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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
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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.

Visit www.warmemorials.org/grants for advice on how to apply or contact 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.

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Message from the Director

Dear Supporters

I hope you and yours are keeping well during these strange times. This is certainly the most challenging Bulletin I have put together in my 17 years with the charity. It is being written at the start of April and we hope it will reach you in the run-up to VE Day, but events may overtake us. So, if anything seems out of date, or reads oddly, on arrival please accept our apologies. We wanted to try and send it out in early May for those of you who might appreciate new reading material as you distance, isolate or shield yourself away (assuming we are all still doing so)!

We closed the office on the 20th March to do our bit to minimise the spread of Covid-19. Those of us who are office based have been working from home, with our colleagues who already work remotely providing helpful tips and guidance. Fortunately having a split team means we have the systems in place to manage most of the normal activity, although some things take longer than normal. When possible we are making very occasional office visits to deal with any post so please accept our apologies for any delays in responding to anything you have sent us. Preparing this Bulletin from home, in a slightly different way from normal, has also given me a chance to consider some design and layout adjustments so do let us have any feedback.

We had been intending to prepare our annual direct mail to be with you for VE Day but with the office closed it is not possible. We produce the appeal in-house, printing, signing and stuffing the envelopes by hand with the help of our wonderful office volunteers. My little home printer and I cannot replicate all that! Hopefully we will be able to circulate the appeal later in the year when we return to 'normal'.

As a charity, we are having to assess how Covid-19 will impact our finances. We will still try to circulate subscription renewals and make fundraising appeals but with so much upheaval raising money will be challenging. We greatly value the help you have given us over the years as a supporter and if, in these difficult times, you are able to donate again we would be very grateful. We are still getting enquiries and we received applications for our April Grants Panel Meeting so demand continues even through this crisis.

Thank you to everyone who responded to the Supporter Survey in the last issue. Your responses

are greatly appreciated and will be invaluable to the charity as we develop plans for the future. Overleaf is some feedback on the results. We have also summarised our 2019-20 activity. As the first full financial year following the centenary of World War I this has been a transition period as the charity sought to identify ongoing demand and how that is managed with reduced resources. It is vital we understand the extent to which we are meeting our aims to protect and conserve war memorials by assisting people and communities. It is also important to recognise that help is provided not just by staff but also volunteers, contributors and supporters who assist in so many ways. One of our key phrases is public engagement which is designed to recognise how important it is that everyone has a role in the preservation of our war memorial heritage. An appeal on pages 6 and 7 to help identify some mystery war memorials could be one way you can get involved!

We have no idea where the mystery memorials are in the country, or even the world, but we do try each issue to ensure we include cases from across the different parts of the UK. The front cover of this issue shows Llandogo war memorial in Gwent which received a grant £440 towards repair and conservation works through our centenary partnership with Cadw, the Welsh national heritage body. The image was taken in July 2019 and is © Helen Steed. Page 9 has further details alongside other recent grant cases.

If this Bulletin arrives as intended it will reach you as thoughts turn to VE Day. You may have had plans to mark the occasion. If those have been cancelled or changed it does not mean we cannot pay our respects and remember. Just setting aside some time on the 8th May to think about all those impacted by the conflict as well as those commemorated on our war memorials is a tribute to them. We will be refraining from visiting war memorials and encourage others to wait until restrictions have been lifted before going to your local war memorial. If any further support for approach is needed we can consider how many of those on our memorials might be there due to the Influenza epidemic of 1918-19. Those who went through the Great War and that subsequent pandemic would surely understand the desire to protect each other wherever possible.

Finally, from all at War Memorials Trust, we wish you the best in these difficult times. We hope you are staying as safe and healthy as possible. Take care and best wishes, Frances

War Memorials Trust news

Supporter survey

Thank you to everyone who completed and returned the Supporter Survey circulated in the February Bulletin. We really appreciate the feedback which is incredibly helpful to the charity as it plans ahead. Based on the initial results from the first 325 surveys to be processed we can provide some initial responses which may be of interest. We will be continuing to process these but we find that once we have done around 100 the results remain consistent so we can report on these at this time.

