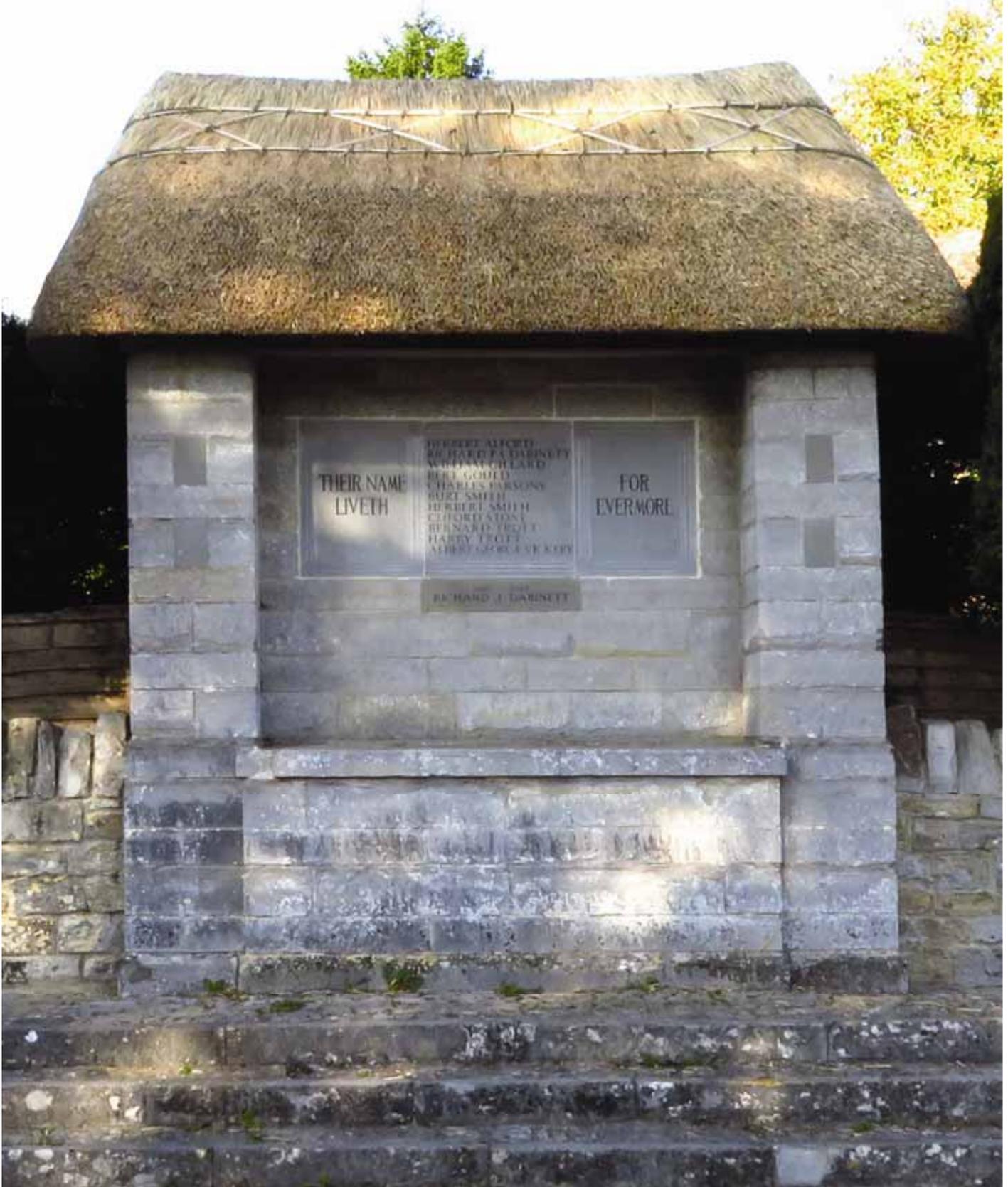


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War Memorials Trust works to protect and conserve all war memorials within the UK

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 **March 2019**):

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.

Front cover

The cover image shows [Drayton](#) war memorial shelter in Somerset which received grant of £1,020 in 2018 for repairs to the thatch roof. It remembers the fallen of both World Wars with the name Richard Dabinett appearing on both the WWI list and the additional plaque added below after WWII. Further details of the project can be found on the Grants Showcase at www.warmemorials.org/search-grants. The image is copyright Drayton Remembers, 2018.

Message from the Director

Dear Supporters

Happy New Year to you all and welcome to the latest edition of the Bulletin. This issue reflects a period of transition as we move from the commemoration of the centenary of World War I to the era that will mark the centenaries of so many of our war memorials. The 100th anniversary of the conflict saw a significant focus on grants as UK and Scottish government funds enabled the charity to help more than 700 projects share over £4 million. But this additional grant money, and the funds to support its administration, have now been spent so the charity has to adjust. Overleaf, we discuss this period of change and introduce our new objectives for the post centenary period. As we expect funding levels to revert to those we worked with before 2014, Trustees are adapting the organisation to ensure that expenditure reflects income. The charity will again be entirely reliant on voluntary donations or grants from national heritage bodies, charitable trusts and foundations, supporters and members as well as other income streams it can encourage such as legacy giving. Therefore, it must take care to ensure expenditure remains within budget.

