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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, sustainability and the challenges of climate change
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 2025):

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

At this time of year the country joins together to commemorate the fallen with war memorials often the focal point for community events. But people are often unaware of the work that goes on all year round to maintain them. War Memorials Trust exists to help the individuals and organisations whose efforts ensure our war memorials are preserved to enable us all to say, **we still remember**.

The charity can only offer help to custodians due to the amazing support of members and supporters. Members receive this Bulletin quarterly whilst our wider supporter base gets a copy each November. The more members we have, the more we can demonstrate public support for our cause so if you are not currently a formal member please consider joining us. Or, as we approach the festive season and you are wondering what to get for someone who shares your interest in our work, why not consider 'gift membership'. Details of how to Get Involved can be found at www.warmemorials.org/get-involved.

Current members, or anyone joining, can opt out of getting the paper copy of the Bulletin if they prefer. Our tri-annual Supporter Survey still indicates a strong preference amongst members to receive a hard copy. But we do upload a pdf of each issue to our website see www.warmemorials.org/bulletin-back-issues.

We use social media to alert supporters to its availability so if you would like to join but would prefer to access the Bulletin online you can choose to do that. Unfortunately, we do not hold hard copy back issues in any volume. If you would like to obtain those from the last year we can normally provide them but any further back they will need to be downloaded from the website.

Another way of supporting the charity is to volunteer your time. Pages 6, 7 and 8 of this Bulletin discuss our 'Can you help? requests' and 'Mystery Memorials' which are aspects of our casework where we need your assistance to make progress. You may be able to contribute via War Memorials Online or you can email or post us information. We are incredibly grateful for any such help.

Our Trustees are also volunteers. The Board is currently considering the recruitment of new members. If you would like further information, when it is available, please visit www.warmemorials.org/vacancies or contact info@warmemorials.org, 020 7834 0200 or WMT, 14 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 0QP.

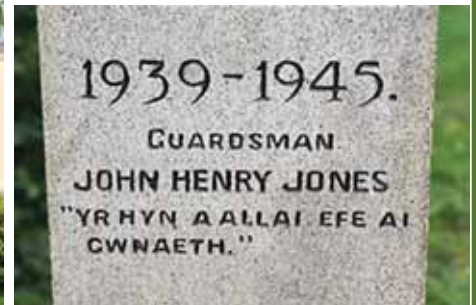
Our front cover shows the war memorial in Ffestiniog, Gwynedd in Wales. It has recently received a grant and you can read more about the project on page 11. As with many projects, the works offered a chance to see the war memorial in a new way. The image below is courtesy of Ned Scharer and was taken this year. It shows that with scaffolding up, and works to dismantle the top underway, contractors were able to see the substantial root growth of the plants which were appearing out of the stonework. When this occurs at the base of a memorial, regular weeding, as part of a maintenance programme, should reduce this risk but when it occurs at height it is more challenging.



As ever, we would like to conclude by thanking you for your ongoing interest in our work. The charity cannot achieve what it does without your help. Your donations make possible the advisory services and grants we provide whilst the voluntary submissions of information truly enable the Trust to 'punch above its weight'. With our early best wishes for the festive season and sincere thanks for your support.

Frances and the Team

War Memorials Trust news - 2023-25 Appeal



Left to right: Randolph Churchill and Colin Bell © Mark Vickers then Bodfari before and after works © Bodfari Community Council, 2022

In June, WMT Trustee Randolph Churchill wrote to many of our supporters seeking their help with our 2023-25 appeal. Joining him in encouraging people to donate was Flt Lt Colin Bell DFC AE, now 103, who completed 50 missions over Germany in his Mosquito.

Colin believes, "It is for my comrades who served that we must preserve our memorials and their legacy. We can only truly appreciate our freedoms if we remember and honour those who gave their lives for our tomorrow. To know that the war memorials that mark their sacrifices, not just on D-Day but in so many campaigns of World War II, continue to be cared for through the work of the Trust is heartwarming. I am so grateful to everyone who supports the charity and especially those who can donate to this appeal. I stand with you as we continue to say, **we will remember them**".