A new question in this year's survey related to the importance of membership to you. The results show:

- 12% Being a member is important as it gives me a sense of belonging
- 27% I am a member because I wanted to join rather than just donate
- 6% I am a member because that is how I was asked to support the charity
- 3% I am an annual member because I like to make an annual gift
- 29% I am a life member because I wanted to make a significant single gift
- 8% I am a member because I like to receive the Bulletin and/or attend the AGM
- 3% Membership is not that important to me, I would be happy to donate as a supporter
- 8% Other;
- 3% No answer;
- 6% gave multiple responses

As recruiting new members is becoming increasingly difficult this is important to understand. War Memorials Trust needs to consider if it should be promoting membership, encouraging one-off donations or looking at other ways to engage individuals to support the charity. Many membership organisations, particularly those which are not linked to properties or specific benefits, are struggling to recruit members as 'belonging' to an organisation seems to be declining in popularity. However, these figures suggest that for those who replied with a single answer, membership and making a significant impact are key.

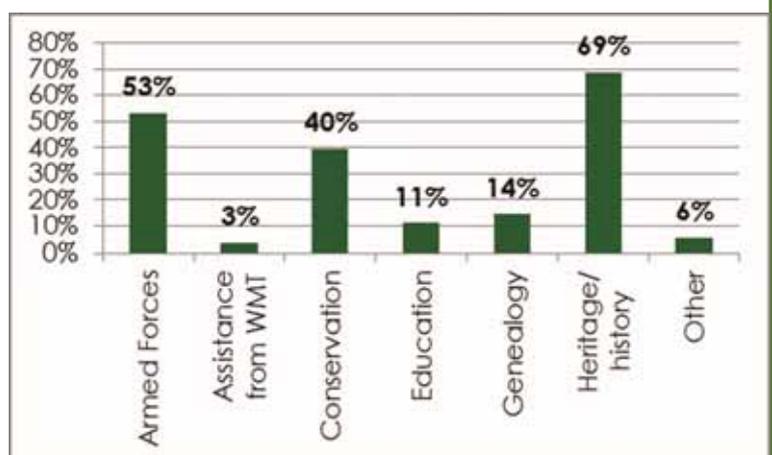
The interests which stimulated you to get involved remain very consistent with previous years. 69% have an interest in history/heritage, 53% an interest in the Armed Forces and 40% an interest in conservation as shown right.

We will be in touch in due course with any of you who requested further information on how you might support the charity. We really appreciate all the activities so many of you undertake to assist us. The results showed that these remain fairly consistent although there have been increase in support for the annual appeal which grew from 35% to 39% of you; whilst War Memorials Online has seen an increase from 10% of you engaging with the website to 15%, which is very welcome.

In terms of sending appeals to you, postal appeals remain the primary acceptable approach indicated, with 58% stating they might respond so that is likely to remain our focus with our annual direct mail. 72% feel the annual subscription rate is about right, whilst 74% feel the same about the life subscription. Looking at membership benefits 60% do not feel these should be offered with the same number indicating they would not give more for more benefits.

87% of you feel the frequency of the Bulletin is about right and 82% rated it as Very good or Good. 31% were interested in receiving it by email which is a very slight increase on the previous two surveys. Approximately 4 people read each copy so thank you to everyone who passes their Bulletin on. The more people who read it the more potential new members and supporters we can engage.

Finally, the results also give us a picture of you, our supporters. 71% are male and 78% over 65. Overall, the information and ideas provided will assist us to identify where it would be useful to raise awareness and/or recruit new supporters as well as improve our service to you. Thank you for responding, it really does help.



War Memorials Trust news

2019-20 activity

During 2019-20 War Memorials Trust was focussed on delivering the work needed to achieve the revised charitable objectives we launched in 2019:

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For each objective there are a series of key indicators we measure and monitor. These will be discussed in more detail in our Annual Report but this summary gives a flavour of the first four.

