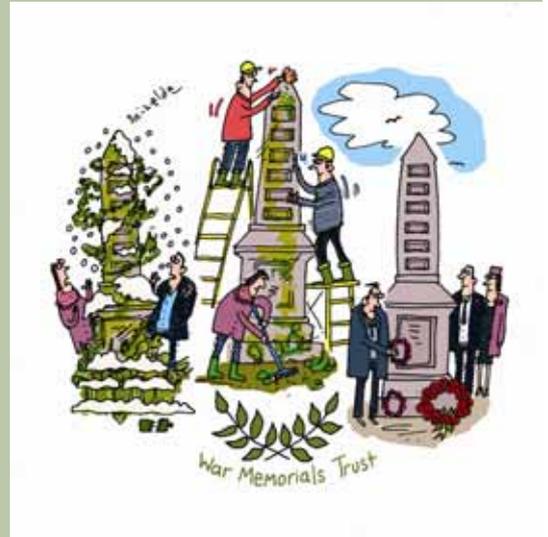
Please note that projects cannot be funded if they have already started or have finished.

Message from the Director

Dear Supporters,

Through 2017 we have been reflecting on the achievements of the Trust in its first 20 years, whilst continuing to manage our busy workload assisting people and communities across the UK protect and conserve their war memorial heritage. None of this could be achieved without the help and donations of our members and supporters and I would like to thank you all again for your support.

This Bulletin brings you our usual update on Trust activities, some of the grants we have awarded, our casework, the ongoing engagement with young people and our Regional Volunteers as well as concluding with some of the ways you can help the charity achieve our shared objectives. That includes details of how you can purchase our unusual 2017 Christmas card, shown right, which is a cartoon showing the impact of War Memorials Trust's work. A rather different design from previous year's it is one we feel offers a very strong visual representation of the charity's impact. We hope members and supporters will recognise it as a great opportunity to spread the word about our work as we approach 2018 and the final year of national World War I centenary commemorations. A distinctive card, shared with friends and family, might encourage them to join our efforts to preserve the UK's war memorials.



The next 12 months are likely to be some of the busiest ever faced by the charity. We anticipate engaging with many more people, communities and custodians who consider works to their war memorials as we approach 11/11/2018. The extent to which we can help will depend on resources available so we will be seeking to raise funds to support this work including encouraging more people to join us as members. If you are not already a member, or you would like to give someone a gift membership this Christmas, turn to page 14 for more details. A membership subscription will help protect and conserve war memorials such as the stained glass window at St Paul's Church in Cardiff shown on the front cover courtesy of St Paul's PCC. Grant funding of £11,352 from Cadw and War Memorials Trust has supported repair and conservation works to the memorial which has a set of four windows depicting the services in action during World War I, page 7.

The next year is a unique opportunity to protect and conserve our war memorial heritage. We look forward to working with you all to achieve this and hope that through this Bulletin you will find some ideas on how you can get involved. With kind regards and best wishes for the festive season, Frances

New office for War Memorials Trust

At the request of our landlords Grosvenor Estate and the Westminster Foundation, who very kindly provide us with our charitable rate London office space, the charity is moving due to redevelopment of our current premises. Since 2009 we have been based at 42a Buckingham Palace Road and we will be moving a short distance along the road to 14, shown right under scaffolding as works have been undertaken on the block.

From Monday 27th November our new address will be:

**1st Floor, 14 Buckingham Palace Road
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All our telephone numbers, emails and website details will remain the same. There may be some disruption to our services around the 27th November but we will do our best to minimise this and hope anyone contacting us will be patient if it takes a little longer than normal to respond.



War Memorials Trust news

A new President and Trustees



The last few months have seen a number of changes in the Trust's governance which we wanted to update you on. There are details of all those involved with the charity available on our website at www.warmemorials.org/people should you wish to find out more.

As some of you may be aware the post of War Memorials Trust President has been in abeyance since the death of Winston S Churchill in 2010. The charity is delighted to announce that John Cope - Rt. Hon. Lord Cope of Berkeley has accepted the role of our new President.