The 2023-25 appeal coincides with many of the 80th anniversaries associated with the later part of World War II. Such events stimulate an interest in war memorials leading to more people seeking WMT's help. Therefore, the charity needs to raise money to ensure it has the resources in place that will enable it to respond through advice and grants.

As this Bulletin goes to press the Trust has raised £77,000. **Thank you** to everyone who has given. This is just over half of the target figure of £150,000. **We still need to secure £73,000** so there is a long way to go.

We are very grateful for all the donations so far. But if anyone is yet to give, or was not previously aware of this campaign and would like to support it, your gift will make a difference. You can donate by returning a cheque with the form on page 16, transfer funds by Bacs using the details on page 15 or see www.warmemorials.org/appeal to pay by card, PayPal or CAF Account.

The appeal letter included details of works to the World War II inscription at St Stephen's Church in Bodfari, Denbighshire shown above (WMO/264905). A grant of £800 helped address concerns and ensure that the name of John Henry Jones could be read. He died on 9th April 1943 and is commemorated at Enfidaville war cemetery in Tunisia.

Below his name it reads, "Yr hyn a allai efe ai gwnaeth" which translates from Welsh as "**What he could he did**". A sentiment which, we believe, surely applies to everyone remembered by our war memorials.

War Memorials Trust news

Welcome Samantha Bunning

I joined the Trust in August 2024 as a Conservation Officer. My background is in archaeology, having originally studied History with Archaeology in Bangor, North Wales. Following this I studied for a Masters in Battlefield and Conflict Archaeology at Glasgow University and then returned to Bangor to complete my PhD focusing on the perceptions of warfare in Medieval Wales. Having made the decision to buy a Grade II listed property back in April 2021, the focus of my interests turned to conservation and so I signed up to complete a PG cert in Conservation of the Historic Environment at Birmingham City University last year which led me to this role.

I am really looking forward to working for the Trust, as it gives me an excellent opportunity to combine my interests in past conflicts and how we both perceive and remember them, with my passion for conserving the historic environment for future generations.



Sam Bunning © S Bunning, 2024

Annual Report and Financial Statements

Members of the charity will recall that in the August Bulletin we reviewed our 2023-24 activities. These are discussed in more detail in the Annual Report and Financial Statements which was completed in September. Some of the grants supported in that year are discussed in the document as shown right.

The Annual Report and Financial Statements is now available to download from www.warmemorials.org/financials.

If you would like a copy posted to you, contact us at info@warmemorials.org, 020 7834 0200 or WMT, 14 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 0QP.



London Marathon

Thank you to everyone who has so far sponsored our Conservation Officer, Andrew McMaster as he takes on the London Marathon again. Injury prevented him from running in April 2024 but he is now back in training for 2025. A recent session, shown right courtesy of Andrew, took him past Fernan/Fearnan war memorial by Loch Tay in Perthshire (WMO/264669).

The fact we have already reached the initial fundraising target of £2,000 is helping spur Andrew on. But to keep encouraging him to train, and supporters to back him, we have increased the fundraising target to £3,000. Every contribution will help protect and conserve war memorials.

To support Andrew you can visit www.warmemorials.org/marathon or turn to pages 15-16 for details of how to donate.



Public Engagement - Can you help?

Thank you to our readers who continue to contribute information and photographs to War Memorials Online see www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk. We now have over 80,000 war memorials on the website, with almost 85,000 condition reports shared between them. We really appreciate the contributions made by everyone so far.

This article features some long-standing 'Can you help?' requests; cases the charity needs your assistance with. For those who are not familiar, if WMT cannot take action on a case without additional information we reach out to our supporters. We are looking for people who can go and visit these war memorials to take photos and check the condition. Usually this is because we have previously awarded a grant and want to check that the memorial is being maintained. Or, there may be a current concern but the person who has made contact cannot provide photographs or has made an anonymous report.