During 2019-20, we dealt with 248 new cases and 442 enquiries (2018-19: 320 and 917) which helped to improve the condition of war memorials. 22 site visits were undertaken providing personal advice in some instances for often complex or challenging cases.

1,524 people visited the [helpsheets](#) section of our website compared to 1,614 in 2018-19. These statistics show that the level of interest in our war memorials remains high and that demand for help from the Trust has not fallen as significantly as our resources have. Fundraising is therefore vital in order to maintain the charity's services at the level required by people and communities around the country. Donations of any size, large and small, do make a significant difference to protecting and conserving our war memorials so any help is greatly appreciated.

The number of volunteer Contributors adding information to War Memorials Online grew to more than 6,000 demonstrating strong public engagement with war memorials. The website had 167,795 visitors compared to 188,545 in 2018-19 which, given 50,000 of the 2018 visitors used the site that November shows that interest remains strong. Due to resource limitations the charity was unable to hold any of our planned workshops around the country and Covid-19 has delayed those further. The Learning website has remained popular and resources continue to be downloaded for use in schools and with youth groups.

2019-20 saw the charity award 59 grants at a total of £221,970, with an average award of £3,762 and a median value of £1,930. In 2018-19, the final year of the centenary 188 grants were made for just over £1 million so clearly activity has fallen but there is still interest and a need for grant funding. There were 42 unique applicants. of which 60% were councils and 20% connected to a church.

Goodbye Harry Morris

After a little over a year as the Administrator at War Memorials Trust, I left in April to pursue a PhD in history. My time at the charity seems to have flown by, but I have learned so much not only about war memorials and conservation, but about how deeply people care about our war memorials. Our supporters, volunteers and War Memorials Online contributors (not to mention my colleagues) all demonstrated to me the inspiring level of care and concern that I hope will see our war memorials protected and conserved for another 100 years.

From grants paperwork to AGM preparation, to speaking to many of you over the phone, I have had the opportunity to be involved in almost every part of the charity's work. I will remember my time at War Memorials Trust very fondly, and look forward to keeping an eye out for war memorials wherever I might end up.



Harry Morris © WMT, 2019

Full details of the War Memorials Trust team can be found at www.warmemorials.org/people.

Public Engagement

Mystery war memorials

Every so often War Memorials Trust is contacted by people who have images of what they believe are war memorials but which they cannot identify. They may have found the photographs in albums left to them by friends or relatives, or come across them at markets or sales and are intrigued to find out more. At other times the Trust is given collections, or we find old pictures in our files, but cannot place the war memorial as no one has recorded the details on, or with, the image. Sometimes we are lucky and someone in the office recognises it but some remain a mystery as with 100,000 war memorials in the UK, and who knows how many more around the world, narrowing it down can be difficult. More recently we have tried reverse image searches, uploading an image to the internet to see if it can find a match. However, it does not always work especially as, with the car in Mystery memorial 2 below, there is something else in the picture which attracts attention.

As long-term supporters may recall, the charity has in the past included mystery memorials in the Bulletin in case you can assist. Not having done this for a while we are bringing you a selection in this issue. During the month we will also be featuring the images on social media to widen the group of people who might be able to help. It will be interesting to see whether traditional or new communication channels solve these first!



Mystery memorial 2

The memorial appears to be situated near a large church and tram lines can be seen in the photograph on the left. The inscription on the cenotaph reads, 'The Glorious Dead.' The photograph on the left is believed to have been taken in 1921 or 1922 and is © IWM's Farthing Collection. The image on the right is © W. W. Harris of 201 High Street Worcester and is a coloured postcard.

