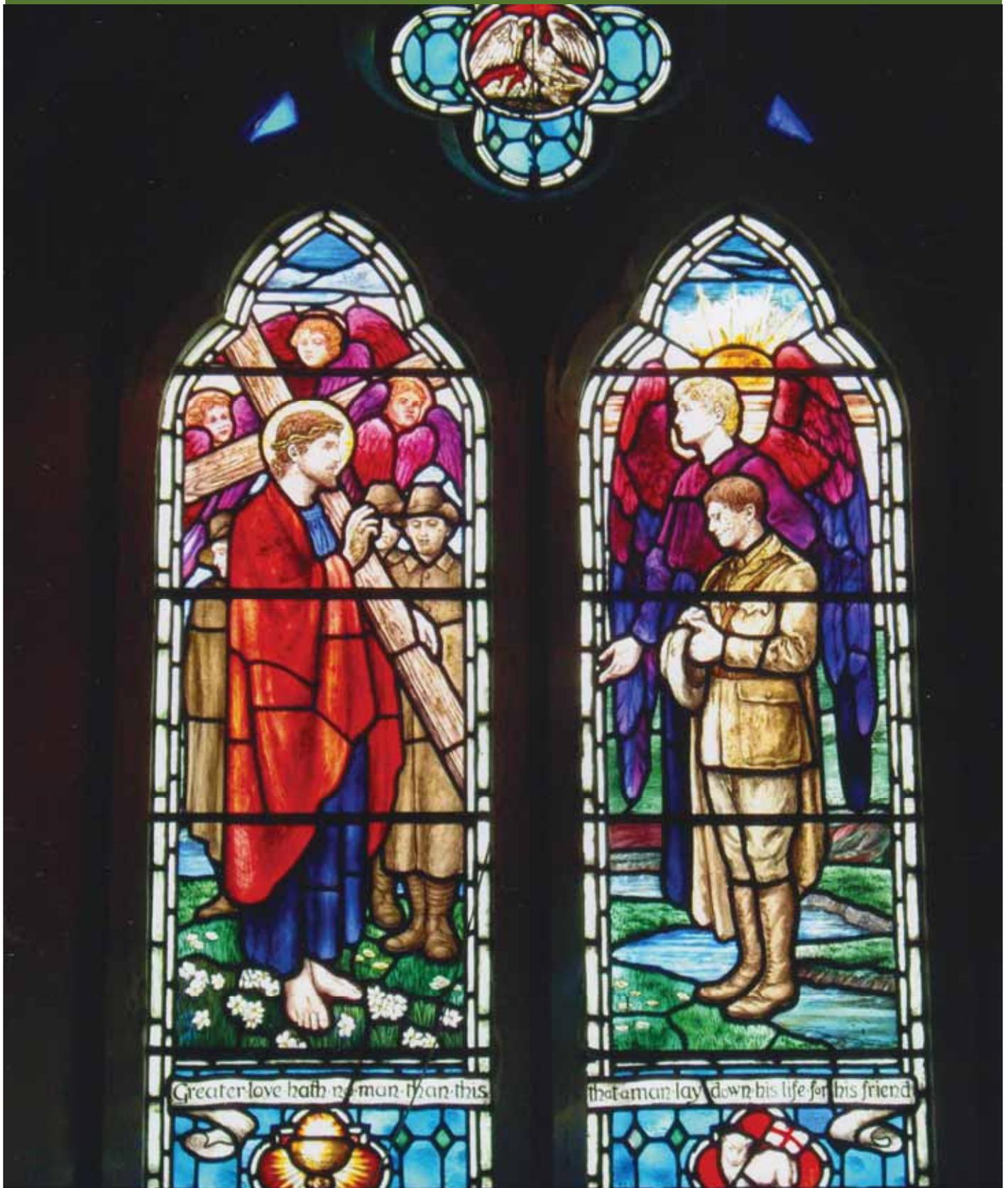


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War Memorials Trust works to protect and conserve all war memorials within the UK

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 2022):

Annual membership: £20 individual or £30 joint

Life membership: £250 individual or £350 joint

Grant schemes

War Memorials Trust administers 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 follow best conservation practice.