If none of these cases are near you, you can still get involved. Around 15% of the war memorials on the website have no condition information at all. To find these, go to www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/search, click on 'Location search', pop your postcode in, choose a search area in miles and see if there are any war memorials with grey pins. A grey pin means we do not have a condition update for that memorial. It would be amazing to get details for all of them.

If you can help with any of these cases, go to www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/search and enter the 'WMO/' number in the Keyword search. You can upload your photos directly to the War Memorials Online record and add a condition update there too. You can choose from four condition levels – Good, Fair, Poor or Very bad. WMT will then be notified of your update via email so we can acknowledge it and take any appropriate action. It is always great to hear that war memorials are in Good condition and are being well looked after. Our statistics show that the vast majority are. But our priority is to find those that need help so the Conservation Team can work with the custodians to address these.



Stronsay war memorial, above, in Orkney, Scotland is located on the roadside of Ward Hill ([WMO/147860](http://www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/WMO/147860)). It received a grant of £715 towards repair and conservation in 2015. The works included gentle cleaning, repairs to the lettering and hard landscaping.



Yoker war memorial, above, is located in Yoker Park on Dumbarton Road in Glasgow ([WMO/71007](http://www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/WMO/71007)). In 2016, it was awarded a grant of £3,600. The memorial had significant mortar loss, masonry had attracted biological growth and pollution surface dirt, sections of the base were damaged and pointing had failed. The memorial was repaired and cleaned using low pressure steam.

Above and right: Stronsay © Orkney Islands Council via War Memorials Online (WMO), 2014; Yoker © Glasgow City Council via WMO, 2016; Alsagers Bank © AlfBeard via WMO, 2000; Halifax South African War © Calderdale MB Council, 2018; St Oswalds RC Parishioners WWII © Tom, Relph via WMO, 2016; Irthlingborough © Irthlingborough Town Council, 2017

Public Engagement - Can you help?



Alsagers Bank war memorial, above, is on the High Street near to St John's Church in Alsagers Bank, Staffordshire ([WMO/193713](#)). The memorial has recently reached its centenary having been unveiled on 22 September 1924. In 2016, a grant of £2,450 was awarded towards lime mortar pointing and repairs to the base, steps and posts.



Halifax South African War memorial, above, is in West View Park in the West Yorkshire town ([WMO/119983](#)). The Trust has had involvement with this case over many years and we are keen for our records to be updated following a conservation project undertaken in 2019.

Irthlingborough war memorial, right, is located on Finedon Road in Irthlingborough, Northamptonshire ([WMO/203559](#)). In 2016, a grant of £6,590 was awarded for steam cleaning to improve the legibility of the inscription, lime mortar pointing and relaying of the paving to allow better access. The metal cross and coat of arms was painted and gilded to match the original design.



St Oswald's Roman Catholic Church on the High Street in Wrekenton, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear has a stained glass window memorial, above, for its fallen of World War II ([WMO/244203](#)). Vandalism had damaged the list of names so in 2017 a grant of £170 helped repair the glass to ensure the names of all those commemorated can be read.

Are any of these war memorials local to you, or perhaps you know someone who lives nearby that would be willing to visit? We would be most grateful if you could go and check the memorial's condition and take some photos for us.

Submitting information directly to War Memorials Online is the quickest way to get it to us. But you can also email or post details if you are not confident with the website or are not 'online'; it just takes us longer to process. Contact the Conservation Team on conservation@warmemorials.org, 020 7233 7356 or WMT, 14 Buckingham Palace Road, London, SW1W 0QP. **Thank you!**



Public Engagement - Mystery Memorials

Regular readers will be familiar with our Mystery Memorials – photographs of unknown memorials which have been donated to the charity which we cannot identify or images that people have contacted us about. We include these in Bulletin articles as well as promoting them on our social media platforms:

@WarMemorials on X (Twitter)
@warmemorialstrust on Instagram

We would like to say **thank you** to our supporters who have helped solve a number of cases recently. In particular, A Goble, Paul Hughes, Paul Keffors, John Maloney, James Pasby and Chris Reynolds.