Reflecting this period of change we have a number of Trustee and staff changes to update you on. We welcome a new Trustee, Roger Bowdler formerly Director of Listing at Historic England, but say farewell to Roger Bardell who has served as Treasurer since 2003. Both the Board and staff wish to express their sincere appreciation of Roger's commitment to, and enthusiasm for, the charity. It has been a very interesting period as the charity managed gradual growth, an intense period of expanded activity and has then had to plan for a reduction in finances. His guidance on, and oversight of, financial matters has been invaluable to ensure the charity remained solvent whilst supporting as many communities as possible. We know many members will have heard Roger speak at our AGMs, or met him at events, and will join us in thanking him for all his efforts. Alongside Trustee changes a number of staff have left for new roles as centenary projects conclude. We thank them for all their hard work and dedication during their time with the charity. We do though welcome a new Administrator, Harry Morris who has joined the London office.

A number of Trustees, staff and office volunteers were privileged to attend the National Service of Commemoration at Westminster Abbey on 11th November 2018. The Trust's work was recognised within the publications for the event and we have subsequently received thanks from a number of organisations we have worked with for our efforts over the last few years. None of what the staff do would be possible without the backing of our members, volunteers and supporters so we would like to take this opportunity to again thank you. Knowing that our day-to-day work is important to so many other people, who also do so much themselves to protect and conserve war memorials, helps us sustain our efforts. As we move forward to a period when trying to encourage communities to follow best conservation practice has a much reduced grant funding carrot this will be increasingly important.

It is clear that the centenary has helped raise awareness of both war memorials and the Trust. We were recently involved in a case where someone spotted inappropriate works being undertaken, contacted us and we worked with others to identify a solution to prevent this happening again. Part of the increased awareness has been due to our partnership working through the centenary and we wish to thank, again, those we have worked with. This collaborative working will be a key legacy of the centenary period and something we will look to sustain in the years ahead.

As you can imagine, to continue our work we are looking at how we can raise the required funds. We greatly appreciate all the support we receive, each and every contribution makes a difference to the Trust's ability to protect and conserve war memorials. We thank everyone for your previous help over the years and we hope you will be able to continue that support in the years ahead. On page 14 we discuss some of our fundraising work which includes legacy giving. In addition, we highlight how you can sponsor Katharine Worley as she takes on the London Marathon. Having left the Trust for a new job in Paris she will be returning to these shores to take on the 26 miles in April and sponsorship will help motivate her through her training as the big day approaches. Finally, we want to make you aware that, after careful consideration, it has been decided to increase the Life membership rate from 1st April 2019. If you would like to join as a Life member, or convert your annual subscription to a Life membership, the existing rates will be in place to the end of March 2019 so please do get in touch, use the form on pages 15/16 or visit the website at www.warmemorials.org/join-online.

With many thanks again for your ongoing support. Kind regards Frances

War Memorials Trust strategic development

The last few years have been a unique moment for the charity as the centenary of World War I saw an upsurge of interest in our war memorials across the UK. The organisation also marked its own 20 year anniversary in 2017 giving us all an opportunity to reflect on our achievements as well as look forward. Established in 1997 the Trust began life through the efforts of volunteers and part-time staff who grew the charity from an idea into reality. In 2000, the first Conservation Officer was appointed establishing best conservation practice at the heart of our work. In 2003, a full-time Administrator joined the team creating a staff of 2.5 as the Director-General role was part-time. Over the next few years awareness of our work grew, creating greater demand for the services of the charity. By 2009, staff numbers had grown to 4 in an attempt to manage the workload whilst the value of our maximum grants had grown from £250 to £2,500. With these changes the fundraising demands on the charity grew and Trustees carefully monitored income and expenditure levels to ensure the charity did not take any financial risks.

In 2011, the Trust began planning for the centenary of World War I with the establishment of its educational programme to engage young people with our war memorial heritage. A couple of years later, a Conservation Officer based in Scotland was the first member of staff to work remotely from the London office. This development demonstrated how the charity benefitted from having staff based across the country making site visits easier as well as adding an understanding of the varied conservation challenges in different regions as materials, skills and design approaches do differ across the UK. When the Trust became a partner in the First World War Memorials Programme, receiving government funding for the centenary, it expanded its staffing team to deliver the additional funding and recruited around the country. During the centenary of World War I the charity distributed over £4 million in grants supporting more than 700 war memorial projects as well as dealing with 3,500 enquiries on a huge variety of issues. At one point the charity had a team of 13 staff delivering this.



Funding the re-thatching of [Drayton](#) war memorial shelter in Somerset was an unusual material for the Team to deal with. Above is the memorial before works were undertaken to compare with the front page (WM2339) © Drayton Parish Council, 2017

During 2017, as we marked our 20th anniversary, staff and Trustees began to consider the post-centenary period recognising that it would be a time of both change and challenge. The end of the additional government funding will impact the charity significantly and Trustees have had to consider very carefully what the financial future of the charity should, and can, be. Staff held a number of workshops which helped to identify the core activities that the Trust should continue to deliver, work that could be amended or managed differently to be more efficient and areas that could no longer be sustained if the staffing body decreased. The Trustees greatly appreciated the interest, commitment and creativity of the staff during this process as transition periods are challenging but they have continued to deliver our services to assist supporters and service users as well as we can. The recent departures have left the Trust facing heavy workloads but everything is being dealt with as quickly as it can be.