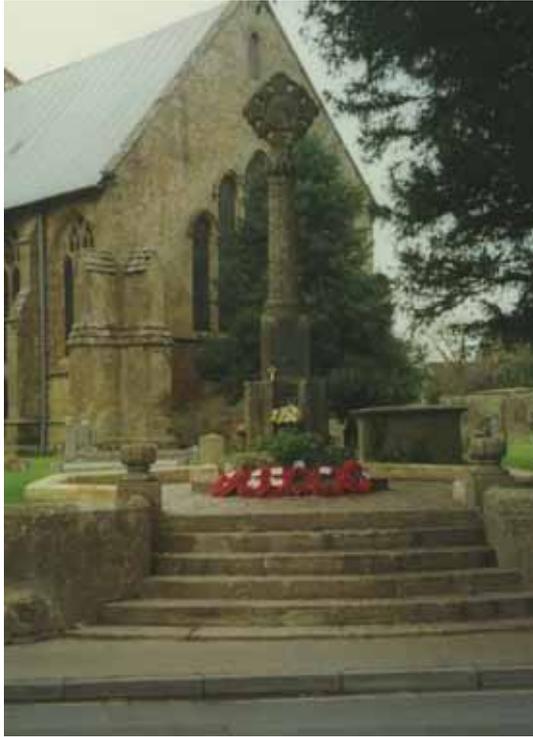
If you recognise any of these war memorials and can help solve the mystery of where they are located and whether they still exist or not, please get in touch on conservation@warmemorials.org or write to 14 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 0QP. I am sure it will seem very obvious if it is your local war memorial but please do not be offended if we do not know it. The images all lack clues, such as signs, street names or background shops, which normally help us with identification. Or the quality of the image is too poor to be able to read the names on the war memorial. If you recognise any please let us know.

We are looking for location details and any history about changes. We are aware that some of these may not be in the UK but all information will be helpful. Please **make sure** you tell us which of the mystery war memorials the information you are sending is about. Each one has a number which matches our records and it is really helpful if you can provide that. If we can identify these we can make sure they are on War Memorials Online, if in the UK, as well as letting those who made enquiries about them know.

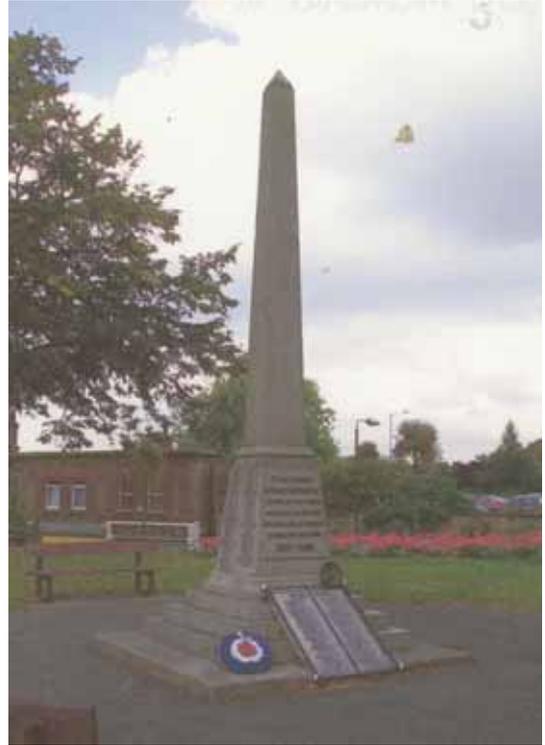
Thank you in advance for your help. And happy hunting if you decide to pick an image and research it whilst you are staying at home!



Public Engagement



Mystery memorial 7
© Unknown



Mystery memorial 8
© Unknown



Mystery memorial 12
© Colin MacIntyre,
approximately 1985

Mystery memorial 15
© Unknown



Grants

Langford, Oxfordshire (WMO/92746)

Langford war memorial is a Latin cross on the village green. It is on the Oxfordshire/Gloucestershire border in the former county. Sited in Langford conservation area it is listed at Grade II as a result of an application from War Memorials Trust as part of the First World War Listing Project undertaken by Historic England to which War Memorials Trust submitted nearly 700 war memorials.

