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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 improve the condition of war memorials, in their 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 including how to maintain, protect, repair and conserve war memorials appropriately as well as raise awareness of 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

Membership rates

War Memorials Trust membership rates (membership rates valid until end of March 2020):

Annual membership: £20 individual or £30 joint
Life membership: £250 individual or £350 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

Greater love hath no man than this

Simple yet powerful words from John 15:13 that adorn so many of our war memorials or will be spoken at the Remembrance services we attend. They represent the sentiments of communities as they created, or continue to create, the 100,000+ war memorials found across the UK which take so many different forms. From cenotaphs to plaques, halls to sculpture, crosses to bus shelters people have commemorated their fallen in many different ways but underpinning it all is a recognition of the sacrifice made by those being remembered which the above phrase expresses so succinctly. Our front cover shows those words as they appear on the stained glass window in St Nicholas church in North Walsham which recently received a grant discussed further on page 8. Alongside the efforts of custodians and communities the work the charity does, thanks to the donations of our supporters, ensures those commemorated by our war memorials continue to be remembered and the consequences of conflict recognised.



Above and front cover: St. Nicholas Church North Walsham (WMO/244652) © PCC of St Nicholas Church N. Walsham, 2019

Our members, who receive this publication quarterly, will be familiar with the diversity of war memorial types but for those who get a copy each November, as part of a much larger mailing list at this important time of year, the variety of war memorial types can be surprising. Some of the challenges and questions we deal with can also be unexpected. In this edition we explore the subject of relocating war memorials in more detail. It is a common issue which can be assumed to be straightforward but the Trust believes should only be undertaken as a very last resort if a war memorial is at risk. The article discusses the issue more widely and looks at how solutions in-line with best conservation practice can be effective.

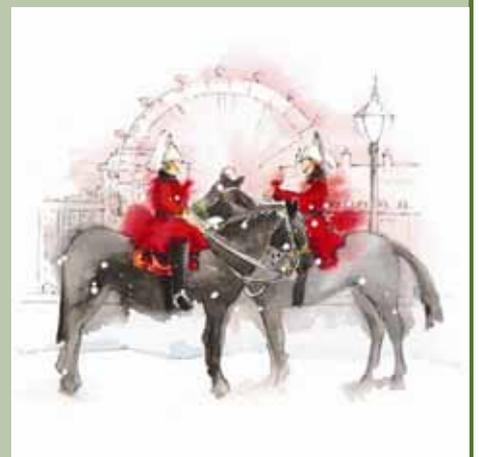
If you do only receive this publication once a year I would like to take this opportunity to ask you to consider joining as a member to show your support for the protection and conservation of war memorials. The larger our membership numbers the more we can demonstrate the importance of war memorials to people across the UK. Your membership subscription, of £20 a year or £250 for life membership, helps to protect and conserve war memorials as well as show how many people believe in this work. Over recent years our membership numbers have been falling which is something we would like to reverse. We do have a gift membership option so if you are being asked for ideas as Christmas approaches perhaps you would consider requesting a gift from others that supports our shared war memorial heritage.

Alternatively you can help us achieve our objectives by making a one-off donation, setting up a regular donation (you do not have to join to make a regular gift) or purchasing some of our merchandise items featured on page 14 which include our Christmas cards. But as a member you will receive the Bulletin quarterly, although I apologise to existing members whose August Bulletin only reached them at the end of September due to delays caused by signing off the Annual Report and Financial Statements and my sabbatical.

As mentioned in the last edition, Emma Suckling went on Maternity Leave in August and Brogan Warren has departed for the same reason in October 2019. Ffion Jones has joined as Maternity Cover and she is introduced on page 5. We also advise that David Seymour and Caroline, Lady Dalmeny have stepped down from the Board of Trustees and we thank them for all their hard work on behalf of the charity over the years.

Thank you for your ongoing support and, if it is not too early, we wish you the best for the upcoming festive season and a Happy New Year.

Kind regards, Frances



War Memorials Trust news

AGM and Talk: Monday 18th November 2019

Thank you to those members who have responded to the invitation in the last Bulletin to the AGM and accompanying talk. We are looking forward to seeing you there. For those who might not yet have booked, or only receive this publication annually, you are very welcome to join us.

The AGM will start at 5pm on Monday 18th November 2019. We are again gathering at St Sepulchre-without-Newgate in the City of London. The church is located on the Holborn Viaduct, almost opposite the Old Bailey, close to City Thameslink Station as well as the underground stations, St Paul's, Blackfriars and Farringdon.

Following the AGM, and some refreshments, our guest speaker, the eminent historian **Professor Sir Hew Strachan**, DL, FRSE, FRHistS, FBA, will give a talk, **'What we have learnt from the centenary of the First World War'**. Sir Hew chaired the Imperial War Museums First World War Galleries Advisory Panel and also sat on the Scottish Commemorations Panel between 2014-18. Amongst his many publications is the highly regarded 'The First World War, A New History', so we look forward to his insights.