From the discussion held by both staff and Trustees a new set of objectives for the charity has been identified which were shared at November's AGM. So many of our war memorials will mark their own centenaries during this period, alongside significant commemorations of conflicts such as the Boer War, World War II and the Falklands War, that the Trust is likely to see ongoing interest in the nations' war memorial heritage but will have to focus its more limited resources. Having had the opportunity to invest so much funding through the grant programmes supported, in particular, by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, Historic Environment Scotland and Historic England who we thank, the next few years will see a shift in our work. The charity will not have the same level of grant funding available so this will naturally reduce. We will look to increase and improve our wider advice and support services including public engagement which partners have taken the lead on through the centenary. War memorials have always been, and remain, the responsibility of local communities so empowering people to understand how to engage with, and manage, their war memorials will be a key aspect of our work. War Memorials Online, our website to help understand the condition of war memorials across the UK, will become increasingly important to focus resources and deliver our activities. It has proven very popular across all age groups and we thank all our Contributors. The website helps staff deal more efficiently with casework as information is quickly available to them and can be accessed wherever they are based.

War Memorials Trust Trustee changes

Protecting and conserving the UK's war memorial heritage remains at the heart of what the charity does. As change happens those principles guide the decisions of the Trustees as they set the strategy and steer the staff as they put those decisions into practice. Sadly, as with so many charities we never have the resources to deliver everything we would like to do but together we can continue to do our best to preserve our shared war memorial heritage for future generations.

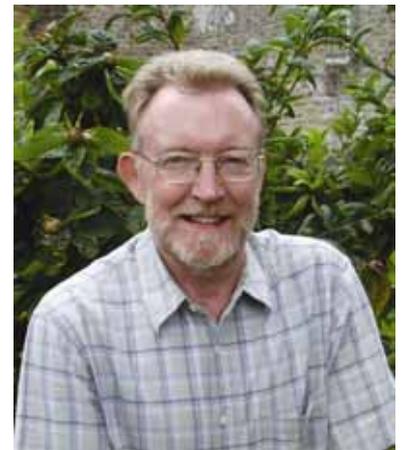
Our new objectives are outlined below, do let us have any comments;

1. To improve the condition of war memorials, in their original/historic design and setting, to support their long-term preservation in-line with best conservation practice
2. To increase the understanding of best conservation practice; how to appropriately maintain, protect, repair and conserve war memorials; and the support available from War Memorials Trust
3. To enhance public engagement with, and the recognition of local responsibility for, war memorials
4. To sustain access to grant funding to support repair and conservation works in-line with best conservation practice
5. To increase the money raised by the charity to deliver its vision to protect and conserve war memorials

Goodbye Roger Bardell

As a volunteer at the Imperial War Museum on a war memorials project, and with a background in finance, I was an easy target when Sir Donald Thompson invited me to be Treasurer of what was then named Friends of War Memorials. A lifelong interest in military history and a grandfather killed in World War I made it equally easy for me to accept the role.

At that time, the organisation was very different, with three members of staff and a modest turnover. There was plenty to be done in order to put the Trust on a truly professional basis and I enjoyed working with colleagues on this. So, 15 years, 60 Trustees meetings, 30 half-year reviews and various other events later, I leave a strong organisation with turnover of £1.7 million and staff numbers which peaked at 13 during the centenary. I know that War Memorials Trust is in good hands, with some fresh Trustees and great staff. I depart with strong feelings of goodwill towards the Trust and with happy memories of my busy time as part of it. I wish everyone associated all success for the future and with the changes to be expected.



Roger Bardell © Roger Bardell, 2007

Welcome Roger Bowdler

Roger Bowdler joined the Board of Trustees in December 2018 having been a supporter of the charity for a number of years. Members may recall the fascinating talk he gave on war memorials and listing at the AGM in 2015.

Roger completed a PhD on 17th century church monuments and has always been fascinated by commemoration. He joined Historic England in 1989 as a historian and rose to be Director of Listing before leaving in 2018. Roger is a Commissioner at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea and has served on several other voluntary committees.

When at Historic England, Roger led the organisation's involvement in the First World War centenary activities and oversaw the increase in listing of war memorials which has seen the tally of protected memorials triple as a result. War Memorials Trust contributed to that programme and we look forward to a new phase of working together.



Roger Bowdler with HRH The Duchess of Cornwall at a WMT reception © Paul Burns Photography Ltd, 2014

War Memorials Trust news

Welcome Harry Morris

I am thrilled to have joined War Memorials Trust this January as the new Administrator and am looking forward to a new year in a new role.

I recently completed my MA in Early Modern History and before that a BSc (Hons) in International Relations and History. As a long-term student of history with an interest in every era, I am very excited to be contributing to the Trust's important and interesting work of preserving our heritage and the memory of those now commemorated by war memorials.

Besides studying, I have previously held administrative roles in the NHS and at a retirement services provider. I am now keen to put that experience to work and get involved in all aspects of the Trust's work through my new role. I look forward to meeting and assisting our members, supporters, war memorial custodians and the many others who contact the charity for help.



Harry Morris © WMT 2019

Goodbye Allana Hughes

After five and a half years with the Trust, in October I left the charity to start a new role with Falkirk Council as a Project Officer. I joined the Trust at the start of the centenary of World War I as the Conservation Officer in Scotland, with the main responsibility of administering the Centenary Memorials Restoration Fund. Over my time at the Trust I have had the privilege of supporting grant applicants in securing funding for their projects. I have seen first-hand the impact that repair and conservation works have had on war memorials previously in poor condition. Within my role I have been fortunate to have had the opportunity to travel across Scotland undertaking site visits, giving presentations and doing training. I have enjoyed meeting and working with custodians and War Memorials Officers as well as the Trust's members and Regional Volunteers. I will always look back at my time with the Trust with the fondest memories, however, this is not goodbye. I am looking forward to continuing to support the important work that the Trust does in Scotland through War Memorials Online and by becoming a Regional Volunteer.