John Cope has been a Trustee of the charity since its very early days. He stood down from the Board in June 2017 but we are delighted he will remain involved through the presidency role. Readers may recall that in the August issue of the Bulletin we featured the reception to mark our 20th anniversary held at the House of Lords and we are very grateful to John for his help in facilitating that. John has been a wonderful, committed and enthusiastic Trustee instrumental in the development of the charity. He helped steer the emerging organisation to ensure that as the nation marks the centenary of World War I it can take the opportunities available to support communities protect and conserve the nation's war memorials.



At the same September meeting we welcomed Randolph Churchill, son of our former President, as a new Trustee. Alongside his prior knowledge of, and support for, War Memorials Trust he brings experience from a short service commission in the Royal Navy and a background in investments; he currently works for Rathbones managing investments for private individuals and foundations. Randolph is the President of the International Churchill Society, an Honorary Fellow of Churchill College Cambridge and has been a Trustee of the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust and a Director of the Armed Services Charities Advisory Company.



At our June Trustees meeting, at which John Cope stepped down, the Trust was delighted to appoint two new Trustees. Lady Dalmeny was previously a Trustee for a year between 2005-06 and has been supportive of the charity over the years. Caroline brings experience from working in politics as a researcher and political assistant. She is currently a fellow of the Royal United Services Institute with a specific interest in the rights of women in failed states and recent conflicts such as Afghanistan. She is a senior associate of the Royal Society of Medicine, a fellow of the British American Project and a member of the Pilgrims Society.

Also appointed in June was Lord De Mauley, proposed by Lord Cope. Rupert was, until stepping down at the 2015 general election, minister for the natural environment, science and animal welfare at DEFRA. A chartered accountant and former investment banker and entrepreneur, he spent nine years working in the Far East in the 1980s/90s. An army reservist for thirty years, he has commanded the UK's only reserve armoured regiment, the Royal Wessex Yeomanry, of which he is now colonel. He is president of SPANA and of the Council of the Reserve Forces and Cadets Associations and Chairman of LAPADA.

From top, Lord Cope © Duncan Soar; Randolph Churchill, Lady Dalmeny and Lord De Mauley

Finally, we would also like to offer our congratulations to former Chairman Algy Cluff who received an OBE in the Queen's birthday honours this year for services to Business and charity.

War Memorials Trust news

Annual General Meeting

War Memorials Trust's AGM will be held on Monday 13th November at St Sepulchre-without-Newgate Church in the City of London which is the National Musicians' Church and home to the Royal Fusiliers Regimental Chapel. The meeting will begin at 2:30pm and last for a couple of hours.

After the AGM War Memorials Trust Trustee Professor Gavin Stamp will give an illustrated talk on war memorials. Gavin is an architectural historian and writer with a particular interest in war memorials. A former Chairman of the Twentieth Century Society and an honorary professor at the University of Glasgow, he published a study of the Memorial to the Missing of the Somme in 2006.



St Sepulchre's © WMT, 2017

We hope to welcome as many members as possible so we will be delighted if you can join us. If you are planning to attend the AGM please RSVP either using the reply slip on the invitation letter sent in August, by telephone on 020 7834 0200 or by email info@warmemorials.org. It is not necessary to contact us with apologies.

Welcome Bill Wright

Bill Wright started volunteering with the Team in the office in September 2016. He helps with general office duties, such as transferring files to electronic records, and has spent a lot of time updating War Memorials Online entries.

Talking about his volunteering Bill said: "During the year I have moved from part-time paid work to full-time retirement so doing a day helping in the office is a great transition which I hope to keep on while I remain fit. Although I do not have any work background in conservation I have been interested in memorials, particularly from the Great War, for a number of years and now have the opportunity to develop my knowledge and help make sure that they are looked after. I am also a Regional Volunteer in London and being close to the office is an easy way to make a small contribution. Frances and her team have been great to work with and in finding me projects that I can see through to get a sense of achievement."



Bill Wright © WMT, 2017

Your legacy: their memory

Since War Memorials Trust was founded it has received over £320,000 in legacies. This has made a wonderful contribution to the charity's work and we are very grateful to those who have chosen to remember War Memorials Trust in their Will.