After Sir Hew's talk there will be a drinks reception which should finish by 8pm. While the AGM is **free to members**, anyone wishing to attend the **talk will need to buy a ticket**. For members the ticket price is £10 whilst non-members pay £25 which includes a year's WMT membership. To check if tickets remain available please call us on 020 7834 0200, email info@warmemorials.org or visit www.warmemorials.org/events-2019 where there is a link to our Eventbrite booking page. A copy of the Annual Report and Financial Statements, which will be presented at the AGM, can be ordered using the same details or downloaded from www.warmemorials.org/financials.

Mission Statement

As members will be aware, as recipients of the Bulletin every quarter, the Trust unveiled its revised objectives in February (issue 80). This was part of an article explaining the strategic direction for the charity in the post-centenary period. With a significant reduction in funding, as one-off government support ended, organisational changes have been taking place this year to adapt to changed circumstances with new objectives to reflect that.

In this issue we are updating our supporters with the new Mission Statement. We hope this will reinforce the Trust's vision and objectives, helping to explain what the charity is seeking to achieve, how it does that and the help it needs. Full details can be found at www.warmemorials.org/objectives.

War has consequences. The UK's 100,000 war memorials remind us all of the millions whose lives have been ended, or impacted, by it. Preserving these shared symbols helps us all to understand the consequences of conflict, encourage later generations to avoid such suffering and continue to say, we still remember.

War Memorials Trust works to support communities care for the war memorials which remain our shared ongoing tribute and responsibility. Encouraging best conservation practice gives the greatest chance of preserving the original war memorials as they were seen by those who lost loved ones. As current custodians we are acting today not just for ourselves but for those who went before, and will come after, us.

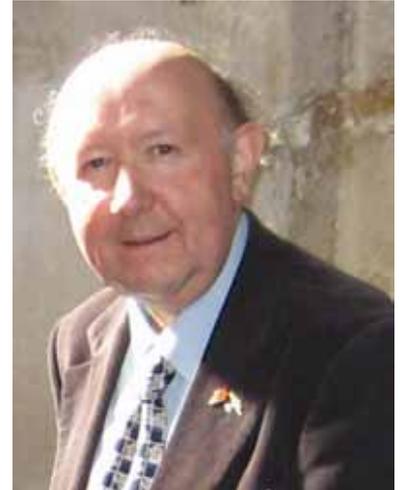
As a charity War Memorials Trust provides advice, offers grants and works with others to achieve its objectives. But it needs your help as it relies on donations to protect and conserve war memorials within the UK.

War Memorials Trust news

Goodbye David Seymour

In 2008 I was delighted to join the Board of Trustees in response to an advertisement for an Education specialist. As then Head of History at Thetford Grammar School I had significant experience of engaging young people with history, remembrance and war memorials. Being able to bring this to the Board to help develop the Trust's strategic plans for a Learning Programme and then assist staff deliver that operationally has been hugely rewarding. The success of the Learning Programme in producing resources and engaging directly with young people through school and youth group visits has demonstrated the importance of this work and the impact the Trust can have, particularly during the World War I centenary.

I have also enjoyed supporting the Trust's wider work, representing the charity at events and delivering talks. But after 11 years it is now time to step down from the role of Trustee. I look forward to continuing to support the charity as a member over the challenging years ahead and wish everyone the best for the future.



David Seymour © D Seymour, 2008

Goodbye Caroline, Lady Dalmeny

Sadly, due to work commitments I am standing down from the Board but I have very much enjoyed my second stint as a Trustee, having re-joined in 2017.

To help deliver the Trust's objectives to protect and conserve war memorials I have been pleased to offer particular support to the fundraising efforts. I know how important it is, if the charity is to achieve its ambitions, that it secures the necessary funds. It has been a pleasure to work with the staff in developing appeals and understanding the case studies that help demonstrate how donations can have an impact.

I have a strong sense of patriotism and history and care passionately about the sacrifices made by others in past and present times to protect our country's values and Britain's unique place in the world. That is why I believe the work of War Memorials Trust is so important. I will be taking that forward with me and highlighting the work of the charity whenever the opportunity arises.



Caroline, Lady Dalmeny © Caroline, Lady Dalmeny 2017

Welcome Ffion Jones

I am delighted to be joining War Memorials Trust as a part-time Conservation Officer in the London office. Having initially joined part-time to cover Emma's Maternity Leave I was delighted to move to full-time in October to help cover Brogan's as well. I have a BA in History of Art from the University of Warwick and am continuing my studies in Building History at the University of Cambridge, where I am researching a nineteenth-century firm of stonemasons.

Before starting at the Trust in August, I worked as a Conservation Officer at a local authority in Cambridgeshire, as part of a multi-disciplinary team. During my postgraduate studies, I undertook professional work placements in the public and private sectors. In addition to my experience working in the historic environment, I have worked in the heritage and legal sectors. I hope to use my background to contribute to the preservation of war memorials to ensure the protection of the memories of those commemorated.