Allana Hughes © A Hughes, 2018

Goodbye Sheena Campbell

After three and a half years as Conservation Officer at War Memorials Trust, I left the charity in October 2018 to start a new job as Saltaire World Heritage Officer for Bradford City Council. Whilst at the Trust I have really enjoyed the opportunity to assist with the repair of a huge variety of memorials mainly across the North of England and Wales. Highlights have included climbing the scaffolding up the outside of Crich Stand, Derbyshire and securing repairs to the domed memorial at Kimberley in Nottinghamshire and Amble clock tower in Northumberland.

As well as appreciating these architectural delights, I am equally touched by the dedication of volunteers who commit so much time and effort towards ensuring that their local war memorial is cared for. It has been a privilege to share an understanding of the history of the people commemorated and remembered with so many people who share a desire to protect and conserve our war memorial heritage.



Sheena Campbell © WMT, 2015

War Memorials Trust news

Goodbye Sarah Taverner

I left the charity in November 2018 after two and a half years to take up a policy development role with a political party. It was an immense privilege to be able to work for the charity as both Charity Administrator and then Charity Officer during the centenary of the First World War and to see the centenary commemorations through to the end.

Throughout my time with the Trust I have thoroughly enjoyed helping to organise events from the AGM to WMT's 20th Anniversary Reception at the House of Lords. The latter was a particular highlight for me, and rather apt as I move into a role within the political sector. Such events have enabled me to meet many of the Trust's dedicated members, supporters and volunteers which I have thoroughly enjoyed. It has been a particular honour to work with the Regional and Office Volunteers, and to see the commitment that they bring to the charity first-hand. While I will miss working for the Trust I wish it every success for the future as it continues its vital work to protect and conserve war memorials for another 100 years.



Sarah Taverner © Duncan Soar, 2017

Goodbye Katharine Worley

I left the Trust in November 2018 after having worked with a fantastic team and on a number of interesting projects over the course of a year and a half in my role as Assistant Conservation Officer. My new role takes me to Paris to work for the European Marine Biological Research Centre in an administrative position which I hope will be an opportunity to improve my French language and use the valuable skills I have gained at the Trust.

I have many good memories of my time with the charity, including assisting with the administration of £2 million of grant funding and seeing the fantastic results this funding has helped to achieve in improving the condition of the UK's war memorials. Opportunities to learn more about best conservation practice and speak to people passionate about protecting war memorials have been constant sources of inspiration. This is not the last you will be hearing of me, as I will be running the 2019 London Marathon to raise money for War Memorials Trust, for more information turn to page 14.



Katharine Worley © Duncan Soar, 2017

Goodbye Amy Reeves

I left the Trust in January 2019 after six months in the role of Assistant Conservation Officer to start my training to become a British Army officer at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst. It may seem like a very different direction to take but in the battle between my passion for conservation and enthusiasm for military history and international relations, the practical option won. I look forward to one day teaching my platoon about hand cleaning war memorials and best conservation practice!

It has been a privilege to work with such an experienced and caring team and to meet or correspond with so many passionate members. Preventing war memorials from being sold at auctions or through websites has been especially rewarding and really tested my negotiation skills. Running a day of workshops in October with SmartWater Foundation to educate and enthuse London Police Cadets about war memorials and promote ways to protect them from theft was a personal highlight of mine and there is more information about that on page 10.



Amy Reeves © A Reeves, 2017

Grants - War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme

Kimberley, Nottinghamshire (WM69)

[Kimberley](#) war memorial is located on Main Street/Greens Lane in Kimberley, Nottinghamshire. It is constructed of reconstituted stone in the form of a domed butter cross on a round plinth. Six columns support the inscribed cornice band and dome which is topped with a square lantern with four clock faces and a flame finial. The dome was covered with copper in 2008 altering the original design. There are three inscribed bronze tablets to both World Wars. It is a Grade II listed structure, located within the Kimberley Conservation Area.



In 2015 a grant of £825 was awarded through War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme - Professional Advice Grant towards a structural report to assess the condition and make recommendations on the repair. Due to the scale and complexity of the project the charity felt that a phased approach would assist in understanding the extent of works required. With the detailed Specification of Works prepared a further application was submitted. This led to a second grant of £50,000 in 2017 again through War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme supported by the [First World War Memorials Programme](#) funded by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport. This is one of the largest grants awarded during the centenary through this scheme.

The project involved a comprehensive programme of repair and conservation works in-line with best conservation practice which is guided by publications such as Historic England's [The Conservation, Repair and Management of War Memorials](#). As with all grant-aided projects which have a total cost greater than £10,000 a conservation-accredited professional advisor was required to oversee the works. And, as a listed structure, Listed Building Consent was obtained to allow the works to be undertaken.

The project included cleaning of both stone and metalwork, replacement of fixings which had corroded, repairs to the dome and rainwater goods, structural works, re-painting of lettering and an application of SmartWater, as part of the [In Memoriam 2014](#) initiative, to deter theft of the metal elements. Works to the dome returned the design to the original stone finish in keeping with what was chosen by those who erected the war memorial following the end of World War I. The project was completed in 2018 and a site visit by a War Memorials Trust Conservation Officer undertaken to discuss the project before the grant was paid.