If the time is ever right, and after you have looked after the needs of your loved ones, we hope that you will consider remembering War Memorials Trust in your Will. A legacy left by you to War Memorials Trust would be your memorial to help protect our nation's war memorials, such as that at Portland in Dorset which received a grant of £310 in 2008 which supported repair and conservation works including improving the legibility of the inscription and names ensuring they could be read.



Portland, Dorset (WM753) © Chris Moreton, 2009

For further information on leaving a legacy please contact Vikki Thompson, Head of Fundraising on 020 7834 0200, vikki@warmemorials.org or visit www.warmemorials.org/legacy.

Grants - War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme

Eagle, Lincolnshire (WM9226)

Eagle war memorial at High Street, Eagle, Lincolnshire is an ashlar limestone arch which acts as the entrance to All Saints Churchyard. It has a pointed arch gabled top, surmounted with a stone cross and niches in the sides which hold statues. The incised and leaded inscription commemorates eight men who died in World War I. It is a Grade II listed structure.

In preparing their grant application, the custodian of this memorial faced challenges in obtaining quotes for appropriate works which followed best conservation practice. One of WMT's Conservation Officers undertook a site visit to help identify works and discuss appropriate methods. It was agreed that limited sharpening and deepening of the initials of the eight soldiers remembered in the stone shields was possible to improve the legibility of the inscriptions however undertaking too much work on these names at this stage would reduce their lifespan. All the lead lettering was missing although holes clearly indicated where it had been so these could be carefully re-drilled to allow the reinstatement of lead lettering in situ. There was no need to remove the stone panels which could have been damaging. The statue on the right had come loose and been stored but it was agreed that with realignment it could be safely reinstated to the correct position.

Once the more complex works were agreed then quotes could be sought for the project. A completed application was submitted with the required quotes and supporting information leading to a grant of £4,870 offered through War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme. Wider works included steam cleaning to improve legibility of the inscriptions, lime mortar pointing, filleting and capping repairs to stabilise poor quality stone and the removal of graffiti using specialist methods. As part of the project SmartWater was also applied to the lead lettering and metal gates to deter any future theft through In Memoriam 2014.

The memorial was unveiled by Lord Monson, Knight of Justice on 1st May 1920 having cost about £500. The sculptures on each side represent crusaders - a Knight Templar and a Knight Hospitaller of St George. The sculptor was Mr A. J. Tuttell of Lincoln who also produced Martin Dales war memorial featured in Bulletin 74. One of the inscriptions states, "They have passed through the valley of the shadow of death and have entered the life eternal".

In addition to the memorial arch, it was thought fitting that those who had returned safely from the war should have a memento of the grateful thanks of the village. Some £85 was raised and in November 1920 wrist watches or electroplated teapots were presented to 51 service men.



Arch before and after works © WMT, 2016 and Hirst Conservation, 2017

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Sculpture and plaque © Hirst Conservation, 2017

Grants - War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme

St Paul's Church, Cardiff (WM9245)

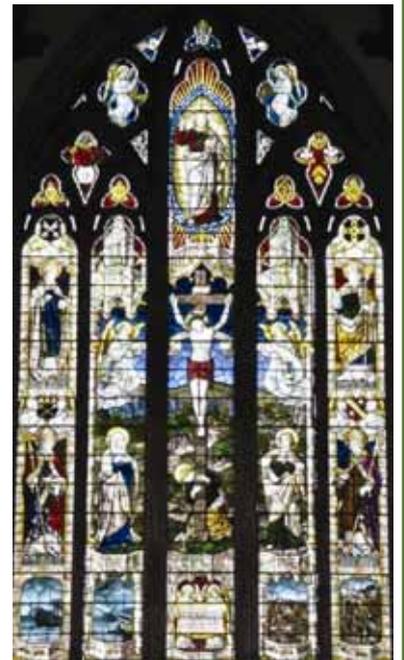
St Paul's Church is located on Paget Road in Grangetown, Cardiff. Its war memorial is the East window; a five light stained glass window with trefoil and quatrefoil tracery above it. The memorial window commemorates those who died in World War I. It is listed by virtue of being a fixture within the Grade II listed church which was opened in 1890 and designed by John Coates Carter.