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 type of memorial, the proposed works and costs. If your project is eligible we will send you an Application Form. For more information www.warmemorials.org/grants, conservation@warmemorials.org or call 020 7233 7356.

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

Welcome to the latest edition of the Bulletin, an opportunity to update you on War Memorials Trust activities and send our best wishes to you all as the pandemic continues. Hopefully, as this reaches you, we remain on course, under the various roadmaps around the UK, to move out of Covid-19 restrictions. We are keeping our fingers crossed and hope that you and yours are doing ok.

In anticipation of the restrictions lifting further, on page 13 you will read about our Can you help? requests which offer you an opportunity to directly support our casework. These requests are posted to War Memorials Online and advise of war memorials for which we need additional information, photographs or updates to ensure they are in the best possible condition. If you are starting to get out and about a bit more, have time on your hands as your normal activities have still to resume or are taking a trip within the UK, please do have a look and get involved at www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk.

This type of activity has been shown to have strong mental health benefits, keeping us active and getting out with a purpose. If you, or someone you know, has been struggling or needs a fresh challenge then have a look or pass the word on. A quick visit, photo and upload means you have made a real difference to preserving a war memorial and the memory of those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

From May, staff will be back in the London office more frequently so for those who contact us by post our timeframes will hopefully improve. The return will coincide with the appointment of a new Administrator who we look forward to introducing in the August Bulletin. Our systems are such that a lot of training is best done in person so the Administrator and myself, who are the staff currently working out of the London office, will be in around 3 days a week. Like many organisations a hybrid office/home working week is likely to be the long-term approach. The Conservation Team remain as home workers around the country.

Wherever we are based our work continues as ever. Our April Grants Panel Meeting was held remotely again. We were delighted to support projects around the country and offers will be going out in May. After a slow start in 2020-21 we eventually awarded 35 grants at a total of £135,380 compared to 58 projects in 2019-20 who shared £219,430. Whilst this was a fall in spend it was not as significant as we first feared. In addition, we saw a significant increase in Grants Pre-application enquiries in 2020-21 with 135 submitted compared to 87 in 2019-20 indicating that more applications should be in the pipeline. This means our on-going fundraising efforts will be vital to secure the money needed to deliver our work.

One project supported is that featured on the front cover and discussed further on page 7. The war memorial window commemorates Major John A Higgon and is in St Mary's Church in Spittal, Haverfordwest. The photograph is courtesy of St Mary's.

Pages 4 and 5 discuss some of the ways you can support our work whilst our current merchandise can be found on page 16 with details of how to purchase. We are also planning to send our annual direct mail appeal in June/July this year so we hope you may be able to make a donation. The fundraising environment is, and will continue for some time to be, challenging due to Covid-19 but we are keeping costs minimised to ensure that we can help as many war memorials as possible.

Finally, we offer the condolences of the Trust to the Queen, members of the Royal family and all those impacted by the sad death in April of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. Through his Trust, the Prince was a supporter of this charity and we were extremely grateful for his interest. We would also like to thank all those who chose to make a gift to War Memorials Trust as their tribute to His Royal Highness. All such support makes a huge difference to our shared efforts to protect and conserve war memorials across the UK.

With best wishes, Frances

London Marathon 2021

The Virgin Money London Marathon 2021 will take place on Sunday 3rd October. We are delighted that our Conservation Officer, Peter Lloyd, will be running on behalf of War Memorials Trust. Peter explains below why he has decided to follow the example of colleagues who have previously represented the charity in the race.

"I am a keen runner and enjoy getting into the outdoors. I'm no happier than on a mountain top or throwing myself off one in the form of abseiling! I have already taken part in a number of other half marathons, most recently the Great North Run in 2019, but Sunday 3rd October 2021 will see me run my first full marathon.