The war memorial commemorates the fallen of both World Wars. A roll of honour associated with this memorial, in the form of a scroll, can be found in the porch of St Matthew's Church.

In 2011, a Small Grants Scheme award of £642 supported repair works and cleaning. During 2019 the custodians contacted the charity again to discuss further repair works. War Memorials Trust rarely funds repeat works because our limited funding means our focus should be on funding the highest priority repair and conservation works amongst as many communities as possible. Our role is to assist the once in a generation major works rather than the year-on-year maintenance. If works have been completed properly, and appropriate maintenance undertaken, a further grant should not be necessary. With 100,000 war memorials in the UK and a grant spend of £220,000 in 2019-20 it is very clear we could not support the maintenance responsibility, which lies with the local community and custodians, even if that was our aim.

However, when further works were discussed in 2019 it was identified that this delamination of the stonework was different work to that undertaken previously. On the first picture, to the right, you can see gaps which have appeared in the surface of the stone. This is delamination, where there is detachment of the stone along the bedded plane. This can be caused by the way the stone is bedded, or laid but this would probably appear relatively quickly. In an older monument such as this memorial, it is likely to be caused by water getting into the joint below, due to a lack of pointing. This can cause water to sit on the stone, salts to crystallise or water within the stone to freeze and expand causing the stone to crack.



Following a grant of £240 the stone was repaired as shown in the second image. The gaps within the stone were carefully filled with lime mortar whilst the same product was used to repair surface cracks. In this case the war memorial was not cleaned as the patina is not causing any problems to the memorial and the inscriptions can still be read. Cleaning too often can damage stone and speed up deterioration.

For technical conservation works such as this there is a range of guidance available on our website at www.warmemorials.org/helpsheets. This can help custodians understand the works needed and can be shared with contractors to ensure best conservation practice is followed. Cadw, Historic England and Historic Environment Scotland have all produced specialist war memorial conservation guidance which does include dealing with materials more common to each nation.



Top: Langford war memorial; Above: before and after work to the delaminated stone © Langford Parish Council, 2019 and 2020

Grants

Llandogo, Gwent (WMO/134361)

Llandogo war memorial, featured on the front cover, stands on Memorial Green in the village. The rough granite has been smoothed in places to carry an inscription and the names of the fallen from both World Wars in lead lettering. In 2017, a grant supported steam cleaning of the stone, re-pointing of the joints with lime mortar, stone repairs and repairs to the lettering which was also painted. The project received funding from Cadw's Grant for War Memorials Scheme with War Memorials Trust making a 'top-up' grant of £440.

An application of SmartWater was also required as part of the In Memoriam 2014 initiative to deter the theft of metal such as the lead lettering which can be targeted. Interestingly, a copy of the July 1926 Llandogo and Whitebrook magazine formed part of the grant application. An article reminded people that the war memorial had been fenced in and they have to collect a key when they wish to lay flowers. It states that people "will have the satisfaction of knowing that their gifts cannot be so easily stolen as they have been in the past" reminding us that anti-social behaviour is far from a new challenge for communities!



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government



Llandogo war memorial inscription before and after works, images taken from War Memorials Online © Left David Larkin, 2014 and right Helen Steed, 2019



HM Frigate Unicorn, Dundee (WMO/144138)

Paying a grant to the Unicorn Preservation Society is not really what one might expect at War Memorials Trust but that is just what we did this year. The Society works to preserve HM Frigate Unicorn docked in Dundee, one of the oldest warships left in the world. On board are three wooden war memorials each featuring a bronze panel. They are mounted on a bulkhead on the Weather Deck. The memorial commemorates the fallen of both World Wars with 20 names from World War I on the central panel and 36 on the World War II panels either side.

In September 2019, a Grant Offer of £500 supported conservation treatment. The plaques were removed to a studio and the condition carefully recorded and photographed before any works were undertaken. Cleaning tests were trialled to identify the most appropriate approach before starting. Repairs to the frames were completed whilst the brass was cleaned and polished. After recording of the treatment the memorials were reinstated.