In 2016, a grant of £1,352 was awarded through War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme towards the repair of the stained glass window in particular the three central lancets. The memorial window was carefully recorded before any works were undertaken. Some glass was then removed to the workshop with the openings carefully boarded up. The remaining in-situ glass was carefully cleaned and assessed. Repairs were undertaken as required and once completed removed glass was reinstalled. All re-pointing was undertaken with lime mortar and guards were reinstated.

War Memorials Trust's grant was awarded alongside a £10,000 grant from Cadw's [Grants for War Memorials scheme](#). Through the centenary of World War I, War Memorials Trust has worked with Cadw to 'top up' larger projects in Wales through a partnership that enables applicants to apply to Cadw and use the same application to apply to War Memorials Trust.

The memorial was produced in 1920 by the prominent London firm of Burlison & Gylls and is considered to be one of the best examples of their work. The main theme in the central image is the crucifixion and:

- it is one of only a handful of windows to feature saints representing the original four dioceses of Wales (two more were added following the Disestablishment of the Welsh church in 1920)
- the four war scenes within the window are believed to be one of only a few depictions of the First World War battlefields to be found in Welsh church memorial windows. It shows scenes from the air force, navy and two of the army including a scene in the trenches (see below and the front cover)



All images show the window prior to works - the top image shows the full window and below the three military scenes © St Paul's PCC, 2015



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government



Grants - Centenary Memorials Restoration Fund

Tullibody, Clackmannanshire (WM5267)

Tullibody war memorial is a landscaped garden. The site comprises a level, narrow 1.9 acre park with a timber and stone lychgate entrance on the east side. Walking along the meandering path you reach a stone memorial known locally as the 'Haer Stane' or 'Samson's Button'. The land is mainly grass covered with many mature trees throughout the site which has boundary railings and fencing. The lychgate comprises a plain stone base with open oak timber framing topped with a hipped rosemary tile roof. There are various motifs carved into the central timber uprights at low level and to the fascia beam at high level.



Damaged timber before works and new and original carvings © WMT, 2016 and 2017

In 2015, a grant of £30,000 was offered for repair and conservation work to the lychgate element of the war memorial. At the time the grant was awarded the lychgate had been cordoned off and was inaccessible to the public as it was considered dangerous. Roof tiles had been removed as many were loose and at risk of falling. The timber structure was suffering from extensive rot and there was also water damage with elements missing. In addition, the cement pointing was either badly cracked or missing and there were some concerns about the stability of the stonework. Understandably the local community were keen to see work undertaken to re-open it to the public once more.

The works funded aimed to repair and conserve the memorial. The first step was the appointment of a conservation-accredited architect to lead the project. They conducted a detailed inspection of the structure and developed a specification for works to ensure all aspects were addressed in an appropriate way. When work commenced sections of rotting and missing timbers were replaced and re-carved to match the original design. The existing defective cement mortar was carefully removed and the stonework was re-pointed with a lime mortar. The roof structure was stripped with the condition of the timbers inspected and reused or replaced as required. The tiles which had already been removed were sorted and those suitable for reuse were re-fixed onto the roof substructure with like-for-like tiles utilised where replacements were needed. Based on historic photographs the missing gates were recreated in oak and these were fixed back into their original locations.

Unfortunately, little is known about the history of the lychgate or its designer. However, research has identified that the garden was created with funding raised by public subscription and opened by General Sir Francis J Davies KCB, KCMG, KCVO on 2nd October 1921 in front of around 3,000 people.



Lychgate: 1920s, before and after works © Clackmannanshire Council unknown date and 2015 then WMT, 2017

Conservation News

Cadet SmartWater Training

In 2011, War Memorials Trust and the Smart Water Foundation launched In Memoriam 2014 which provides SmartWater free of charge to war memorial custodians across the UK to prevent theft. Despite a significant decrease in reported cases of metal theft effecting war memorials (from 40 in 2011 to just 4 in 2016), it is still be a problem for war memorial custodians as was evident when 4 bronze plaques were stolen from Bunbury war memorial, Cheshire in September this year.

In order to spread the word about SmartWater, War Memorials Trust and the SmartWater Foundation have teamed up with the Bromley Police Cadets to protect war memorials in their local area. At the start of October 2017 the Trust attended two sessions to help train cadets and their leaders on using the crime prevention fluid. In the build up to Remembrance Sunday the cadets hope to visit all the war memorials maintained by the London Borough of Bromley and protect them with SmartWater.