Peter Lloyd at Hoylake & West Kirby war memorial © Peter Lloyd, 2021

I have had the pleasure and privilege to work for War Memorials Trust over the past 6 years and support the charity as we seek to achieve our objectives to protect and conserve war memorials across the UK. I am looking forward to the challenge of the Marathon as a completely different way of 'doing my bit' and feel privileged to be running for such a worthwhile cause.

Training for a marathon is a huge challenge for me although it is very small in comparison with the challenges surmounted by service personnel throughout history. I will draw on my experience from the 2019 Great North Run which I'm sure will stand me in good stead!

As part of my training regime I have been running along the banks of the River Mersey (Liverpool side!) which is close to my home and I enjoy training in Sefton Park which is on my doorstep. As I build momentum I am going a bit further afield onto the Wirral Peninsular and perhaps into North Wales!

I do pass a number of war memorials when training which remind me why it is so important that I am running for the charity. I recently went past the Hoylake and West Kirby memorial, shown left. In 2018, a £1,500 grant from War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme supported a detailed condition survey and report with recommendations to inform necessary conservation and repair works. I am now working with the applicants to deliver the works following another grant.

Any support you can offer me is greatly appreciated. Shouts of encouragement if you spot me on the day; whether you are watching at the roadside or on the television will be welcome!

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 and that war memorials are cherished and preserved for future generations as a reminder of the sacrifices made."

It is now 100 years since many of our war memorials were built. To reflect that Peter's fundraising target is £2,021.

If you would like to sponsor Peter please visit www.virginmoneygiving.com and search for 'Peter Lloyd' in the 'Sponsor your friend' field. Alternatively, you can send donations directly to the Trust clearly indicating that it is for the London Marathon 2021, see page 16.

A screenshot of a Virgin Money Giving fundraising page. The page features a header with the Virgin Money Giving logo and navigation links. Below the header is a large image of a war memorial. To the right of the image, the name 'Peter Lloyd' and the event '2021 London Marathon for War Memorials Trust' are displayed. Below the image, there is a progress bar showing '7% of target' and a total raised of '£142.00'. A target amount of '£2,021.00' is also shown. A QR code is visible on the right side of the page. The page includes a 'My story' section with a brief description of the fundraiser's goal.

War Memorials Trust news

Other ways you can support War Memorials Trust

War Memorials Trust is incredibly grateful to all those who support our work. As a charity we rely on donations from individuals, trusts, foundations, heritage bodies and others to deliver our programmes to protect and conserve war memorials. The contributions of many are recognised on page 14.

Unfortunately the pandemic has made the fundraising challenge that much harder with more competition for funds from all in the charity sector. But we will continue our efforts to secure the resources we need to achieve our objectives. For those interested in how you can help, this article discusses some of the means by which you can support the charity both financially and in other ways. There are more ideas on our website, www.warmemorials.org/get-involved.

Recruit a new member

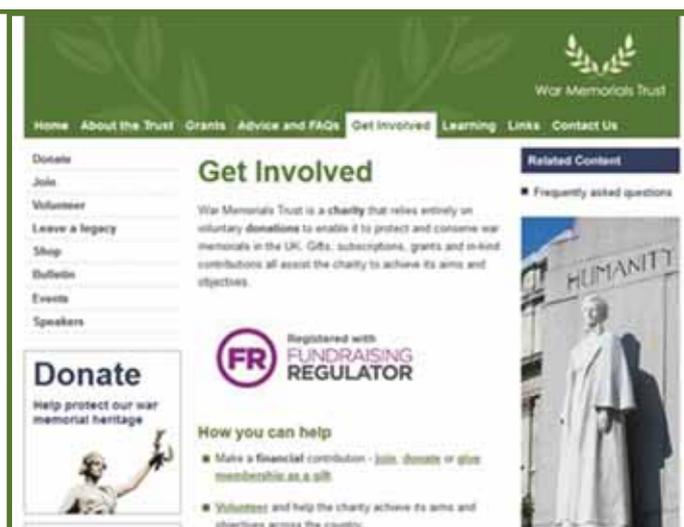
The best ambassadors for a charity are those who already support it. The more members an organisation has the better it can demonstrate the importance of its message.