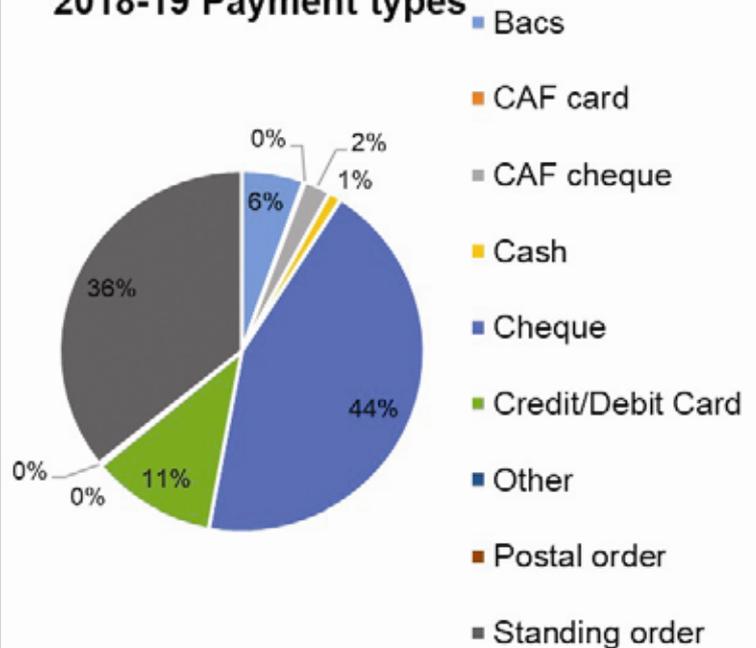
Ffion Jones © Ffion Jones, 2019

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Donating to War Memorials Trust

Keeping our administrative costs as low as possible is important to the charity as we want as much of our funding as possible to go directly to delivering our objectives. In recent years, the opportunities for charities to benefit from free banking have started to shrink. Increasingly paying-in cheques is a service that is being charged for which, as we receive 1,200 cheques a year from our wonderfully generous members, supporters and donors, can mount up as a cost. As the pie chart shows cheques account for 44% of payments received. We are also aware that while for many cheques remain important for others it is a payment method they no longer use as card or bank transfer is easier. So, we want to make you aware of some of the alternative methods of donating to the charity and explain the adjustments you will start to see in our literature as we try and encourage payment options which can help minimise administrative costs.

2018-19 Payment types



A standing order payment is currently the main alternative to cheques for our supporters. As the pie chart shows it accounts for 36% of payments received. A number of members make small monthly payments of £2 or £3 to spread their subscription across the year which explains why the volume of standing orders is high. Memberships can also be paid annually by standing order and we would encourage members to consider this option next time they renew. Annual members who pay by standing order do not receive the reminder letter which reduces administrative costs; they remain in full control of the donation, can cancel with their bank at any point and the value cannot be altered. The Trust is also happy for people to amend their renewal date when they set up a standing order so if you would like to make your donation in November each year you can set up your standing order for a date that suits you.

The charity is also in the process of setting up a new bank account, details of which will be included on our renewal letters, in direct mail appeals and future issues of this Bulletin. This will enable those who prefer to pay by bank transfer to make payments directly. Rather than putting our main account details in the public domain fraud risk will be minimised with a new account, so please look out for these details in our future material. If you do make a bank transfer we will encourage you to use your supporter number as a reference which is found on all the material sent out, you can find it on the address sheet which delivers this Bulletin. You can also continue to use a credit or debit card via the website, or over the telephone, for donations, membership subscriptions or to purchase merchandise. We really appreciate all contributions.

However you donate it is greatly appreciated. The charity could not undertake its work without your help. Gifts support the protection and conservation of war memorials including projects such as the war memorial calvary at [Ascot All Souls](#) in Berkshire. A grant of £5,360 from War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme was administered to enable repair and conservation works. These included repairs to the calvary and the stonework, re-pointing of the construction joints (removing previous damaging cementitious mortar), improvements to the legibility of the lettering through repair or re-painting while the whole structure was cleaned. The charity cannot deliver these grants without your assistance so thank you again to all supporters.



Ascot All Souls after works (WMO/147911) © R Ellis, 2019

Learning

The work that the Trust does to protect and conserve war memorials reflects the importance we all place on them. Our Supporter Survey in 2017 showed that 74% of our supporters are engaged because of an interest in heritage and history; 53% due to a connection with the Armed Forces and 39% because of an interest in conservation. Those numbers reflect why we, as adults today, are interested, and helps the charity identify potential new supporters with such interests, but how do we secure the interest of future generations to whom we will pass the baton of cherishing our war memorial heritage?

Between 2011 and 2019 the Trust's Learning Programme worked to engage young people with war memorials and encourage tomorrow's custodians to understand their importance. Whilst financial challenges meant the formal programme came to an end earlier this year all the resources produced remain available on the website, www.learnaboutwarmemorials.org.

As this issue of the Bulletin reaches a far greater audience than the others we want to remind our wider supporter base of the legacy material. If you are a teacher or youth group leader and have not yet visited the website, please take a look. Alternatively if you have friends, family or acquaintances involved with teaching or youth groups ensure they are aware of these resources - if helpful we can send you another copy of this Bulletin if you want to pass one on.