Kimberley war memorial was unveiled in 1921 by Sir Henry Dennis Readett Bayley, Chairman of the Giltbrook Leather Works and Managing Director of the Digby Colliery Company. It was dedicated by the Rev. Frederic Hart whose son 2Lt Charles Hart was killed in Africa. It is believed the memorial cost around £1,500 when erected. As the photographs demonstrate, the setting has changed considerably over the years as buildings have been erected around it but it remains important to the community who had to raise considerable funds as the grant from War Memorials Trust accounted for around two thirds of the total project cost.



From top to bottom Kimberley war memorial at its unveiling, before recent works and after works © image from Book on Old Kimberley by David Ottwell via Nottinghamshire Great War Roll of Honour; Kimberley Town Council, 2013 and WMT, 2018

Grants - Centenary Memorials Restoration Fund

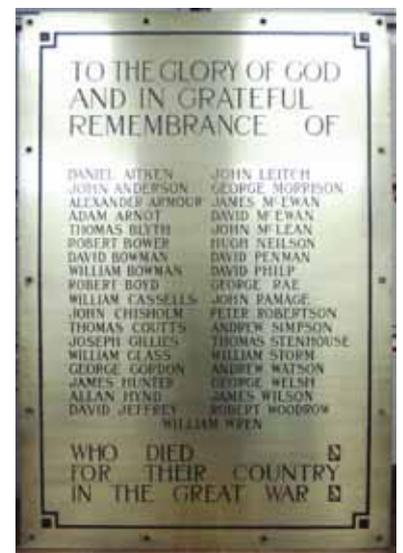
St. Andrew's Erskine Church, Dunfermline, Fife (WM10643/10644/10808/10813/10814)

Five memorial plaques from the former St Andrew's Erskine Church on Pilmuir Street in Dunfermline had been kept in storage since the church closed then relocated to a modern church building in the 1990s. The plaques commemorate those individuals from the congregations of St Andrew's Parish Church; Queen Anne Street Church; Chalmers Street Church and Erskine Church who fell in the two World Wars, and, in the case of St Andrew's Parish Church, all those who served. The four churches amalgamated in the 1970s and all the memorials were relocated into St Andrew's Erskine Church.

Unfortunately, the plaques had not been stored in a weather tight environment. Therefore, they were heavily tarnished and required conservation work before they could be hung again to be accessible to the public for commemoration. As part of a wider project there were three further plaques from the church which had been stored in different conditions so did not require conservation works.

The plaques were either copper or bronze depending on the choice of each congregation. In order to address the condition they underwent a gentle hand clean with water and detergent to remove the tarnish and corrosion products which had formed on the plaques due to the damp conditions. Following the cleaning a microcrystalline wax was applied to protect the metal in the future. This acts as a protective layer on the metal and as part of a maintenance plan would normally need redoing every few years depending on the site (outdoor plaques may need this treatment more regularly than those kept indoors). A grant of £3,780 through the Centenary Memorials Restoration Fund, funded by Historic Environment Scotland and the Scottish government, supported these works. A site visit was undertaken to assist the Conservation Officer to understand the nature of this case and the charity greatly appreciated the assistance of Regional Volunteers who were engaged in supporting the project and undertaking research.

The plaques were rededicated on 11th November 2018. They are now on display in the Chapel of the current church ensuring that the names of the 252 individuals commemorated can once again be seen and read whilst the sacrifices they made are remembered.



From top to bottom then right to left: St Andrews Parish Church WWI , St Andrews Parish Church WWII, Queen Anne Street Dunfermline WWI Chalmers Street Church WWI and Erskine Church WWII all after works have been undertaken . All images © Scottish Conservation Studio 2018

Conservation News

In Memoriam 2014

In October 2018 War Memorials Trust was delighted to join with the SmartWater Foundation to host a training session for Police Cadets to find out more about In Memoriam 2014 and how they can help protect our war memorial heritage.

Cadets from 12 different London units attended workshops at which they learnt about war memorials, found out how SmartWater works and discussed its value in protecting our war memorial heritage. The cadets, aged between 13 and 18, particularly enjoyed the role play devised to demonstrate how SmartWater secures legal convictions. From these sessions the groups were equipped with the information and tools required to ensure SmartWater is applied to the metal components of war memorials across London.

War Memorials Trust is delighted that In Memoriam 2014 will be continuing beyond the centenary of World War I and we thank the SmartWater Foundation for their support for the project. If you have yet to ensure the metal elements of your local war memorials are protected then contact the custodians or visit www.inmemoriam2014.org to find out more.

IN MEMORIAM 2014



Cadet conference © Met Police, 2018

War Memorial Centenary Listing Project in England

As you may recall, during the centenary of World War I Historic England realised its ambition to add 2,500 war memorials to the National Heritage List for England. Indeed, they achieved more than that with 2,645 war memorials either added to, or upgraded on the List. Of these;

- 21 were Grade I
- 99 were Grade II*
- 2,519 were Grade II
- 6 were Registered war memorial Parks: Gheluvelt Park, Whipnade Tree Cathedral, Promenade de Verdun, Ilkley Memorial Garden, Highbridge Garden of Remembrance and Rickerby Park

The legacy of this initiative is the additional protection now in place for these war memorials. Should works be proposed to them Listed Building Consent will have to be obtained ensuring an extra level of conservation oversight. It does not prevent work but if anything is done without having obtained appropriate consent it could lead to prosecution.