If you have family or friends who you believe share your interest in war memorials why not pass on your Bulletin and encourage them to join, ask us for more copies to hand out or give someone a gift membership to kick-start their involvement.

Leave a legacy

Leaving a gift in your Will to the charity could be your personal memorial to help protect the nation's war memorials and ensure that future generations can pay their respects in the years to come.

Once family and/or friends are looked after then a residual (percentage) or pecuniary (specific sum) gift to charity can make a significant difference to its work. And, a legacy does not get taxed so every penny comes straight to the charity. It can also reduce inheritance tax as that is calculated after charitable bequests have been made.



We also have a page on the website which remembers those who have left a legacy or in whose memory funeral donations have been made. Family or friends can supply a tribute alongside the name to acknowledge gifts, www.warmemorials.org/those-remembered.

Standing orders

If you are an annual member or regular donor you can help us minimise administration costs by setting up a standing order. For members this saves the cost of sending you a renewal letter and minimises paperwork.

If you have online or telephone banking you can set it up directly yourself, or, if not, the Trust can provide a form for this. Standing orders remain entirely under your control so you can change or cancel at any point, although we always appreciate you letting us know if you do cancel so we do not contact you thinking there is an error.

Monitoring and War Memorials Online

Supporting our work is not just financial. Monitoring your local war memorials and letting us know if you spot any problems and/or providing information via War Memorials Online are all important ways you can help protect war memorials.

We say a huge thank you to all of you who support us in different ways. We appreciate these are difficult times for many but if you can continue to assist our work your gifts and time really do help preserve our war memorial heritage.

Conservation News - Potential new protections

On 13th January 2021 a Westminster Hall debate took place on the desecration of war memorials. This provided an opportunity to discuss proposed new legislation to address the sentencing options available when people are convicted of such offences in England.

The [Desecration of War Memorials](#) Bill 2019-21 had been introduced to parliament on 23rd June 2020 as a Private Members' Bill under the Ten minute rule. It was withdrawn on 23rd March 2021. Unfortunately those introducing the Bill have not engaged with the Trust so we are unsure whether they intend to progress this or not. The Bill related to a similar plan in 2010 which was also withdrawn. It perhaps reminds us that proposals can be as much about raising awareness as delivering legislation. It is also worth noting that any war memorial legislation is challenging as there is no legal definition of a war memorial.

On 17th January 2021, Communities Secretary Robert Jenrick announced new proposals to offer enhanced legal protection to historic statues, plaques and other monuments in England. Anyone seeking to remove such, whether it is listed or not, will now require permission.

If a local authority seeks to grant permission it will need to refer the case to Historic England and if they object it will be referred to the Communities Secretary for a final decision. The assumption will be that removal would occur only in exceptional circumstances. Where there is dispute over a monument people will be encouraged to "retain and explain" it rather than remove it.

War memorials could fall under this. It can be surprising how often people do propose to

remove or change them, but it is not generally because they are offensive. More often people want to replace with something they feel would be 'more fitting', because the existing is not big enough or they have concerns about the location. The Trust does not support change for such reasons. We believe we should maintain and conserve the war memorials chosen by those directly effected by loss. Those contemporary decisions should not be overridden by today's idea of appropriateness.

For example, utilitarian choices such as halls or hospitals can sometimes be discounted as memorials, almost seen as secondary. But they were deliberately selected by communities as being more than just monuments, they remembered but also gave something back to society.

We also see proposals to replace war memorials in churches with new ones in a more secular setting or to move existing ones out of a church. The Trust would argue against this as the families who lost loved choose the church as a site of significance to them. To change the location now to fit 21st century expectations misses the point that these are contemporary memorials erected by those who lost their family and friends.