Below are details of some of those solved. You can use the 'WMO/' reference number to find out more on www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk. If you are not a member of the charity, so cannot refer back to earlier Bulletins, back issues are available at www.warmemorials.org/bulletin-back-issues. Or, why not join us to ensure you get your quarterly copy see www.warmemorials.org/join.

From August's Bulletin 102:

- 4 is Tiber School WWI in Liverpool (WMO/255317).
- 34 is Lugwardine in Herefordshire (WMO/151756)
- 55 is Chipping Campden in Gloucestershire (WMO/103369)
- 68 is in the Church of St Barnabas in Pimlico, London as we believed (WMO/271095). It appears the memorial commemorates Captain Hugh Dart, who died on 1 July 1916, and a former Church Warden Thomas Meares

From Bulletin 97 in May 2023:

- 9 is Bethesda Methodist Church in Elland (WMO/119783)

From our X account:

- 58 is Sherborne Abbey in Sherborne, Dorset (WMO/97398)

On War Memorials Online, cases number 4, 9 and 68 only have the mystery memorial photograph or no photograph at all if we do not have permission to add the image to the website. It would be great to have current information on these so if you are able to visit, take some photographs and add a condition update we would be very grateful.

An ongoing mystery: 66

Featured in Bulletin 102, and shown again below, Mystery 66 is a war memorial commemorating the fallen from the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company. It was previously thought that the company was based in the Newcastle area. Research by a supporter indicates that the company was based in Hong Kong and it does not appear the memorial is connected to Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Any further information from others would be welcome.



Mystery 66 @ J Page

If you recognise any of the outstanding memorials featured in previous issues of the Bulletin or on our social media channels, please contact the Conservation Team on conservation@warmemorials.org, 020 7233 7356 or WMT, 14 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 0QP.

Conservation News

National Planning Policy Framework

In July 2024, the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government launched a consultation on Proposed reforms to the National Planning Policy Framework and other changes to the planning system in England. The gov.uk website describes the NPPF as the document which sets out the “government's planning policies for England and how these are expected to be applied”. It can be viewed at www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-planning-policy-framework--2. Whilst the NPPF does not directly reference war memorials, WMT staff reviewed the consultation and commented.

One of the challenges the charity faces when it is supporting people with war memorial concerns is that there is an expectation that something solely being a war memorial will carry some weight in the planning process. This is not the case.

War memorials have no special protection just because they are war memorials. If a war memorial is in a conservation area, listed or otherwise designated then this would be considered within the planning process. But there are no moral, ethical or other considerations that have to be reviewed when a war memorial is involved. Local pressure and concerns can have an impact but our advice will always encourage people to refer to the NPPF when commenting on planning issues as this is the main guidance.

War Memorials Trust does not believe that war memorials should prevent or delay considered development. But it is surprising how often proposals fail to fully recognise the implications to a war memorial. Whenever approached, the charity will endeavour to work with developers and others to help them fully consider war memorials in their plans.

WMT Talks and site visits

WMT staff, and former staff, have been out and about recently giving talks to raise awareness. They have also visited war memorials to check on their condition.

Current Conservation Officer, Andrew McMaster joined a group at Broughty Ferry Library, near Dundee, to give a presentation about the work of the charity with a focus on cases in the area. Former Conservation Officer Ffion Jones delivered a similar session at Skewen Methodist Church in South Wales and we thank her for ‘coming back’ to do that. Our newest Conservation Officer, Sam Bunning, introduced on page 5, was able to join Ffion to experience a WMT talk and completed some site visits on the day. One stop, on an unexpectedly sunny day, was in Builth Wells, Powys to check the condition of the memorial, below, which received a grant in 2005 ([WMO/116449](https://www.warmemorials.org/grants/WMO/116449)).



Visit www.warmemorials.org/speakers for information on how to enquire about a speaker for your local group.