One memorial which was listed is [Allhallows Church](#) in Mealsgate, Cumbria. A grant of £257 in 2014 supported re-painting illegible lettering and subsequently War Memorials Trust applied for the listing. This was an example of grants and listing working together to help preservation.



Allhallows, Mealsgate (WM8452) © G Murphy, 2014

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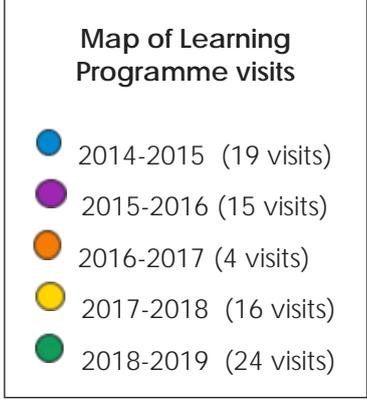
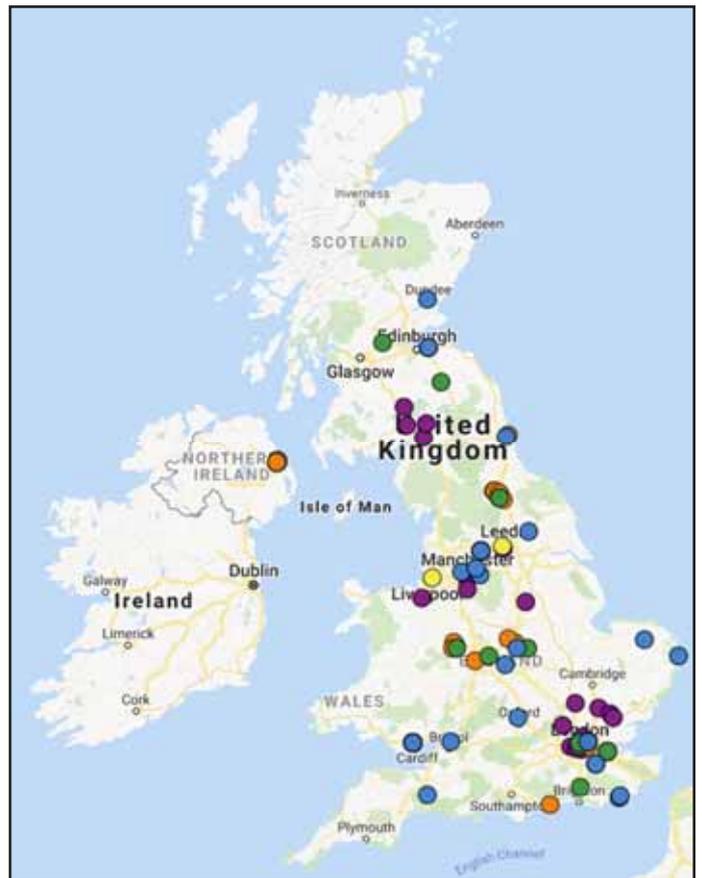
Regular readers of the Bulletin will be aware of the activities that have been carried out through the Learning Programme during the course of the World War I centenary. Articles have shared information about visits, new resources, workshops and other activities.

The demand for visits during the centenary has been high and it peaked as we approached the 100th anniversary of the Armistice. Between April and November 2018, 24 learning visits were carried out. The map (shown right) plots all of the visits which have been carried out since 2014. It highlights the geographical spread reaching across the UK. During the centenary WMT's Learning Officer has engaged with almost 7,000 young people during more than 100 visits.

Resources have been continually created and added to War Memorials Trust's learning website, www.learnaboutwarmemorials.org. These include specific anniversaries such as [Gallipoli](#), the [Somme](#) and the [Armistice](#). Helpsheets have also been created on topics such as [Edith Cavell](#) and the [Animals in War](#) memorial. Of these resources the Somme resources aimed at secondary schools and the Animals in War resources for primary schools have proved to be some of the most popular.

Another set of resources produced focussed on [condition surveys](#). These were created in collaboration with Historic England and Civic Voice to offer a practical route for young people into war memorial conservation and enable them to contribute to [War Memorials Online](#). To further enhance these resources, Historic England has created an e-learning module aimed at Key Stage 2 teachers. The short module guides them through helping their class when surveying a local war memorial and reporting on its condition. The e-learning module is available by following the link '[Doing a condition survey with your class—Guidance for teachers](#)' on Historic England's website, <https://historicengland.org.uk/services-skills/education>.

After the end of World War I, communities sought to find a way to remember the fallen whose bodies were not repatriated. 2019 and subsequent years will mark the centenary of the creation of many of these war memorials. For this reason the next set of resources being created will focus on that period. These will include lessons on some of the sculptors, artists and architects who designed war memorials as well as a drama based exercise which allows pupils to recreate a war memorial committee of 1919 to explore the types of decisions such committees would have faced. These aim to help pupils empathise with those who suffered loss during World War I, enable them to understand the significance of these war memorials, why they should be cared for and ensure there is a legacy to the learning activities which have taken place during the centenary. We thank all those who have helped make these possible including our supporters and volunteers.