The website has three key sections featuring resources for primary schools, secondary schools and youth groups. There are guides on how war memorials are relevant to areas of the National Curriculum highlighting in particular local and general history alongside citizenship. But the resources also provide suggestions for using war memorials in literacy, ICT/Mathematics, Art/Design and Drama. There are lesson plans along with materials to use with students. The youth groups section is more project orientated with activities and guidance on how to manage them.

For schools there was a greater focus during the Learning Programme on Primary resources as teachers tend not to have the same detailed knowledge a secondary specialist might have. Alongside lesson plans you will find background briefings as well as cards, images or quotes that can be used by students. There are materials for Assemblies so anyone tasked with delivering to the wider school can choose from either a series or a one-off. Subjects include introductions to war memorials including why they are important, remembrance and the relationship to local areas. Another set of resources looks at how to assess condition with advice about how to undertake a visit to a war memorial. There are also resources on World War I and World War II while Kent and Sussex have specialist resources due to local projects.

Youth groups are encouraged to get involved with War Memorials Online, In Memoriam 2014 and wider public engagement activities. There is some overlap between projects for adults and young people so the experience of, and lessons learnt from, delivering sessions through the Learning Programme has had a value beyond this website. It has been part of developing our ongoing programmes. All the materials also benefitted from the partnership through the centenary when War Memorials Trust worked with First World War Memorials Programme partners Historic England and Civic Voice on resources and events to help spread the word about the importance of engaging the next generation of custodians. Some inspirational stories of getting involved can be found on the website [Showcase](#) for anyone looking for ideas.



Grants

St Nicholas Church East Window, North Walsham, Norfolk (WMO/244652)

The [East Window](#) of St Nicholas church in North Walsham, Norfolk commemorates the fallen of World War I. Following a series of parish meetings, and work by a committee, the community agreed to replace the clear glazed East Window with a stained glass memorial over the alternative option of a memorial chapel. Advice was taken from the architect W D Caroe and agreement reached on the inscription at the foot of the window which reads "To the Glory of God and in undying memory of the men of this parish who gave their lives in the Great War 1914-1919". It is clear from the records still held by the church that the community was heavily involved in the decisions and scrutinised all aspects of the work.

In 2018, a War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme offer of £30,000 was made with the support of the First World War Memorials Programme. This assisted a project to undertake repair and conservation works to both the glass and the surrounding stonework. Agreeing the specification for works took time as it is a large and significant window so War Memorials Trust consulted with Historic England to ensure best conservation practice was informing the works. As a small charity we appreciate the support from the national heritage bodies in providing expertise for those materials or cases which are more unusual. With the diversity of war memorials we can never be sure what will be crossing our desk next and our small team cannot be experts on everything so we do discuss some cases with other bodies to ensure what is supported will be in the long-term interests of preserving a war memorial.



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This project included careful protection of areas around the window whilst works took place, scaffolding, removal of the glass and cleaning of the ferramenta in situ - the ferramenta is the metal frame work which supports the glass. On the front cover you may have thought that it would look better without the thicker black lines but those are examples of the type of metal bars which are essential to hold such windows together. Further works included recording and then removing the glass to enable cleaning. Much of the glass is in panels so the panels were transported off-site and dismantled to clean each individual piece. Some repairs to cracks or damaged areas were undertaken which meant some very limited replacement. Whilst the glass was removed the stonework repairs could be completed. As some spalling/flaking had occurred, probably because of water getting into the stonework, minor repairs or replacement were undertaken whilst joints were re-pointed with lime mortar. Once the window was reinstated appropriate window guards were installed to help protect it now and for future generations.

War Memorials Trust gratefully acknowledges the support of Historic England; Historic Environment Scotland; the Drapers Company; the Garfield Weston Foundation; the Kirby Laing Foundation; the PF Charitable Trust; the Swire Charitable Trust and the Adrian Swire Charitable Trust for its Conservation Programme.



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Auchentibber, Dumbartonshire (WMO/148555)

During World War I a Roll of Honour was displayed in Auchentibber's Quoits Pavilion with the names of the 37 local men on active service. In 1921 it was agreed to create a permanent memorial to the 14 who did not return. At that time the nearby Hamilton Palace, ancestral home of the Dukes of Hamilton was being demolished. It had been used as a naval hospital throughout the war but had fallen into disrepair as well as being threatened by subsidence associated with a local mine. It had been widely acknowledged as one of the finest country houses in Europe.

Elements of the famous old black marble staircase from the palace were purchased as part of the architectural salvage process by the owner of the local inn, Mr Struthers. He also bought a large slab of Sicilian marble from a fire place. These he gifted to the community to form part of the [Auchentibber](#) war memorial which takes an unusual form. The memorial stands alone behind the historic Italianate Quoiting Green with the names of the fallen inscribed on a plaque, the central feature of the structure.

The once quiet country road alongside which it stands became over the years a busy thoroughfare. Due to weathering and pollution there was deterioration of the ornamental marble detail. Support elements within the structure had corroded leading to structural cracking whilst other cracks were appearing due to traffic vibration which also had subsidence implications. A report commissioned by South Lanarkshire Council in 2014 provided the evidence for works including dismantling which should only be undertaken if absolutely needed. Local consultation rejected a proposal to relocate the memorial, which the Trust agreed with, as the current site is recognised by the community and is integral to the history.