SmartWater continues to be available for free to war memorial custodians and applications can be made online at www.inmemoriam2014.org. War Memorials Trust is extremely grateful to the SmartWater Foundation for their continued support which also helps to protect war memorials which receive grants as discussed on page 6.



Bunbury war memorial missing plaques (WM4021)
© Bunbury PCC, 2017



Bromley Police Cadets learning to use SmartWater © WMT, 2017

New Guidance Available

One of the most frequent enquiries the Trust receives, especially at this time of year, is how to clean a stone war memorial. There is no easy answer as it will depend on the type of stone, its condition and what the staining/dirt is caused by. In terms of best conservation practice, which underpins all the advice given by the charity, it is important to remember that all cleaning methods are abrasive - that means that all cleaning will lead to the stone wearing away. Therefore we have to take care when considering cleaning as over cleaning is damaging.

The Trust's latest helpsheet provides guidance on the basic principles of cleaning stone with water. This is designed for those undertaking basic maintenance rather than large scale cleaning projects which should be carried out by a professional. It also covers general guidance about best conservation practice and cleaning. This new publication, as well as our range of other helpsheets, can be found online at www.warmemorials.org/helpsheets.

Conservation: Cleaning - stone with water

War Memorials Trust



Introduction

War Memorials Trust is regularly contacted by the public about war memorials they find need cleaning. This helpsheet is designed to offer advice on when cleaning is appropriate, it offers advice on simple, best practice cleaning methods which will cause an 180 degree turn in war memorials. The helpsheet also discusses the permissions that may be required if you want to clean a war memorial and how to best a team needed in a cleaning project.

The simple, non-invasive cleaning covered in this helpsheet is primarily focused on very basic cleaning of stone using water. This will help remove water-soluble dirt such as pollution from vehicles. You should be aware that soft stone type is affected in understanding your stone is very important to ensure you do not cause any damage. The image above shows stone before and after water cleaning demonstrating the impact water cleaning can have.

All helpsheets contained in this guidance are available from War Memorials Trust's website. At the end of this helpsheet the Other sources of information section offers further guidance.

Sticking a balance

People have different opinions of how a war memorial should look. Some expect a memorial to look as age whilst others consider cleanliness to be a reflection of the care given it. The resources in the Other sources of information help to provide support for custodians so they can explain why a conservation-led approach, which respects the age of the memorial, is in the best long-term interests of maintaining it.

War Memorials Trust advises that the intention of cleaning should be to keep the memorial in a stable condition which allows it to perform its commemorative function. The purpose of cleaning should not be to create a pristine like new appearance because the majority of war memorials are historic monuments and that age should be reflected in their appearance. In addition, over-cleaning can cause damage and reduce the lifetime of the memorial which is contrary to the notion of preserving our shared heritage.

Conservation Principles

This helpsheet should be read in conjunction with War Memorials Trust's [Conservation Principles](#) helpsheet and the advice available from national heritage bodies on any memorial conservation. Many of the decisions regarding treatment of stone have conservation needs and water undertakings should be in line with current best conservation practice.

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Listing

Herbert Baker (1862-1946)

In May this year, English architect Sir Herbert Baker was the focus of an Historic England initiative which reviewed the designation of the war memorials he designed. This coincided with the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Imperial, now Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Baker was a leading figure in South African architecture in the late 19th and early 20th centuries and in 1912 he moved to India, where he worked with Lutyens on a number of government buildings in New Delhi. From 1917 to 1928, Baker was one of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's principal architects, designing 113 cemeteries on the Western Front including Tyne Cot Cemetery, the largest British war cemetery in the world. He also designed 24 World War I memorials in England, 15 of which have recently been listed or upgraded as part of Historic England's review.

Following the outcome of this initiative, Roger Bowdler, Director of Listing at Historic England, said, "It's an honour to pay tribute to the work of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission in this, their centenary year. Sir Herbert Baker was one of their principal architects, and designed some of their most important cemeteries. At home, he was responsible for numerous war memorials ranging from the utterly exceptional war memorial cloister for Winchester College to the simple, yet poignant, cross in his home village at Cobham in Kent. We are listing these memorials as part of our response to the centenary of the First World War."