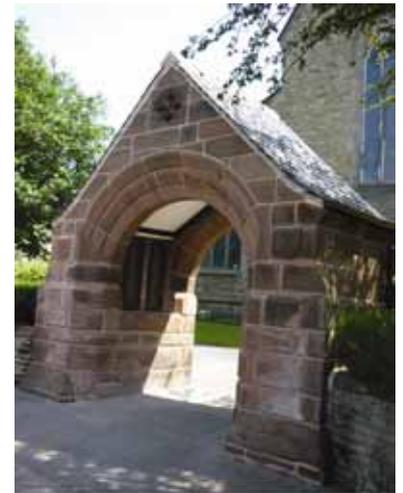


Year 3 pupils from Hopton C of E Primary School carrying out a condition survey for Hopton-on-Sea war memorial, Norfolk using the condition survey resources © WMT, 2018

War Memorials Online

How War Memorials Online is helping get grant funding

War Memorials Online is a useful tool for War Memorials Trust as it alerts us to cases we may not otherwise have heard of. Condition and concern reports submitted by members of the public and war memorial custodians can lead to War Memorials Trust providing advice and funding. One example is [Levenshulme](#) war memorial located at St Peter's Church, Greater Manchester. It is a sandstone gate and carries dedications to both World Wars. In 2016, the custodian reported that it was in a Poor condition through War Memorials Online. The Trust was then able to provide advice about funding which led to a grant in 2018 of £12,780 awarded through the Grants for War Memorials Scheme supported by the First World War Memorials Programme and Historic England. Works included removing the plaques and undertaking repairs off-site where they were cleaned and re-gilded with gold leaf. On the stone memorial, limited indent repairs were undertaken and the whole structure was re-pointed with lime mortar. Roof repairs were completed and the whole structure cleaned.



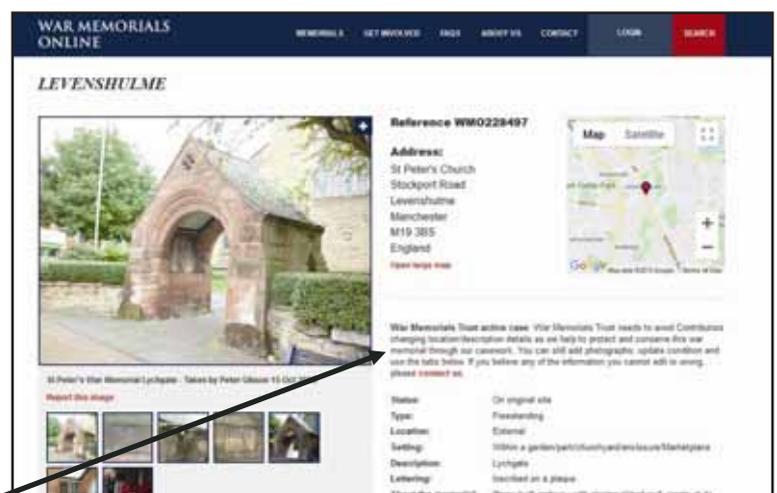
St Peter's Church, Levenshulme, Gt. Manchester (WM6834) © St Peter's Church, 2018

War Memorials Online development 2018-19

Those of you who contribute to War Memorials Online may have noticed some changes in recent months. In November, after reviewing all of your suggestions, we began some development work aimed at improving War Memorials Online - to make it easier for Contributors to use and to expand its capabilities to assist the Trust's staff deliver our conservation work.

One of the changes is adding requests for help to War Memorials Online. To date our Regional Volunteers have been fantastic at helping with cases but sometimes it is not possible for them to deal with them all, and the processes can be quite administratively heavy. So we felt it would be beneficial to have a system whereby we could ask our wider network of 5,000 War Memorials Online Contributors as well. You can search for requests for help using the memorials search and filtering by 'Can you help?'. The records we need help with are marked by a question mark. We have also added an additional condition level 'Lost/Missing/Temporary' indicated with purple pins. We have listened to your feedback and know that 'Good/Fair/Poor/Very bad' are not always relevant- particularly when we do not know where the memorial is.

The biggest change is locking some memorial records. As we start to use War Memorials Online as a tool for staff it is important the basic information about active cases is not changed (namely the name, address, location, basic description details and names/inscriptions.) You can let us know if you would like to change any of these locked fields so they are not fixed and you can still add condition updates, report concerns, add comments and links. But, we just need to ensure that if, for example, a grant case is being worked on no one completely changes a War Memorials Online record. A screenshot of the record for Levenshulme shows how it appears.



We have made a number of further changes which we hope will help - you can now rotate your photos after they have been uploaded and edit all your contributions in the case of typos etc. If you would like further information about the changes please do not hesitate to contact us on info@warmemorialsonline.org.uk.

Regional Volunteers

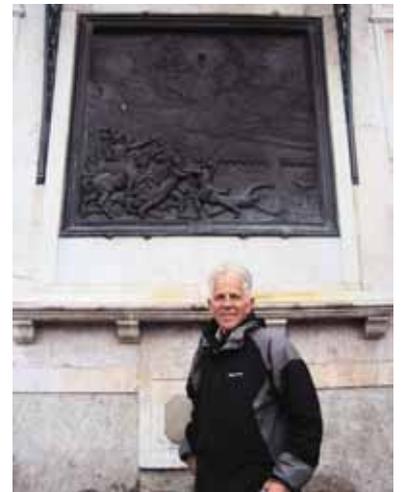
War Memorials Trust’s Regional Volunteers (RVs) are members of the charity who wish to take on a more active role to help the charity achieve its aims and objectives. RVs are registered by county across the UK and have become involved for a variety of reasons. All share a belief in the importance of the repair and conservation of war memorials.