In 2018, War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme, supported by the First World War Memorials Programme, offered a grant of £30,000 towards works. The memorial was dismantled and reconstructed, strengthening the foundations and internal support of the structure. Works also included stone cleaning using a DOFF steam system, the reinstatement of missing architectural features, and the repainting of the dedication plaque. A condition of the works required that SmartWater was applied to all metal elements to deter theft as part of In Memoriam 2014 initiative. In addition to conservation works, South Lanarkshire Council funded the re-landscaping of the site to improve the overall appearance whilst safe site access was enhanced with the introduction of discrete vehicle bay adjacent to the site.



A crowd of six thousand or more gathered for the memorial's dedication in May 1923. Mr Struthers, the guiding force behind the memorial, on whose land the memorial had been built handed over the title deeds to the ground "as a sacred trust ever to keep green the memory of those who have fallen" with the words we are "just a wee place, but we've done our best". Hope was then expressed that locals would ensure the memorial was maintained in good condition so that it might be handed down from generation to generation in a state of good order. With the recent works this wish is being fulfilled and we hope it will continue.



Auchentibber: top after works; middle before works and bottom during works © middle WMT, 2016; top and bottom South Lanarkshire Council, 2019

Relocation of war memorials

War Memorials Trust deals with questions regarding the relocation of war memorials on a regular basis. As a conservation charity we believe that relocation is a last resort and should only be undertaken if a war memorial is at risk. However, we also recognise that the huge variety of war memorials means there is no single straightforward answer for each case and, as with so much of our work, a case-by-case assessment is often necessary. We have [helpsheets](#) on our website which include Relocation and Evaluating the site and location of a war memorial as well as featuring advice from other organisations including dealing with access which can be part of the discussion.

There are a number of reasons that lead people to consider relocation. A common one is concern about a lack of space for services each November. The Trust believes there are better solutions than relocation as any move has the potential for damage or loss to the war memorial as well as being expensive. For roadside memorials a conversation with the police or community leaders can see agreement to road closures to enable everyone to attend the service. The Trust has had feedback in the past about how it can lead to drivers, and their families, getting out of their cars to participate as well so it should not be assumed that people will find this an inconvenience.

A greater concern is roadside war memorials which are located in such a way that they are regularly damaged by passing traffic. [Exning](#) war memorial in Suffolk had been hit on a number of occasions before a decision was taken in 1998 to move it 12ft to become the centrepiece of a new memorial garden. The project received one of the earliest grants from the charity of £175. However, the memorial may now require further relocation to accommodate road alterations which were unforeseen twenty years ago. Preventing damage to a war memorial by relocating it is important but once moved it may be perceived as easier to move it again for other reasons which may not be in the best interests of the war memorial.



Exning (WMO/118154) © WMT, 2016

Accessibility issues can also lead some to look at moving a war memorial. In such cases it is important to recognise that communities would have made choices about the nature, design and site of the war memorial with elderly or injured within their midst. Hilltops or stairs can be challenging but it is likely the site was chosen to give the war memorial prominence as a mark of respect. Whilst we do not have to follow earlier choices it is important we try and understand them to inform what is done; as a conservation and heritage body the Trust would encourage retention of as much of the original design as possible. There are a number of publications which discuss access within the historic environment that can really help communities consider their options which may include alternative routes or replication.

Place and context give many memorials their relevance irrespective of how these may have changed over time. Understanding why a war memorial is located on a particular site is important. Some memorials were erected where the signing up table had been, others represent the mid-point between the two parishes who came together to create it. In the case of [Auchentibber](#), page 9, when the potential for relocation was considered archival research revealed the connection between the memorial, the benefactor and the site which is an important part of its history. Therefore instead of relocation an improvement was made to enable people to visit more safely. Similar research on [The Rangers London Regiment 12th Battalion](#) war memorial (WMO/120319), featured in issue 81, uncovered the link between its site and the local recruiting office making relocation less appropriate as the historic connection would go.

However, much of what has been discussed has been focussed on freestanding war memorials, such as crosses, obelisks sculptures. Non-freestanding, the commonest of which are our plaques, boards and tablets are often seen as easier to move yet many are built in. One case which generated a lot of correspondence for the charity was [Fenton Town Hall](#) which contains a marble war memorial with mosaic



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elements. Due to its nature removing it from the wall would be very risky and potentially damaging but as the building was up for sale many people were concerned about its long-term safety. The Trust generally encourages people to leave war memorials in situ until an outcome is known. If buildings are changing purpose they may still be able to accommodate a memorial and provide access.