Working with communities a more conservation focussed solution to the concerns that drive such plans can be found. The key is education and encouraging an appreciation of contemporary context. It is also vital to recognise that most war memorials are not created to remember wars but to commemorate the people lost in them. Most stand in place of the overseas graves that families could not visit so careful consideration of any change is vital.

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Grants - Wales

Major John A Higgon window, Pembrokeshire [WMO/262094](#)

St Mary's Church in Spittal, Haverfordwest is home to a stained-glass window war memorial commemorating Major John Arthur Higgon. It features on the front cover of this Bulletin following completion of works.

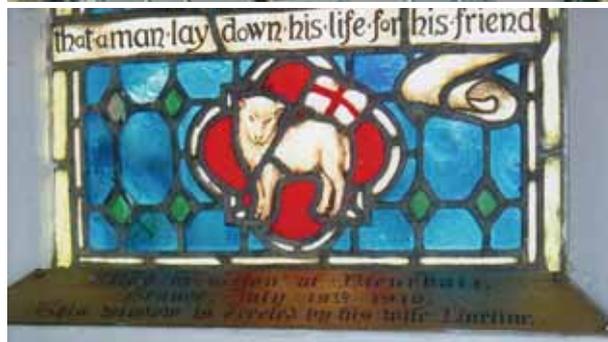
Major Higgon served in the Pembrokeshire Yeomanry falling in July 1916. Whilst the window commemorates his death on the 19th of the month the Commonwealth War Graves Commission records it as the 20th. This is an interesting example of how contemporary information may have been revised later as exact timelines were established away from the heat of battle. Today, there is sometimes a desire to 'correct' such differences but often this is inappropriate. The dedication was the decision of the family and likely based on the information from which they learned of his death.

Major Higgon is buried at Ration Farm Military Cemetery in La Chapelle-d'Armentieres, France. His portrait, by Beatrice Bright (1861-1940), is held at the [Scolton Manor Museum](#).

The window is a 2 lancet design with an opening quatrefoil. It is leaded with a steel casement. It was designed by Mary Lowndes and installed in 1920 as a tribute by Major Higgon's widow. Ms Lowndes depicted a Christ carrying the crucifix with three Australian soldiers in the background. The inclusion of the Australian troops reflects Major Higgon's attachment to the 5th Division Australian Imperial Force. Major Higgon is represented in the right-hand lancet.

In 2020, War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme awarded £1,930 towards conservation and repair works. The window was removed to a conservation workshop. It was recorded, carefully dismantled, cleaned then reassembled with new lead came before being reinstalled.

At the base of each window is a brass plaque. The dedication is:



Above from top to bottom: the window within the church; the outside with some of the visible damage and one of the dedicatory plaques. All images © St Mary's Church, 2019-20

"In memory of Major John Arthur Higgon
Pembrokeshire Yeomanry infr Royal Welch
Fusiliers attached Australian Infantry
Killed in action at Fleurbaix
France July 19th 1916
This window is erected by his wife Ilurline"

The inscription on the window reads:

"Greater love hath no man than this that a
man lay down his life for his friend"

Grants for War Memorials

Tettenhall war memorial is located in the churchyard of St. Michael and All Angels Church in Tettenhall Greens Conservation Area in Wolverhampton ([WMO/238315](#)). It remembers 81 fallen of World War I and 29 from World War II.

The memorial was erected around 1920 and comprises an ornate circular cross mounted on a chamfered column which surmounts an octagonal pedestal with carved floret detail. The whole sits atop an octagonal base with carved quatrefoil detailing. The pink sandstone from which it is constructed creates an architectural harmony with the church building. Most of the present church was rebuilt after a fire in 1950. It had a devastating impact as the fire hydrant water supply had been cut-off during Nazi bombing raids and was not yet restored.



Above left: cross before works; Above right: cross after works; Below right: memorial after works. All images © City of Wolverhampton Council, 2019-21 Below left: Tettenhall war memorial in the 1920s image courtesy of A J Bolister



The project was initiated by local residents who engaged with the Trust and City of Wolverhampton Council. A 2019 site visit by a Trust Conservation Officer discussed the extent of eligible works to the memorial. £10,450 followed from the Historic England Grants for War Memorials scheme.