With the Trust’s current strategic review, the substantial staff changes and a heavy workload we are currently not registering new RVs as we do not have the resources to process this. Anyone interested in volunteering to support our work is strongly encouraged to register with War Memorials Online and contribute through the website. This is a vital way of helping to protect and conserve war memorials by ensuring they are identified with their condition regularly assessed and recorded. It is important that Condition Surveys are undertaken regularly to monitor any issues as early intervention and good maintenance avoid costly repair projects at a later date. All concerns reported via the website as well as Poor and Very bad condition reports are seen by the Trust’s Conservation Team and followed up.

If you are interested in becoming a Regional Volunteer, please contact WMT for information/updates on 020 7233 7356, rv@warmemorials.org or visit www.warmemorials.org/regional-volunteers.

The centenary of World War I saw a drive to discover the many lost war memorials that have fallen victim to development and disregard over the past almost 100 years. A small number of highly committed volunteers have played an essential part in tracking down some of these war memorials and working to get them back on display. The efforts of volunteers, community groups and individuals will prove even more essential in the post-centenary years as public awareness may fall without the extensive coverage of the centenary we have seen in recent years. War memorials may become more vulnerable and those hidden in the back of cupboards, in garages or lofts may not see the light of day from the efforts of those tracking them down, or, worse, if found, may not be recognised for what they are and disposed of by those unaware of their significance.

Setting the bar high, our Regional Volunteer Terry Giles undertook an impressive task in 2018. He volunteered to attempt to establish the whereabouts of the Rushey Green Wesleyan Chapel World War I war memorial plaque, www.warmemorials.org.uk/memorial/256372, from Lewisham in London. The memorial was originally located in Catford Wesleyan Church but following the believed closure of the church in 1967 the relocation of the war memorial was never recorded. The heavy bombing of the area during World War II meant further confusion over the location. Many buildings were obviously lost and congregations moved, often unable to retrieve the contents of their churches. There has also been substantial redevelopment in the area in subsequent years. Terry produced a wealth of research on the plaque, which is believed to bear the names of 16 men, but its location could not be established. The project has nevertheless turned up some interesting lines of enquiry and is an example of many lost war memorial cases throughout the UK.



Terry Giles © T Giles, 2018

Through research projects like this the location of many lost war memorials can be rediscovered. Or records of what is known can be created to preserve the memory of those commemorated. As noted on the previous page, War Memorials Online now has a ‘Lost/Missing/Temporary’ category. Anyone using the website can select this category as a means to signpost war memorials ripe for research projects. As shown the Rushey Green Wesleyan Church now has a record and the Comments tab encourages anyone who finds it to contact the charity and update the record. With the internet increasingly the starting point for people to find information perhaps it will be uncovered one day and this record will help return it to public display so the names of those remembered on it can be seen again.



Get involved

Your legacy to protect their memory

Since War Memorials Trust was founded it has received more than £400,000 in donations from individuals leaving gifts in their Will. We are immeasurably grateful to all who have chosen to give in this way.

During the World War I centenary War Memorials Trust experienced an unprecedented demand for its services, administering nearly £4 million in grants to over 700 communities and dealing with 3,500 enquiries.

However, War Memorials Trust's work did not stop in November 2018. The coming years will see the centenary of many of the 66,000 war memorials built to commemorate World War I such as Todmorden Garden of Remembrance, unveiled in 1921 (pictured right). There are also significant anniversaries relating to the Boer War, World War II, the Korean War, the Falklands War and the first Gulf War. These are likely to ensure ongoing demand for help from the charity. The centenary of World War I has seen communities take a significantly increased interest in caring for their war memorials and it is important that we act now to build on this legacy so that we can protect our war memorials for the future.



Todmorden Garden of Remembrance (WM428) © RAB Collection, date unknown

As a charity, War Memorials Trust is dependent on voluntary contributions to continue its work. 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 personal memorial to protect our rich war memorial heritage so that future generations can pay their respects at them for many years to come. For further information please contact Vikki Thompson, Head of Fundraising on 020 7834 0200 or info@warmemorials.org or visit our website www.warmemorials.org/legacy.

Please support Katharine's London Marathon challenge

Our former Assistant Conservation Officer, Katharine Worley, may have left War Memorials Trust in November 2018 but she will briefly return at the end of April 2019 to help the charity once more - by running the London Marathon.

Katharine has been training for the Marathon since September 2018, first in London and then in Paris where she moved in December. She has said of undertaking this endeavour: "Training for the marathon is a huge challenge for me although it is miniscule in comparison with the challenges surmounted by service personnel throughout history. Whilst the marathon will last a matter of hours (albeit some very tough hours!) I hope that by raising funds for War Memorials Trust I can help ensure the memory of those service personnel remains strong for years to come."

As this year will mark the 80th anniversary of the start of World War II Katharine has set a sponsorship target of £1,939. She has already raised £205.39 but she still has some way to go. We hope that you will consider sponsoring Katharine. All donations, of any size, will make an important contribution to War Memorials Trust's work.



Katharine Worley prepares to train for the London Marathon © WMT, 2018

To sponsor Katharine please visit www.virginmoneygiving.com and search for Katharine Worley in the Search for a friend or charity field. Alternatively, you can send sponsorship donations by cheque directly to the Trust, clearly indicating that is for the London Marathon 2019 or call the office on 020 7834 0200.



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