When dealing with church closures the issue of war memorial relocation often arises. In this instance the community commemorated is that of the church so it is a congregational connection rather than geographical. Often the Trust is sympathetic to a congregation who wish to take their war memorials to a new or merging church. But the nature of the war memorial will influence how straightforward this will be. On the Shetland Islands the closure of St John's Church in Mid Yell meant the [World War I](#) and [World War II](#) memorials were no longer accessible to the public. A War Memorials Trust Grant Scheme award of



Mid Yell war memorials (WMO/252706 and WMO/252709) © Yell Community Council, 2019

of £4,140 was given in 2019 towards cleaning of the inscriptions with re-painting as well as the relocation and remounting of the memorials in the Methodist Chapel in East Yell. This ensures the memorials are now in a safe internal environment where the public can readily access them to pay tribute to those who lost their lives in both World Wars. Because of their nature the relocation was relatively straightforward but for those congregations whose memorials are stained glass windows, heavier plaques or even chapels within their buildings the challenges are greater.

Another common relocation reason is the closure, conversion or modernisation of factories, hospitals, schools, clubs or other shared spaces such as Fenton Town Hall discussed above or the Workman Clark & Co plaque which featured on the front of the last issue. Again, advice will be given depending on the nature of the war memorial and the outcome for the building. [The Grand United Order of Oddfellows](#) war memorial is a painted and gilded canvas mounted into an oak frame. It was originally located in Victoria Hall, Bradford but when the building was sold for residential development, responsibility for the memorial was taken on by Wyedean Weaving Co. Ltd who relocated it to their offices in Haworth, Keighley. A War Memorials Trust Grant Scheme award of £2,000 supported repairs and re-painting.



The Grand United Order of Oddfellows (WMO/256333) © Steven Helliwell, 2018

Another emerging issue is where people find the chosen site of war memorials is not in keeping with what they would choose today. With church attendance falling some people feel war memorials should not be in churches or they cannot visit due to churches being locked up. The Trust would highlight how these war memorials were chosen by the communities directly effected by the loss of those commemorated. War memorials are, in essence, the graves of those who fell overseas and were never repatriated. Whilst we may not feel sites are quite what we want today we should be careful of overturning the decisions of those impacted who visited these memorials as they would have done the graveside. It is not often suggested to re-bury someone because it is inconvenient to visit the site of their grave and moving a war memorial has similar implications. They are both places of commemoration and pieces of history so the Trust would encourage respect for their existing sites and an understanding of the social context of the decisions made when war memorials were created.

As the living memory connection with those commemorated on our war memorials fades then it is likely the way society engages with war memorials may change. This may include approaches to relocation so understanding historical context is important as well as recognising the practical, conservation and financial implications of any proposals. Relocation often generates debate and it is important it is handled sensitively. War Memorials Trust will continue to offer advice and guidance to those looking at proposals but is only able to assist through its grants when a move is a last resort and the war memorial is at risk.

Public Engagement

War Memorials Trust workshops 2019-22

We are very pleased to advise that we are planning a series of 12 workshops. These are part of our three-year plan for the 2019-22 period and represent an achievable number of events given our more limited resources. The first of these will be taking place in March 2020 with the programme delivered over the following 18-24 months. We will be visiting the nine English regions alongside Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales to deliver a war memorial workshop aiming to engage war memorial custodians, members of the public as well as our members and supporters with our shared war memorial heritage.

The workshops will generally run from 10am until 3.30pm with the opportunity to speak to WMT staff about specific war memorial enquiries, grants and War Memorials Online in a concluding, optional, session at the end of the day, finishing up around 4.30pm. For the main workshops, the sessions are likely to cover:

- An introduction session with information about War Memorials Trust and War Memorials Online
- War Memorial Conservation and Challenges: an exploration into the conservation of war memorials, War Memorials Trust principles and challenges facing war memorials
- War Memorial Grants: information about funding available and the grant application process
- Introduction and Site Tour of War Memorials Online: information about how to search and add information including condition surveys
- A site visit to a war memorial to carry out a condition survey to then upload to War Memorials Online
- Either a talk from a partner organisation about their work with war memorials or a presentation from War Memorials Trust about 'What happens next?' which will consider the future for war memorials following the end of the centenary of World War I



Attendees at a workshop survey Brecon war memorial © WMT, 2017

We are encouraging attendees to join us to find out about war memorial conservation, resources and funding available to help them protect and conserve their war memorials. In addition, anyone interested in discovering more about War Memorials Online will find these sessions useful with the site visit enabling people to put into practice the discussions we have at the workshop.

The regions to be covered by the workshops can be found below. Fuller details, as they are confirmed, will be included in future editions of the Bulletin and added to the website at www.warmemorials.org/conferences. We will also be circulating details to relevant interest groups in each of the regions as we confirm the dates and details. If you are interested in attending then below **the regions in bold are likely to have events in Spring 2020**, so do check the website for booking details.

- England - East of England
- England - East Midlands
- England - London
- England - North East
- **England - North West**
- **England - South East**
- England - South West
- **England - West Midlands**
- England - Yorkshire and Humber
- **Northern Ireland**
- Scotland
- Wales



Attendees at a war memorial workshop in Winchester © Lucy Millson-Watkins/Historic England, 2018

If you have any questions, please contact us on info@warmemorials.org or 020 7233 7356.

Public Engagement

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 get 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 as well as supporting and assisting with ongoing Trust projects, such as War Memorials Online and In Memoriam 2014.