The World War I plaque was unveiled on Sunday 4th May 1924 by Commodore the Marquess of Graham. Those commemorating World War II were dedicated on Sunday 11th November 1951 by Captain Dr Miller. With recent works completed in time for Remembrance Sunday 2019 they were all back on display in Good condition for the annual service, 68 years on from the World War II unveiling.



All three memorials before works and the WWI memorial after works © WMT, 2019 and HM Frigate Unicorn, 2020



Grants

War memorial organs

Of the 51,000 war memorials currently recorded on War Memorials Online 149 are organs. The map to the right shows the national spread demonstrating how numerous communities chose to commemorate their fallen musically. If you are unfamiliar with War Memorials Online the red pins indicate good condition, yellow is fair, blue represents poor condition and black is very bad condition. Any in grey have yet to have their condition indicated, please update if you can, whilst purple reveals those which may have been categorised as missing or lost. With organs they will generally be lost or missing in cases when churches have closed and been demolished. Finding a new home for an organ is a significant challenge which will not always be successful so alternative commemorations may have been established or plaques retained but relocated.

In some cases new organs were installed in churches as the congregation's war memorial. At other sites existing organs were repaired or reconditioned as a tribute, perhaps if the organist or members of the choir were lost. Often associated plaques commemorate the fallen and dedicate the organ as the war memorial. Unveiling services also seem to have frequently incorporated concerts and recitals.

In recent years the Trust has supported works to a number of war memorial organs. Dealing with the conservation of these is specialist work and adds to the variety of conservation works the Trust's Conservation Officers manage. There are a range of resources the charity can use to help. [The National Pipe Organ Register](#) run by the British Institute of Organ Studies has details of 35,000 organs and includes an Historic Sound Archive. The [Church of England](#), as custodians of many church organs, also have comprehensive advice available for those managing organs and repairs.

In 2014, £2,500 supported works to the organ at [Princes Risborough Baptist Church](#) on Bell Street, Buckinghamshire. Interestingly this organ was originally built in 1875 and located in Yorkshire. However, it was purchased by the church as its war memorial and unveiled by Major Lionel de Rothschild on 5th May 1921. £700 was raised by the church for its memorial which had been agreed upon in January 1919 demonstrating that, just as with conservation projects today, it can take time from making a decision to completing the works to ensure it is done appropriately.



Top: Map of war memorial organs recorded on War Memorials Online

Above left: Princes Risborough Baptist Church (WMO/138023) © Princes Risborough Baptist Church, 2014

Middle: St Mary's Comberton (WMO/218495) © Dr John Crang, 2018

Left: Tenterden organ during works (WMO/257857) © Tenterden Methodist Church, 2019

Grants



[St Mary's church](#) in Comberton, Cambridgeshire dedicated its war memorial organ on 1st August 1919 at a cost of £170. In 2016, a grant of £290 assisted works which included the repair and replacement of fractured/missing tuning tongues. Alongside the organ is a plaque which reads: "This organ was placed in the church as a thanksgiving for victory in the Great War 1914-1919 and in memory of the fallen."

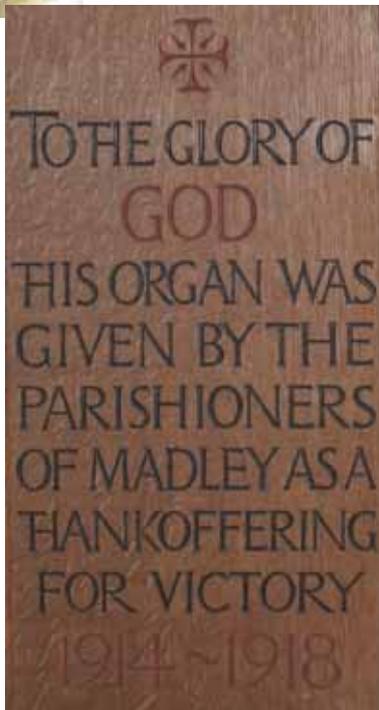
In 2018, four war memorial organs received grants. [Tenterden Methodist church](#) in Kent benefitted from £5,250 towards major repair works which included cleaning and fixing all the individual pipes. The memorial was built in 1919 by Griffin & Stroud of Bath demonstrating that many specialists did travel for work as remains the case today. It was dedicated in December 1920 at a service which was followed by an evening recital.



