

## Appendix to News statement

### War Memorials Trust reports on cases of theft and vandalism to war memorials associated with war memorials during 2024-25



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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 2024-25. 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
Cambridgeshire	Steeple Morden	<a href="http://www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/memorial/151349">www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/memorial/151349</a>	Theft - Propeller has been removed	27/07/2024	Reported via War Memorials Online
	Peterborough	<a href="http://www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/memorial/220537">www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/memorial/220537</a>	Graffiti - Black graffiti sprayed onto war memorial	18/12/2024	<a href="#">Peterborough Today</a>
Dorset	Milborne St Andrew	<a href="http://www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/memorial/193479">www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/memorial/193479</a>	Vandalism - Poppy wreaths set on fire	28/01/2025	<a href="#">Daily Echo</a>
East Sussex	Brighton	<a href="http://www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/memorial/107078">www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/memorial/107078</a>	Vandalism - attempt to remove 'Palestine' from the list of conflicts	23/08/2024	<a href="#">The Argus</a>
London Borough of Bromley	Crystal Palace	<a href="http://www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/memorial/112529">www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/memorial/112529</a>	Theft – Trophy stolen from monument. Other earlier features have either been stolen or stored	18-25/8/24	<a href="#">Crystal Palace Park Trust news release</a>

Norfolk	Norwich	<a href="http://www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/node/103824">www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/node/103824</a>	Vandalism - damage to memorial and wreaths	29/11/2024	<a href="#">Eastern Daily Press</a>
Nottinghamshire	Nottingham Arboretum	<a href="http://www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/memorial/96781">www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/memorial/96781</a>	Theft - bell taken from the Chinese Bell Tower at The Arboretum	11/02/2025	<a href="#">BBC News</a>
Oxfordshire	Oxford	<a href="http://www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/memorial/163711">www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/memorial/163711</a>	Graffiti - Black paint sprayed over inscriptions with the word 'Thieves'	17/10/2024	<a href="#">Oxford Mail</a> <a href="#">BBC news</a>
Surrey	Knaphill	<a href="http://www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/memorial/254649">www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/memorial/254649</a>	Vandalism - damage reported	13/11/2024	Reported through WMO
Staffordshire	Leek	<a href="http://www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/memorial/110063">www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/memorial/110063</a>	Graffiti - Swastika scratched into stonework	31/03/2025	<a href="#">BBC news</a>

## Northern Ireland

County	Location	War Memorials Online	Nature of incident	Date of incident	Further details of story
None					

## Scotland

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Ayrshire	Dalrymple	<a href="http://www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/memorial/165409">www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/memorial/165409</a>	Theft - bronze plaques	25/10/24	Reported through WMO

## Wales

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Mid Glamorgan	Bridgend	<a href="http://www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/memorial/303244">www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/memorial/303244</a>	Attempted theft - plaque was damaged as a result	04/01/2025	Reported via War Memorials Online
West Glamorgan	Neath	<a href="http://www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/memorial/252507">www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/memorial/252507</a>	Theft - metal plaques stolen from Gates	24/07/2024	<a href="#">BBC News</a>