At present the moratorium on recruiting new RVs due to the strategic changes as the charity adapts to life after the centenary of World War I remains in place. However, anyone interested in volunteering can still do so by getting involved with War Memorials Online. Just register and start contributing information - remember we want this to become a record of war memorials over time so annual visits to record condition each year are invaluable while ensuring all war memorials are recorded is the ultimate aim. If you are located in London, or the surrounding areas, and would like to discuss volunteering in the office which is close to Victoria Station then please get in touch on rv@warmemorials.org or 020 7834 0200. The help we need in the office does require volunteers to use computers so IT skills are needed.

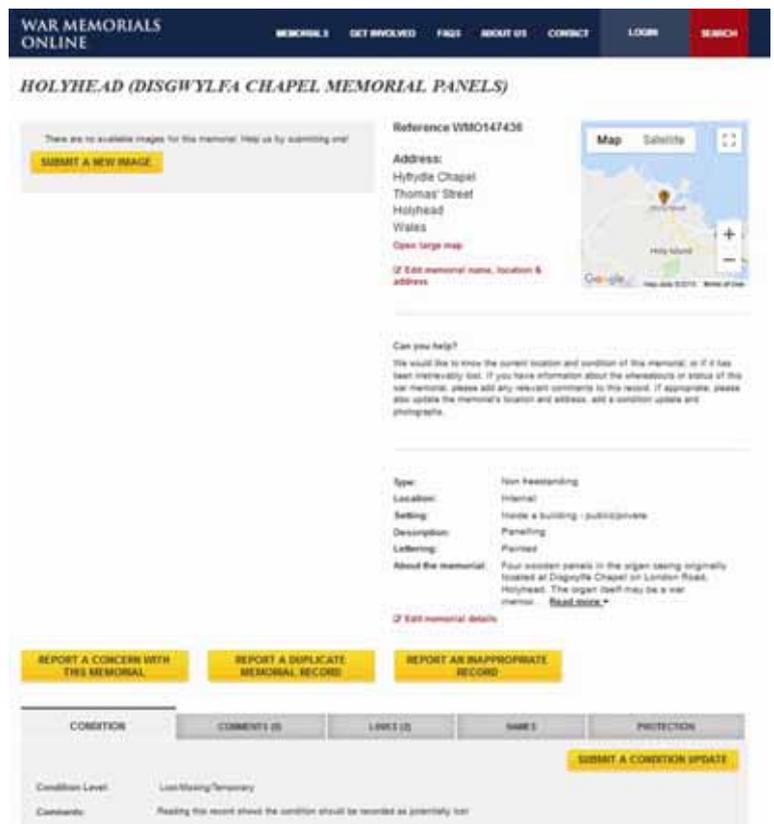
War Memorials Online - Can you help?

As we have discussed in recent issues of the Bulletin the charity has recently enhanced the War Memorials Online website to enable us to ask for your help in gathering information on war memorials. This assistance has previously been provided by our 135 wonderful Regional Volunteers with a different system but through War Memorials Online we have a tool to make the process of posting requests much simpler and the ability to reach out to the 5,800 registered Contributors.

When a record has a Can you help? Request it appears on the record as shown below. There is an explanation of what information is being sought and you can upload details directly once you have found them. In this case we are missing photographs which is part of our request.

Since posting the first Can you help? Requests April 2019, 271 have been uploaded with 71 of those added in October. Of these 80 have been completed with information updated either directly by Contributors or via staff. Where there have been any concerns or condition has been recorded as Poor or Very bad this has been passed onto the Conservation Team to investigate. Regional Volunteers have been advised when requests are posted and we have also been using Twitter to highlight these. Anyone can also proactively look them up on the website using the Can you help? Option under Advanced search.

As requests are posted across the UK please do take a look in case there is something you can help with. We really appreciate any assistance you can provide to directly help with the protection and conservation of our shared war memorial heritage.



Christmas card and gift ideas

With the festive season on the horizon War Memorials Trust brings you a selection of cards and gifts which you might consider for friends and family. Or, perhaps you get asked for ideas of what you would like to receive and these might fit the bill as they help support a cause you believe in? Every purchase makes an important contribution to protecting and conserving the UK's war memorials.

Gift membership

If you are not yet a member of the charity, or know someone who might like to join us, then gift membership is a great idea to give or receive. The more members we have the stronger our message is, as we can demonstrate how many people value our cause. Just remember when contacting us to be clear who is giving and who is receiving as well as whether you would like us to send the New Member pack directly to the new member or the person purchasing the gift.

Cards

This year we have a selection of cards available. The cards measure 14cm/5.5inches square and come in packs of 10. The 'Guards & Eye' and the 'Horseguards in the snow' packs are £4 per pack while the 'War Memorials Trust Christmas' cards are just £2 per pack. All packs have an additional 75p p&p each when ordered (additional postage if ordering from overseas - please contact the office to discuss). The message inside is listed below each card:

Guards & Eye



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Horseguards in the snow



Season's Greetings

WMT Christmas



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Stocking fillers or Secret Santa

Our small range of merchandise offers ideal stocking fillers, small gifts or Secret Santa presents for all budgets. Pens and pencils are discreetly branded with War Memorials Trust details. A pack of 3 pens costs £4 whilst 5 pencils cost £2. Both include p&p.