In Scarborough, North Yorkshire, [Queen Street Methodist Central Hall's](#) war memorial organ was commissioned by women of the church to remember the fallen and in thanksgiving for the return of those who had served in the Great War. A grant of £1,130 supported repair works which addressed a number of issues including several notes which no longer worked. Amongst which were C#, F and G recognisable as vital even to those of us with minimum musical knowledge!

[St John's in Ilkeston](#), Derbyshire received £6,000 to assist a major repair project which addressed pipework, soundboards, bellows, console, keys, pedals, swell box and casing. Interestingly, a historic poster for the dedication service on 2nd November 1919 reveals that the collection from the service would go to the Organ Fund which still needed £80.

In Herefordshire, a grant of £2,250 was paid to [Madley's St Mary's Church](#) on completion of works. This war memorial organ may need substantial work but at this stage an initial phase saw re-leathering of the pedal coupler and other minor works which could be done as a standalone project. Fundraising for such projects is often a challenge so sometimes works have to be broken down into phases, something which as a charity ourselves we fully understand. A realistic approach is financially safer.



Top: Queen Street, Scarborough (WMO/175949) © Queen Street Methodist Central Hall, 2018

Middle: St John's Ilkeston (WMO/215156) © St John the Evangelist PCC, 2020

Bottom: The memorial plaque at St Mary's Madley (WMO/258172) © Madley PCC, 2020

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Conservation News

Upcoming workshops

It will be no surprise to learn that the plans for war memorial workshops around the UK are now on hold due to the Covid-19 outbreak. They had been delayed due to post centenary reduction in resources but planning is now suspended following a decision by Trustees at their March 2020 meeting. We will be reviewing this in June 2020 and if advice has changed we will consider what we could deliver in autumn 2020. But if there is any uncertainty it is likely we will delay all proposed workshops until 2021. Given that many of those who attend these sessions are in groups deemed high risk from Covid-19 we do not wish to take any chances. We will keep the website updated with information on the workshops, www.warmemorials.org/conferences, and update you in the next Bulletin.

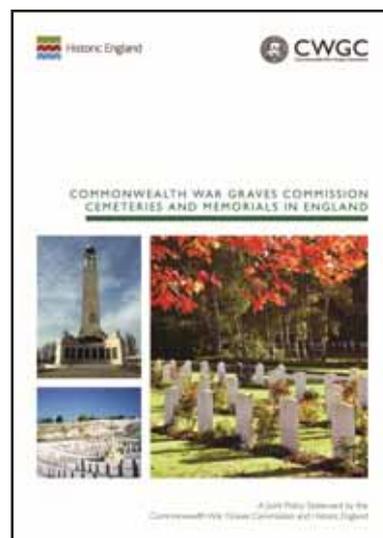
When we do look at planning events the financial circumstances at the time will also have to be considered. We will not want to introduce a fee to attend, as we would not want to place any barriers in the way of volunteering or engaging with custodians, but there are costs to the charity in putting on these events and if income has fallen we may not be able to run them. We obviously hope that our fundraising will be sustained at a level which enables us to deliver them but need to be aware this might not be the case. If you can help with a donation to support our work and enable us to maintain our activities, we would be very grateful.

Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Cemeteries and Memorials in England

In March 2020, a Joint Policy Statement was published by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and Historic England.

It "establishes a shared understanding of how the CWGC's war cemeteries and their buildings are cared for and managed and establishes a common understanding of the Commission's on-going responsibilities."