Baker's war memorial at Kemerton, Worcestershire was listed at Grade II in May following an application made by War Memorials Trust (WM8833). This limestone Latin cross, the design of which was adapted from an ancient village cross in Laycock, stands in a prominent location at the centre of the village and was unveiled on 9th January 1921.

In 2015, War Memorials Trust offered Kemerton war memorial a grant of £2,300 for repair and conservation work. Flaking paint and a build-up of soiling and biological growth on the surface of the stone were making it difficult to read the incised inscriptions. In addition, the steps of the memorial were in poor condition due to stone deterioration. To address these issues the memorial was appropriately cleaned and the inscriptions were re-painted. Selective stone replacement was undertaken on the steps and the memorial was re-pointed with a lime mortar.

Through first the grant and then the listing application the Trust has helped ensure the lasting legacy of Baker's work. Further information on the listing and upgrading of Baker's war memorials can be found at <https://historicengland.org.uk/whats-new/news/sir-herbert-baker-war-memorials-recognised>. To read about the work undertaken to Kemerton war memorial, please visit the Grants Showcase on our website at www.warmemorials.org/search-grants/?qID=1288.



Kemerton war memorial above, then below - before and after works on inscriptions (WM8833) © Philip Halling, 2014 and Kemerton Parish Council 2015 and 2016



Learning

Current work and future plans

In the August edition we introduced our new Learning Officer Carlie Silvey who joined the Trust in May. During her first few months Carlie has spent time learning about the charity, building her knowledge of the development of the Learning Programme and familiarising herself with existing resources. Following this Carlie has spent time developing a plan for the Learning Programme through to March 2019. Incorporated into the plan is the intention to create new resources for teachers and leaders to use with young people. This includes potential resources with a focus on the local area, sport, music, the Armistice and ideas for Scouts trying to achieve their Local Knowledge Badge. We look forward to sharing some of these new resources with you as they are created over the next 18 months and uploaded to the Learning website where anyone can download them to use with young people, www.learnaboutwarmemorials.org.

We have also received a number of requests from schools who are interested in booking a visit. October and November are traditionally the busiest time for school visits and this year has been no different with schools wishing to increase their pupils' understanding of Remembrance Day and make them more aware of the war memorials in their local community. To arrange a visit to a school or youth group visit www.learnaboutwarmemorials.org, or contact learning@warmemorials.org or 020 7834 0200.

Visit to Bryn Deri Primary School

In September our Learning Officer visited Bryn Deri Primary School in Radyr, near Cardiff. This was the Trust's fifth visit to Bryn Deri since 2012 and we are delighted that the school continues to include war memorial heritage in their curriculum.

The day was spent with the year 6 class who were two weeks in to their World War II topic. Pupils learnt what a war memorial is, when and why they were created and the problems they may be facing. The class were able to visit and carry out a condition survey for their local war memorial in Radyr. Whilst visiting the memorial, pupils made a note of some of the people who are remembered on the memorial so that they could research these names and find out more about them.



Bryn Deri pupils carrying out a condition survey of Radyr war memorial © WMT, 2017

For more details about this school session and others, please visit www.learnaboutwarmemorials.org/primary/showcase/bryn-deri-primary-school-2017.

Mid Sussex RED schools events

In July we were contacted by one of our Regional Volunteers, Mark Harding, who is also a member of Mid Sussex RED (a community group who promote Mid Sussex military history and education for residents of all ages) about a series of events which the group intended to host during the autumn. Two of the events were open to schools in the Mid Sussex area and this was seen as an excellent opportunity to engage with young people and teach them about our war memorial heritage.

The first of the school events took place at Clair Hall in Haywards Heath. Over 350 pupils from primary schools in and around Haywards Heath attended one of the two sessions during the day to learn more about the roles which the people and places in Mid Sussex performed during World Wars I and II. War Memorials Trust had a stand in the exhibition space which had a number of activities for the pupils to engage with. Our Learning Officer also did four presentations during the day to groups of up to 60 children. Each presentation looked at what a war memorial is (using examples from Haywards Heath and the surrounding villages many of which the children were familiar with), when and why war memorials were created and their importance. The presentation concluded with an image of a local memorial which the children were asked to describe and share what they noticed about it. Thank you to Mid Sussex RED for allowing War Memorials Trust to be a part of these events.