Tote bags display the charity logo on one side helping to raise awareness of our work. They measure 38cm x 42cm (15in x 16.5in). They should be washed and dried at 30 degrees Celsius. The bags cost £5 each including p&p.

All these items can be purchased via the website, www.warmemorials.org/gift-join or www.warmemorials.org/shop. Alternatively, use the form on pages 15/16 or contact us at info@warmemorials.org or 020 7834 0200.



Merchandise

To place an order, join the Trust or make a donation please complete the details on the form on pages 15 and 16, detach and send to:

Frances Moreton, Director
War Memorials Trust
1st Floor, 14 Buckingham Palace Road
London SW1W 0QP

Thank you.

Privacy Policy

Any personal information you provide to War Memorials Trust will be used to process your donation, merchandise order or other enquiry. It may also be used to send you updates about our work through the Bulletin. You have the right to stop us from contacting you for marketing purposes at any time. You can opt out by email to info@warmemorials.org, telephone 020 7834 0200 or write to War Memorials Trust, 14 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 0QP.

You do not have to give us your telephone number or email address but it may help us to contact you quickly if we need to follow up on your enquiry or report any problems with your payment. We will **not** use this information to contact you for marketing purposes by telephone, email or SMS.

We may share your information with third party organisations where it is necessary to respond to your enquiry, process your donation, or fulfil your order, such as the payment processor WorldPay. We will **not** share your information with third parties for marketing purposes, nor will we sell it.

If at any time you are not happy with the way the Trust handles your personal information you have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) by telephone 0303 123 1113 or visit <https://ico.org.uk>.

For further information read our full Privacy policy at www.warmemorials.org/privacy-policy. For a paper copy contact us using the details above.

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
	Pack(s) of 'Guards & Eye' Christmas cards at £4.75 per pack of 10 cards (inc. p&p)	
	Pack(s) of 'Horseguards in the Snow' Christmas cards at £4.75 per pack of 10 cards (inc. p&p)	
	Pack(s) of 'War Memorials Trust Christmas' Christmas cards at £2 per pack of 10 cards (inc. p&p)	
If ordering Christmas cards please indicate if you are happy to accept the alternative cards if your card has sold out: I do / do not want the other cards		
	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)	
	Total	
	Donation	
	Grand total	

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 £250 gift, £312.50. 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.

Get involved

Please complete and return this form
Bulletin 83

Your details

Title First name

Surname

Address

Postcode Telephone

Email

I would like to join/donate to War Memorials Trust
(membership rates valid until the end of March 2020)

- Individual/ joint annual membership £20/£30
(joint = two people at the same address)
- Individual/joint life membership £250/£350
- Donation of £.....

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

Use Gift Aid and you can make your donation worth more.
For every £1 you give to us, we get an extra 25p from HMRC.
So just tick here. It's that simple.

I want to Gift Aid my donation and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past four years to War Memorials Trust. I am a UK tax payer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax then the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference. Please notify War Memorials Trust if you: want to cancel this declaration; change your name or home address; no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.

Gift Aid is not appropriate for my donation

Payment

I am making my payment by:

- Cheque made out to War Memorials Trust
- Cash
- Credit/debit card or online at www.warmemorials.org/shop
(complete details below and ensure a telephone number or email address is provided in case of query)

Card number

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Security code □□□□ Switch/Maestro □□□

Valid from □□/□□ Expiry □□/□□

Issue number (Switch/Maestro) □□

Thank you

14-19 Campaign

In June this year, to co-incide with the centenary of the signing of the Treaty of Versailles, we launched the 14-19 campaign to raise £141,900 over the next three years.

During 1919 many communities throughout the UK, devastated by the loss of so many in that conflict, formed committees to decide how the fallen should be remembered. This resulted in the creation of some 66,000 war memorials.

As the coming years will see the centenary of many of these war memorials the demand for War Memorials Trust's help remains high and it is vital that we continue to support communities throughout the UK in caring for these important historic monuments so that future generations understand the human cost of conflict. We are so grateful to everyone who has donated to this campaign so far, which has raised £35,000 of the annual £47,300 target. We would particularly like to thank those acknowledged below, who have chosen to make an ongoing contribution between 2019-22.

- Mr Derek Boorman
Mr George Burnet
Mr Christopher Carter RD
Mr Alan Curtis
Mrs Gladys Cuttle
Mr Robert Dallas
Ms Marion Downie
Mr Paul Graham
Lord Hodgson of Astley Abbotts
Mr James Miller
Mrs Caroline Ogden
Mrs Linda M Parker
Mr David Parmee
Mr Steven Randall
Mr Antony Reeves
Mr Thomas Rutherford
Mrs Ann Sharp
Mr Michael Warren
Mrs Frances Speakman
Mrs Patricia Stewart
Mr John Tookey-Dickson
Professor David and Mrs Sheila Walker

If you would like to make a donation to the Campaign visit www.warmemorials.org/donate or call 020 7834 0200.