War Memorials Trust welcomes the documents as it shows how war graves and war memorials both fall within the heritage environment and that best conservation practice is central to how they are managed. You can read the document on the Historic England website, or download a copy, at <https://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/cemeteries-and-memorials-england-cwgc-he-joint-policy-statement>.



Church of England Faculty System

From 1st April 2020, the Church of England made changes to the Faculty rules that govern how churches manage their buildings, churchyards and contents. This impacts war memorials because it is now stated that any works to war memorials will require a Faculty because of their significance. This means, particularly when the charity is dealing with grant cases, we can be clear with anyone contacting us that a Faculty will be needed as part of any proposed works.

The Faculty System is the way that the Church of England manages its ecclesiastical exemption from many of the normal planning requirements. The exemption has been given on the basis that the church has an equivalent level of care for its heritage whilst recognising that there are some unique challenges for churches. Cathedrals have a similar system under the Care of Cathedrals Measure.

The Faculty process is primarily managed via the Online Faculty System, part of which includes the Church Heritage Record. This is a website with 16,000 entries for church buildings in England with a variety of information available about each church including photographs. Where appropriate it links to the [National Heritage List for England](https://www.gov.uk/national-heritage-list) as well as giving information on status and access. You can look up details of your local churches at <https://facultyonline.churchofengland.org/churches>.

Learning

[Learn about war memorials](#) is the website run by War Memorials Trust to support efforts to engage young people with our war memorials. As tomorrow's custodians they will be responsible for continuing the work we do today to protect and conserve this aspect of our heritage. Ensuring they understand why our war memorials are important is vital and is part of our Public Engagement work. At the time of writing it is unclear if schools will be open again when this Bulletin arrives. If not, and you have family and friends looking for ideas they can use with the young people, why not suggest the website.

It offers resources which can be used by adults who have identified war memorials as part of their curriculum or activity plan for young people. Many of the youth group ideas can also be used by families looking to encourage their younger members to care for our war memorials.

In the Primary and Secondary sections resources are grouped together based on the subject matter. As the nation marks the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II this year, with VE Day currently in focus, the materials dealing with this conflict may be of particular interest. Lesson plans designed for teachers may also help parents or care givers understand the purpose of the material and activity sheets can be used to guide learning. Five lesson plans offer a route to discuss the conflict, key issues, and then how the war ended and is subsequently remembered.

With so many of our war memorials commemorating both World Wars they can be used to show how, for those at the time, there was a strong link between the two events. Students may also be able to spot connections between the names of those commemorated from different conflicts. They can also research the names of those recorded which will reveal local information they can connect with. A World War II starting point could also incorporate World War I. With the end of the war so connected to the Flu pandemic of that time it also gives an opportunity to look at how people dealt with such an event then compared to today.

For secondary school age groups the resources are more focussed on specific events and include PowerPoint downloads which show related war memorials. Subjects include Dunkirk, the Battle of Britain, The Blitz and the Holocaust. The memorial

to [civilians in Bootle](#), Merseyside is shown as an example of one that is perhaps different from our expectations. When learning about the conflict comparing the extent to which civilians are commemorated on, or by, war memorials for the two World Wars can help demonstrate the difference for those 'at home' during those two conflicts. This can



Civilian dead in Bootle, Merseyside (WMO/181330)
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lead to exploring issues such as the experience of war for different groups, changing technology, evolving military strategy or the medical developments made during conflict. This enables teachers, or parents, to respond to the interests of those studying and connect with events today.

There are also ideas to design your own war memorial with a [Gallery](#) of war memorial types available to inspire. Learning or designs could be shared by young people with grandparents, other relatives or friends such as you. This could be an opportunity for you to share your interest in our war memorials and inspire future generations to explore, and recognise their responsibility for, this aspect of our heritage.

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We currently have our War Memorials Trust pens. 3 green pens branded in white are available for £4 including p&p.



All items purchased help protect and conserve war memorials so please consider replenishing your supplies in support of a good cause.

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