The memorial had been repeatedly and significantly damaged over the past century. Although well-intentioned repairs had been carried out, not all the methods employed were appropriate. Some plastic repairs had failed and the cross had become significantly eroded and structurally compromised as water got in.

The difficult decision was taken to replace the cross with an exact replica. Maximum retention of fabric is integral to the Trust's conservation ethos but in this instance the original cross was deemed too damaged and fragmented to repair.

Project works also included localised stone repairs and re-pointing of the construction joints using lime mortar. The surrounding paving was replaced at the applicant's expense. War Memorials Trust strongly discourages the over-cleaning of stonework however it was agreed that some steam cleaning could be undertaken in specific areas of concern.

The inscription reads:

“Remember ye with thanksgiving and with
honour those men of
Tettenhall who went forth in the service of
their King and Country
during the years of the Great War 1914-1918
and returned not again
and those who followed
during the years of the World War
1939 - 1945”

When staff are out and about they will aim to see several war memorials in a day. So, after Tettenhall, Penn fields, Bradmore & Merry Hill was also visited ([WMO/104342](#)).

Grants for War Memorials



Historic England

As a result of the Trust's visit and engagement with the custodian, a £6,500 Grants for War Memorials offer was made, the scheme supported by Historic England. Both projects completed in 2021.

Penn fields, Bradmore & Merry Hill memorial takes the form of a sculpted granite figure of a uniformed serviceman holding his rifle 'at the ready'. The figure surmounts a granite pedestal of dressed and margined rusticated masonry blocks with recessed polished-granite plaques to all sides with incised lettering inscriptions. The pedestal sits on a two stepped base within a grove of well-established trees on Church Road opposite the Church of St Phillip in Penn Fields, Wolverhampton.

The works assisted included the creation of a new rifle to reinstate the original design. The construction joints were re-pointed using lime mortar and faded lettering was also re-painted to match the original design.

In addition, encroaching roots from large trees in the vicinity had caused some damage to the base of the memorial. A corner piece of granite was re-attached using stainless-steel pins and a large section of the base which had been displaced was repositioned. To mitigate further structural issues, a root barrier was installed at the base of the memorial.



Above: Penn Fields before and after works; Below: reattaching the corner. All images © Wolverhampton City Council, 2019-21



As part of In Memoriam 2014 SmartWater was also applied to deter metal theft and offer traceability should it occur.

The inscription to the main panel reads:

“This statue is erected
as a lasting tribute
to the men of
Penn Fields, Bradmore
and Merry Hill
who served
in His Majesty’s forces
during the Great War
1914-1919
the names of those
who paid
the supreme sacrifice
are engraved hereon”



War Memorials Trust greatly appreciates the funding provided by Historic England to deliver the Grants for War Memorials scheme. This is a unique funding stream which has been supporting the repair and conservation of freestanding war memorials in England since 2000.

Grants - War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme

St Mary the Virgin, Barnsley, South Yorkshire [WMO/172813](#)

St Mary's Church on Church Street in Barnsley, South Yorkshire has an unusual hexagonal timber column war memorial. Richly coloured the tabernacle work encloses six panels with the names of the fallen from World War I whilst a saint stands atop each side. The church itself is listed at Grade II*.

In November 2018, a grant of £1,710 was offered through War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme, supported by the First World War Memorials Programme, to assist with repair and conservation works. This was one of the busiest Grant Panel Meetings during the centenary with many communities responding to the 2018 commemorative events by reviewing their war memorials. Projects will often vary in the time then taken to complete depending on the type of works, the availability of contractors and the time it takes to secure match funding.

The column works addressed some moisture damage, deterioration of the materials due to age and previous inappropriate attempts to clean the memorial. Appropriate cleaning was undertaken following trials whilst paint tests were used to determine the right type for this work. The grant was claimed in 2020.