War Memorials Online

War Memorials Online workshops: Brecon, Edinburgh and Belfast

During 2017 War Memorials Trust has been providing training to members of the public on how to use War Memorials Online, how to undertake a condition survey and how to share war memorial information. Our War Memorials Online workshops took place in Brecon on the 22nd and 23rd June, Edinburgh on 30th August and most recently in Belfast on 26th September. In the last issue of the Bulletin we provided a report on Brecon's workshops, but have since been to both Edinburgh and Belfast to deliver the training.

The Edinburgh workshop took place at Edinburgh Training and Conference Venue where Brogan and Rachel were joined by the Trust's Conservation Officer in Scotland, Allana. Attendees were given an introduction to the work of the Trust and War Memorials Online before visiting the Royal Scots Greys memorial in Princes Street Gardens (pictured). Here the group were able to put their new skills into practice and undertake a condition survey of the memorial. As with Brecon and Belfast, we welcomed a diverse and engaging group to the workshop, WMT Regional Volunteers met representatives from local authorities and other interest groups, as well as individuals wanting to learn more about war memorials and recording information about them. In Edinburgh we were also joined by two gentlemen from Lady Haig's Poppy Factory, which was interesting for the group to learn about.

Belfast War Memorials Online workshop took place at The Mount Business and Conference Centre and included a site visit to Belfast Willowfield war memorial to identify its condition. Likewise with the other workshops, both the morning and afternoon sessions included an opportunity for attendees to use the computers at the venue to explore and add to War Memorials Online. In Belfast, Brogan and Rachel were joined by one of our Conservation Officers Peter, who presented details of the action taken by War Memorials Trust following condition reports being added to War Memorials Online, as well as information about the grant schemes.

We are very pleased that the workshops were so well received by the attendees and thank those who provided us with feedback which was overwhelmingly positive. If you are interested in a workshop for a group please visit www.warmemorials.org/conferences. If you are based in England see if our First World War Memorials Programme partners Civic Voice are running a workshop like this near you, www.civicvoice.org.uk/get-involved/events.

Those attending workshops, and subsequently undertaking condition surveys, are working alongside the thousands of Contributors registered to update War Memorials Online, www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk. We hugely appreciate all the contributions which are helping to identify the condition of our war memorials and target help at those in greatest need.



Above and below, attendees in Edinburgh survey the Royal Scots Greys memorial © WMT, 2017



Above and below, attendees at the War Memorials Online workshop in Belfast © WMT, 2017



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 for a variety of reasons. All share a 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 Rachel for information on 020 7233 7356, rv@warmemorials.org or visit www.warmemorials.org/regional-volunteers.

As 2017 draws to a close, it has been another busy year for our Regional Volunteers (RVs). RVs provide invaluable support to the Trust by acting as our local 'eyes and ears' across the country. RVs have the opportunity to get involved in a wide variety of different activities depending on their own interests and this page will provide a flavour of the different things our RVs have been involved in this year.

One of the main parts of the RV role is helping to monitor the condition of war memorials. In June, RV Jack Clarke undertook a request for help to check the condition of two war memorial plaques at Holloway School in Islington (WM2063). The Trust had previously been contacted about the possible demolition of the building in which the war memorials were housed and needed an RV to help us establish the current status of the memorials. As a result of Jack's efforts, we were able to confirm that the building had not been demolished and that the memorial boards are still in situ. Not all cases have such a happy ending and the work of our RVs is vital in helping us to identify those memorials which may be lost, missing, relocated or at risk.

RVs also attend events on behalf of the Trust including re-dedication services for memorials that have received grants. In June, Phil Crellen attended the re-dedication of Clifton war memorial in North Yorkshire, which received a grant of £6,490 for cleaning and works to the inscription (WM3512). In August Paul Conlon and Peter Denby went to the re-dedication of the Waterloo Monument in Billinge, Lancashire (WM2094). This sandstone obelisk commemorating the Duke of Wellington and the victory at Waterloo received a grant of £21,850 towards stabilisation works and repairs.

