

## Appendix to News statement

### War Memorials Trust reports on cases of theft and vandalism to war memorials associated with war memorials during 2023-24



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The following are war memorials that War Memorials Trust is aware have been subject to attempted theft, theft or vandalism such as graffiti during the 2023-24. Cases are listed by country then county and links to press reports are given where available to provide further information. Where photographs are available from War Memorials Trust this is detailed.

Please be aware that War Memorials Trust often does not have photographs it can share as we rely on information collected or provided from the public which means we are unlikely to hold copyright for these. Photographs found on War Memorials Online may be available, subject to terms and conditions [www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/terms-conditions](http://www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/terms-conditions).

#### England

County	Location	War Memorials Online	Nature of incident	Date of incident	Further details of story
Bedfordshire	Leighton Buzzard	<a href="#">WMO/115556</a>	Graffiti	Mar 2024	Custodian requested advice
Buckinghamshire	Wendover	<a href="#">WMO/75043</a>	Vandalism - lighting	Mar 2024	<a href="#">Bucks Free Press</a>
Cambridgeshire	Pidley	<a href="#">WMO/296189</a>	Theft – brass lectern	Jun 2023	<a href="#">The Hunts Post</a>
Cornwall	Penzance	<a href="#">WMO/194094</a>	Theft – rifle	Jul 2023	<a href="#">BBC Falmouth Packet</a>
Derbyshire	Heanor	<a href="#">WMO/296341</a>	Graffiti	Jul 2023	<a href="#">Derbyshire Times</a> <a href="#">Derbyshire Times</a>
	Woodthorpe	<a href="#">WMO/175683</a>	Vandalism – car crash	Jan 2024	<a href="#">Derby Telegraph</a>
Devon	Ilfracombe	<a href="#">WMO/98553</a>	Theft - plaques	Jan 2024	<a href="#">BBC</a>
	Ivybridge	<a href="#">WMO/98556</a>	Vandalism – case crash	Mar 2024	<a href="#">Dartmouth Chronicle</a>
Greater London	Lewisham	<a href="#">WMO/159425</a>	Graffiti	Nov 2023	<a href="#">BBC Emergency Services News</a> <a href="#">Express</a> <a href="#">LBC</a> <a href="#">The Standard</a>
Greater Manchester	Rochdale	<a href="#">WMO/134442</a>	Graffiti	Nov 2023	<a href="#">BBC News</a> <a href="#">ITVX</a>

Hampshire	Basingstoke	WMO/ <a href="#">102960</a>	Vandalism – damage to bandstand struts	Aug 2023	<a href="#">Basingstoke Gazette</a>
Kent	Queenborough	WMO/ <a href="#">83372</a>	Graffiti	Aug 2023	Anonymous concern reported via War Memorials Online
Lancashire	Morecombe	WMO/ <a href="#">183221</a>	Graffiti	Aug 2023	<a href="#">Lancashire Telegraph</a> <a href="#">LancsLive</a> <a href="#">ITVX</a>
	Oswaldtwistle	WMO/ <a href="#">134492</a>	Vandalism – removal of angel	Aug 2023	<a href="#">BBC News</a> <a href="#">Lancashire Telegraph</a>
	Preston	WMO/ <a href="#">121919</a>	Graffiti	May 2023	<a href="#">Lancashire Post</a>
Leicestershire	Ratby	WMO/ <a href="#">109106</a>	Vandalism – car crash	Feb 2024	<a href="#">Leicestershire Live</a>
	Woodhouse	WMO/ <a href="#">250651</a>	Vandalism – car crash	Mar 2024	Reported via War Memorials Online
Lincolnshire	City of Lincoln	WMO/ <a href="#">141845</a>	Vandalism - Wreaths	Aug 2023	<a href="#">Lincolnshire Live</a> <a href="#">ITVX</a>
Norfolk	Norwich	WMO/ <a href="#">103824</a>	Graffiti	Sep 2023	<a href="#">Norwich Evening News</a>
Oxfordshire	Faringdon	WMO/ <a href="#">203273</a>	Anti-social Behaviour - urinating	Nov 2023	<a href="#">Oxford Mail</a>
Somerset	Glastonbury	WMO/ <a href="#">121116</a>	Vandalism - arson	May 2023	<a href="#">ITV News</a>
Surrey	Egham	WMO/ <a href="#">229143</a>	Vandalism – plaque removed	Aug 2023	Custodian requested advice
West Midlands	Birmingham	WMO/ <a href="#">141747</a>	Anti-social Behaviour - climbing	Jul 2023	<a href="#">Mirror</a>
West Yorkshire	Castleford	WMO/ <a href="#">230488</a>	Graffiti	Apr 2023	<a href="#">Wakefield Express</a>
Wigan	Leigh	WMO/ <a href="#">105506</a>	Graffiti	Sep 2023	<a href="#">Manchester Evening News</a> <a href="#">The Bolton News</a>
Worcestershire	Evesham	WMO/ <a href="#">136175</a>	Graffiti	May 2023	<a href="#">Evesham Journal</a>

## Northern Ireland

County	Location	War Memorials Online	Nature of incident	Date of incident	Further details of story
Derry / Londonderry	Derry / Londonderry	WMO/ <a href="#">153462</a>	Anti-social behaviour – theft of wreath	Jul 2023	<a href="#">BelfastLive</a>

## Scotland

County	Location	War Memorials Online	Nature of incident	Date of incident	Further details of story
Fife	Kirkcaldy	WMO/ <a href="#">147406</a>	Vandalism – burning of wreaths	Jul 2023	<a href="#">Fife Today</a>
North Ayrshire	Dreghorn	WMO/ <a href="#">145700</a>	Anti-social behaviour – excrement	Mar 2024	<a href="#">Irvine Times</a>
Stirling	Shieldhill	WMO/ <a href="#">152115</a>	Anti-social behaviour – removal of flags	May 2023	<a href="#">The Scottish Sun</a> <a href="#">The Falkirk Herald</a>

## Wales

County	Location	War Memorials Online	Nature of incident	Date of incident	Further details of story
Rhondda Cynon Taff	Maerdy	WMO/ <a href="#">293569</a>	Vandalism – Sculpture has been removed	Jul 2023	<a href="#">ITV News</a>
	Tonypandy	WMO/ <a href="#">293565</a>	Anti-social behaviour	Sep 2023	Custodian requested advice