The current church dates from 1822, although the tower is thought to be 15th century. Alterations were made in 1863 and

then again in 1870. It has around 25 stained glass windows dating from the 19th to the early 20th century.

The war memorial (south) chapel was added in 1919 and re-ordered to incorporate the pillar. Mr F C Eden, Gray's Inn Square, London was in charge of the alterations. There are also war memorial stained glass windows and plaques.

Among the names on the pillar is Dorothy Fox, a nurse in the Volunteer Aid Detachment in the Order of St John of Jerusalem. The war memorial was dedicated on 22nd October 1922.



Above: the column within the south chapel before works, Below from left to right: one of the inscription panels before and after work and the top of the column with saints after works when the scaffolding was still up. All images © St Mary's PCC, 2018-20



Grants - War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme

Churt, Surrey

WMO/253250 and WMO/261778

The village of Churt in Surrey has a number of war memorials. In September 2019 those outside the church, a column and the recreation ground received awards through War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme to support repair and conservation works.

The column stands on Redhearn Green, Old Kiln Lane, opposite St John the Evangelist. The brickwork has a red tiled roof with a gravel and concrete path leading to it. The column was originally erected as a temporary structure to record those who fell during World War I.



Above left: the plaque on the column; Above right: one of the plaques on the piers at the entrance to the recreation ground; Left: column; Lower left: gate and piers. All images after works © Churt Parish Council, 2020



At the end of that conflict the village designated the recreation ground as the war memorial. Mr Edwin Alexander Abbott funded the entrance gates and piers which carry dedicatory plaques.



Initially the original column was left but over time the community made improvements so that by 1939 it had posts and a fence surround although these are no longer a feature. Following World War II paving stones and steps from the road were added with flowerbeds following in the 1990's. A plaque recording the fallen of both World Wars is located on the column.

The grants saw £710 support hand cleaning and re-pointing works to the column. £600 assisted similar works to ensure the plaques at the entrance to the park can continue to be read. In both these cases the best conservation practice approach of minimal intervention was followed starting with hand washing as the least invasive means of cleaning to minimise potential damage.

If any of our readers visit these war memorials we would note that we are missing some photographs of the war memorials inside the church. If it is open and you can take some and upload to War Memorials Online that would be greatly appreciated.

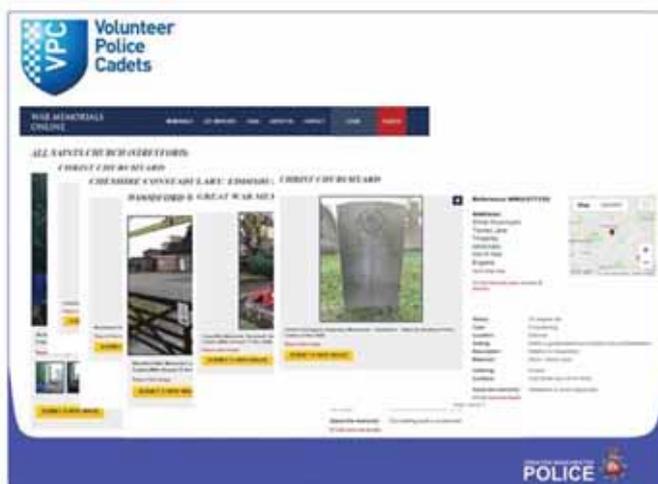
Learning



During 2020-21 The Volunteer Police Cadets, which empowers its young cadets to lead on social action projects, started looking at heritage and preventing heritage crime. They were supported by Historic England, and assisted by Young Voices Heard who specialise in youth-led social action. This included referencing the resources available on War Memorials Trust's [Learning website](#).

As with so many projects, Covid-19 impacted the proposed initiatives and the result was a far greater emphasis on online activity than anticipated. In the autumn of 2020 a 'War memorial and remembrance' challenge was developed. Cadets attending online meetings to be briefed on the project encouraging them to research, undertake a condition survey on or design a war memorial. As most were able to visit a local war memorial as part of their daily exercise or as they travelled to and from school this acted in place of their normal role at Remembrance Services or events.