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WMT Grants Scheme - Axminster, Devon



Like-for-like repairs were carried out to the oak structure with maximum retention of original fabric which is a core principle of best conservation practice. Rotted sections of oak were carefully removed and new sections cut to fill the gaps. The roof was repaired to the original design with all the tiles replaced but the lead ridges cleaned and reused. Around half the structural timber pegs were reused and the other half replaced. The structural bracket at the base was reinstated to its original design and the memorial was re-erected.

The war memorial at St Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Axminster, Devon is currently positioned between pathways to the church and the local primary school ([WMO/294164](#)).

It is made of both seasoned and green oak with an intricately carved figure of Christ. The calvary is sheltered by an apex hood with timber shingle tiles which incorporates a plaque which carries the gilded inscription 'INRI'. Two inscribed panels sit within oak frames at the base, either side of the central upright, carrying the dedications to the fallen of both World Wars.

In 2023, a grant of £3,970 was awarded through War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme to address concerns. The memorial had become structurally unsound, the roof was damaged and had been inappropriately nailed at an earlier date, gaps had opened in the timber and the metal support at the base had begun to fail. Some of the timber had also rotted owing to a failure in the original design which allowed water to sit in wells above joints at the top, speeding up deterioration.

The memorial was removed from site to a workshop to enable a full assessment to be made.

When reinstated, the memorial was reorientated 90 degrees. After careful consideration, the Trust agreed to this proposal as there is some uncertainty around the original setting of the memorial and it may already have been moved.

The memorial was dedicated on 19 May 1919, so it is quite an early World War I memorial. The following day the Exeter and Plymouth Gazette had an extensive report on the service including the words of one of those conducting the service, Father Barney, who spoke about the symbolism of the cross and calvary in relation to sacrifice.



Top: Axminster before and after works
Above: the inscription after works
© R Salt and Fr J Kostuch, 2023 and 2024

WMT Grants Scheme - Llan Ffestiniog, Gwynedd



Left to right: Llan Ffestiniog before work, WWII plaque and after works © F Jones and Llan Ffestiniog Town Council, 2023 and 2024

Llan Ffestiniog war memorial is located on Blaenau Road in Ffestiniog, Gwynedd ([WMO/124455](#)). Blaenau Ffestiniog, which includes Llan Ffestiniog, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The war memorial is a rectangular granite and grey bricked obelisk with four slate pillars supporting a stepped roof topped with a polyedron. It is located on an elevated site within a small garden and stands at nearly 15ft/4.5m high. 39 World War I names are incised on panels on the four sides of the memorial, with a plaque for the 6 lost in World War II set at the base. Most of those commemorated worked in local slate quarries, so it is fitting their memorial includes this local material.

In 2024, a grant of £7,430 was awarded through War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme. This supported specialist repair and conservation works to address the deteriorating condition.

Water was getting into the memorial through the top. Debris and soil had built up so when the scaffolding went up and the top was dismantled the plant growth was revealed in full, as shown in the image on page 3.

This meant water was lying on the memorial as pointing in the joints failed. Water then seeped through the memorial taking lime and salts with it. These started migrating out of other joints; forming deposits on the surface of the stone. To address this, the top of the memorial was carefully dismantled and cleaned. A concealed lead tray was introduced at roof level as a preventative conservation measure to help carry water away.

The structure was then rebuilt with joints re-pointed using an appropriate lime mortar. The remainder of the memorial was steam cleaned using Thermatech to remove the staining caused by salts and lime.

The memorial was designed by Architect W.P. Davies and built by Richard Williams. It was unveiled on 11 September 1920 at a service attended by the Honourable Lady Newborough. Her husband, William Charles Wynn was a Lieutenant in the Welsh Guards who died of injuries sustained while serving in the Guards Division. He is buried in Llan Ffestiniog (Newborough) Burial Ground.