RVs also deliver talks about the work of the charity and this year Headingley Rotary Club and Hughenden Parish Council are amongst the groups to request talks. If you would like a talk on war memorials and the work of the Trust then please do get in touch.

Helping to list war memorials is another activity some of our RVs are involved in. In 2017 our RVs have helped to list a number of war memorials, including those at [Swanage](#) in Dorset, [Stokenchurch](#) and [Hitcham](#) in Buckinghamshire as well as [Stoke and Wexham](#) in Berkshire. Further information on Listing can be found on page 10.

We are extremely grateful for the help of all our RVs in 2017 and look forward to their continued support next year. If you are interested in becoming an RV please contact Rachel on the contact details above. Please note to be a Regional Volunteer you do need to be a member of the charity to be covered by our insurance.



Waterloo memorial, Billinge rededication ceremony (WM2094)
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Get involved

Christmas Cards 2017

War Memorials Trust is delighted to offer supporters a very special Christmas card this year which has been designed by the acclaimed cartoonist Grizelda. Her cartoons have appeared in The Times, Private Eye, The Spectator and The Independent.

Grizelda created for winners and nominees of the Directory of Social Change Awards in 2017 some unique cartoons. War Memorials Trust won the Great Giving Funders Award and received its design. Grizelda has kindly adapted her original work so it incorporates a winter scene (depicted on the right hand side) for us to use as a Christmas card. The design gives a sense of the cycle of identifying a concern with a memorial, undertaking appropriate repair and conservation works and the memorial being rededicated.



It feels particularly appropriate for War Memorials Trust to offer this specially commissioned design in a year which has seen the charity celebrate its 20th anniversary. Each and every purchase will make an important contribution to the charity's work.

The Christmas cards measure 14cm/5.5inches square and come in packs of 10. The greeting inside reads 'Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.'

The cards cost £4 per packet plus 75p p&p each. Please order online at www.warmemorials.org/shop or complete and return the order form on pages 15/16.

War Memorials Trust membership - the gift that lasts all year

War Memorials Trust's members make a vital contribution to the charity's work. Through their generous support they help War Memorials Trust to achieve its mission to protect the UK's estimated 100,000 war memorials, of which 7-8,000 may be in need of attention.

Members enjoy a close relationship with the charity. They are kept up-to-date with a quarterly issue of the Bulletin and are invited to the Annual General Meeting which offers an opportunity to meet the charity's Trustees, staff and other members as well as listening to a talk afterwards. The photograph on the right shows members at last year's AGM where author Clive Aslet spoke. Details of this year's AGM can be found on page 5.



War Memorials Trust members listening to Clive Aslet's talk at the 2016 AGM © WMT, 2016

We are immeasurably grateful to our 2,600 members for the valuable contributions that they give. However, we need to recruit more members in order to continue our important work in the future and ensure that those commemorated on our war memorials are not forgotten.

The centenary of World War I presents a significant opportunity for War Memorials Trust to expand our membership. If you are not already a member please do consider supporting our work by joining. Alternatively membership makes an ideal Christmas gift for those with an interest in history or heritage and we can send a New Member pack to either the recipient or the person giving the gift so you can deliver.

To join yourself, or as a gift, please visit www.warmemorials.org/join or complete the form on pages 15/16.

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 are lightweight and bear the charity's logo on one side. They measure 38cm by 42cm (15inches by 16.5 inches), excluding handles and can easily be folded up into a pocket or a handbag. They should be washed and tumble dried at 30° celsius. The bags cost £5 each including p&p.



Each purchase you make is a vital contribution to War Memorials Trust's work as well as raising awareness of the charity.

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Please complete this order form and your details overleaf then send to the address details at the bottom of this page.

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	Set of 5 Trust pencils at £2 (inc. p&p)	
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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.

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War Memorials Trust's Centenary Campaign has raised £42,000 of the 2017 target of £52,020. We thank our supporters, listed below, who have pledged to give a donation each year as Centenary Ambassadors (£500 per year), Centenary Champions (£250 per year) or Centenary Pioneers (£100 per year):

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