Materials from the Trust's Learning website, [War Memorials Online](#) and [Historic England](#) were provided. Some of these were produced through the First World War Memorials Programme demonstrating its legacy.



Eighteen Cadet Units across England responded to the challenge to get involved including one in Stockport which received a Certificate of Excellence for their social action. They all agreed to research and explore war memorials near to where they lived with a view to updating War Memorials Online.

The image below left shows some of the 16 new War Memorials Online records they added. They also uploaded photographs to 10 records missing images and updated a further 10 with condition reports and/or comments.

The Unit reported that, "it gave us a focus and a reason to get outside, go for some exercise; a walk, a run, a bike ride, to enjoy the fresh air and to find points of interest on our doorstep which we've seen but not properly taken notice of. It was something we did as a team and helped pull us together." This demonstrates the mental health benefits of projects such as War Memorials Online which can engage and create activity.

The Unit also highlighted how they got involved because they cared about their heritage, "We could not take part in the Remembrance Day parade this year, so this is a good way for us to continue to play our part and enable us to keep remembering people who served their country."

Individual cadets from other units were awarded training certificates whilst others achieved merit and excellence social action awards. One cadet visited seven of her local war memorials in Brighouse to produce a report on each.

Too often there is an assumption that young people are not aware of their war memorials. Programmes like this are important in demonstrating that this is not the case. Engaging young people and supporting them as they discover more about our war memorials, the people commemorated on them and their role in our history and heritage is vital to equip tomorrow's custodians with the skills, understanding and desire to protect and conserve war memorials in the future.

Public Engagement - War Memorials Online - Can you help?

In 2019, we uploaded three batches of Can you help? requests to [War Memorials Online](#). These are cases where we need your help to gather extra information. We had a fantastic response and thank everyone who helped resolve many of these. But, there are still outstanding cases as the map shows.

Due to the pandemic we held off adding more in 2020. But as we move along the various roadmaps out of lockdown this feels like an appropriate time to ask for your help again. As well as looking to solve the outstanding requests already on War Memorials Online, we will be adding more. We hope the combination of warmer weather and easing of restrictions may mean that you can get out and about again and perhaps incorporate some war memorial visits on your travels.

During April we asked our Twitter followers if they could help. We started asking by region and then on specific cases. We hope by sharing these requests through different channels we are reaching the widest possible audience. We are therefore also featuring in the Bulletin as we know you, as our members, are most engaged.

Can you help? requests arise from a number of sources. Someone may report a war memorial as being in Poor condition but with little accompanying information and no photos. This makes it difficult for the Team to judge the situation so up-to-date details are needed before approaching custodians so that the advice we give is credible and relevant.

We also post requests for recently awarded grant cases. It is important to check condition a couple of years on from conservation works to ensure nothing has failed and maintenance is being undertaken. A current request is Whitefield ([WMO/119381](#)) in Greater Manchester, pictured, which received a grant of £26,185 in 2014. If you live nearby could you visit to check condition?

There are also cases where war memorials are lost or missing. Local knowledge, or access to local archives,



can make the difference. The precise location of the Burma Star memorial in High Wycombe ([WMO/135531](#)), pictured, is unknown so we are asking for help. The photograph was taken in 2003 but the War Memorials Online details need updating.

You can search for Can you help? requests near you by using the location search, www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/search. Enter your postcode as the search term and select the radius within which you want to travel. Use the filter results options below the box to select 'Can you help?' and then search. Cases will appear on the map.

If there are no requests near you, you can still enrich war memorial records in your area adding photos and condition updates etc. Then keep an eye on the website to check for new requests being posted!



Top: outstanding Can you help? requests map; Above left: Whitfield © Michael P Coyle, 2012; Above right: High Wycombe Burma Star © B Wood, 2003

Thank you

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