Grants for War Memorials and WMTGS - Corby Glen, Lincs



Corby Glen war memorial stands on The Green in the village near Grantham in Lincolnshire ([WMO/118958](#)). It commemorates those lost in both World Wars as well as one individual missing in Malaysia. The cross is Grade II listed and located in Corby Glen conservation area.

The design is an intricately carved replica of St Martin's Cross on Iona in the Inner Hebrides. Made of Cornish granite, the Celtic cross has a tapered shaft on a rectangular base a top a base stone. Both the wheel cross and shaft are deeply-moulded.

The inscriptions read: "In memory of the men of this parish who fell in the Great War 1914-1919" and "Also in thankful remembrance of [names] of this parish who gave their lives in the Second World War 1939-1945".

In 2020, £1,000 from War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme supported repair and conservation works. These had been stimulated by a local research project during the centenary of World War I. The memorial was cleaned using a DOFF steam system. Damaged lead lettering was repaired to reinstate the original inscription and the lead was re-painted to improve legibility. The surrounding railing was refurbished and re-painted to match the original design.



Corby Glen before and after works © Corby Glen Parish Council, 2023 and 2024



Historic England

In 2024, a further grant of £290 was made through the Grants for War Memorials scheme, supported by Historic England. Repairs were carried out to different parts of the damaged lead lettering. All the lettering was then re-painted to ensure the names and dedication are legible. As part of the second grant, advice was given about the management of wreaths as there was some concern that damage was being caused by wreaths being laid up against the lettering.

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As part of the project, free SmartWater was obtained and applied to the metal elements such as lead lettering. This helps track metal if stolen and acts as a deterrent to anyone considering such theft. Details of how to apply for free SmartWater, as part of the In Memoriam 2014 programme, at www.warmemorials.org/im2014.

Grants for War Memorials - Sandridge, Hertfordshire

Sandridge war memorial is located at the entrance to the churchyard of St Leonard's Church which is on the High Street in Sandridge, St Albans in Hertfordshire ([WMO/109200](#)). The lychgate is Grade II listed and in Sandridge conservation area.

The timber-framed lychgate has a redbrick base. Its roof is pitched and covered by red tiles topped with a wrought iron cross finial. The roadside supporting cross arch carries an inscription and there are brass plaques on the front of the walls that carry a dedication to, and the names of, those of both World Wars who died. Those who served and returned from World War I are commemorated on wooden plaques on the inner faces of the roof.

In 2024, £3,970 from the Grants for War Memorials scheme, supported by Historic England, assisted repair and conservation works.

One contractor undertook repairs to the timber frame and replaced some damaged roof tiles. They also cleaned and re-pointed brickwork. Another contractor worked on the memorial boards and plaques. All were cleaned and legibility improved using appropriate techniques for each material. Failed varnish was removed from the timber and lettering re-painted. The copper plaques were cleaned, retaining the patina of age, and a protective wax applied. When returned to the site they were all re-attached to the memorial using non-ferrous screws.

The inscription on the arch reads: "Through the grave and gate of death we pass to our joyful resurrection". On the left hand metal plaque the dedication states: "To the glory of God this lychgate was erected in grateful memory of the Men of this Parish who gave their lives in the Great War 1914 - 1918 and keeps alive also the memory of those who fell in the World War of 1939 - 1945".

The memorial was erected to the design of the Architect, F W Phillips using local builders and craftsmen. It was dedicated on 24 December 1921 and unveiled by Colonel Henry Page Croft MP.



Sandridge before and after works © Jennifer Dundon, 2023 and 2024

Learning and Get involved

Learning

At this time of year War Memorials Trust's website, www.learnaboutwarmemorials.org, is at its busiest.

Some of the most popular downloads are those related to school assemblies as teachers look to include Remembrance in this term's activities.

There are sets of five assemblies for both primary and secondary school aged students. They can be delivered as a series or teachers can select one or more to use. Alongside slides, the primary assemblies have materials to support activities. This includes timeline and number cards so students can start to understand concepts such as when events took place and how many war memorials there are in the UK.

War memorial damage

Hertford, Hertfordshire (WM1272)

- The paving around this memorial was damaged by skateboarders.
- Other war memorials have also been damaged through inappropriate use.



Hertford, Hertfordshire (WM1272) © Brian Wingate, 2011

Some of the secondary age sessions have helpsheets for specific subjects or advice on planning visits. One of the sessions discusses the threats to war memorials and what they can do to address this. It includes the slide above which highlights damage to the Hertford war memorial due to skateboards being used on and around it.

These materials can also be used by youth groups or Sunday schools as starting points for discussion before embarking on some of the activities in the section of the website designed for them.

WMT Grants Scheme fundraising

Through 2024, the charity has had a focus on raising money for War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme. In 2023-24, grant spend doubled and almost all WMTGS funds were allocated at 31 March 2024.

This has meant that some grant applications in 2024-25 have been unsuccessful due to a lack of funds. Such cases are not rejected but are deferred offering the applicants the opportunity to be considered again in the next assessment round.

Funds available for grants do fluctuate as not all Grant Offers are accepted and some projects see costs fall so money can be returned to 'the pot'. For example, an award may include for sharpening and deepening lettering to improve legibility. After the initial cleaning takes place, if letters can be read that additional work is no longer needed so costs fall and the grant is reduced.

Thank you to everyone who has specifically donated to War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme this year. Your donations are making grants possible. Anyone interested in giving can find details on pages 15-16.

Projects assisted through War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme include Alston Moor in Cumbria ([WMO/162603](http://www.war-memorials-trust.org.uk/grants-scheme/WMO/162603)). In 2016, it received £6,230 towards repair, re-pointing, improving legibility of the lettering and cleaning. The image, below, courtesy of Alston Moor Parish Council, shows the dedication service for the war memorial.



To order, join or donate complete pages 15-16, detach and send to:

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Please use a stamp. Adding freepost to the address will incur a sizeable fee which WMT has to pay. **Thank you**

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Order form



War Memorials Trust

Please complete this order form and your details overleaf then send to the address on the left.

No.	Item	Total
	Set of 3 Trust pens at £6 (inc. p&p)	
	Set of 5 Trust pencils at £4 (inc. p&p)	
	Subtotal	
	Donation	
	Grand total	



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Donate directly to our bank account

You can donate directly with a bank transfer (Bacs). Please send an email, letter or return this form to let us know what your payment is for and, if possible, include your Supporter number. Some systems may fail these details at the Confirmation of Payee stage. CAF Bank is not on the CoP system yet (roll-out started with the big 6 banks) but these details are correct and you can still make a payment. You can check the details at www.warmemorials.org/donate.

Bank: CAF Bank Ltd
Account name: War Memorials Trust
Sort Code: 40 - 52 - 40
Account number: 00 - 03 - 60 - 05

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Please complete and return this form: Bulletin 103

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 2025
- Joint = two people at the same address/an organisation

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/ joint annual membership | £20/£30 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/joint life membership | £250/£350 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Donation to Annual Appeal of | £..... |
| <input type="checkbox"/> London Marathon sponsorship | £..... |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Donation of | £..... |

Please tick

- ☐ if you want a receipt
- ☐ if you want to Gift Aid your payment
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Payment

Already made

- ☐ Via the website, www.warmemorials.org/donate
- ☐ Bank transfer (see details on page 15)
(you can email info@warmemorials.org to let us know)

Enclosed

- ☐ Cheque made out to War Memorials Trust
- ☐ Cash
- ☐ Credit/debit card (complete details below and ensure a phone number or email is provided above in case of query)

Card number

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Merchandise

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War Memorials Trust sells a small number of merchandise items to help raise funds and awareness.

You can order them through the Bulletin, using the attached form, or online at www.warmemorials.org/shop. If an item is unavailable on the website shop then it has sold out and been removed.



Every purchase helps protect and conserve war memorials.



War Memorials Trust pencils and pens, including post and packaging, per pack cost:

5 pencils £4 or 3 pens £6