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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

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Annual membership: £20 individual or £30 joint
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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.

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Message from the Director

Dear Supporters

Welcome to our summer issue of WMT's Bulletin. As I write this, the weather is glorious but if it continues our gardens will soon be in need of a change. Speaking of gardens, our Trustees John Peat and Maggie Goodall were delighted to attend the Buckingham Palace Garden Party in May to represent the charity. John is one of our founding Trustees serving since 1997 when he signed the original Trust Deed. Maggie was WMT's first Conservation Officer, from 2000-03, before returning as a Trustee in 2019.



John and Maggie outside the Palace © K. Peat, 2025

As noted in the previous Bulletin, we have dropped the number of issues from four to three this year to help manage increasing costs. As such March, July and November will be our 2025 publication dates so this may be why it feels a little late.

This issue includes details of the latest staff changes on pages 4 and 5. Pages 6 and 7 provide a summary of the conservation objectives discussed in the 2024-25 Annual Report whilst page 14 covers the fundraising work. On pages 8 and 9, you will find details of the latest 'Can you help?' requests' whilst we report on three grant cases across pages 10-13. This includes Ainstable lychgate in Cumbria which appears on the **front cover** with a full article on page 10. The image is courtesy of H J Bellis. All three featured cases are in England as with fewer Grant Offers we cannot cover every part of the UK each issue.

We are very grateful to both Historic England and Historic Environment Scotland who recently confirmed that their funding for WMT will be extended. This means we can sustain Grants for War Memorials and have money available for war memorials in Scotland, alongside the funds raised by WMT.

We have not been able to include an article related to our Learning Programme in this publication. However, we were delighted to receive details of a VE Day tribute created by children and teachers at a nursery in Essex. They have shown how children are never too young to start remembering.

In recent months, we have been monitoring some legislative changes that may impact war memorials. Pastoral Measures are a means through which the Church of England manages various aspects of its work. There have been some changes recently which staff have assessed for any impact

on war memorials. WMT primarily engages with these in relation to proposals to close churches and responds to highlight any potential war memorial issues so that appropriate action can be taken. There are no 'hard and fast' rules in these circumstances but WMT can offer advice and assistance. The charity also continues to monitor proposals under the Crime and Policing Bill as it progresses through Westminster due to the provisions related to war memorials.

Finally, we would like to thank you for your ongoing support. We truly appreciate all the assistance from our members and supporters, in whatever form it takes. Together, **we still remember.**

Frances and the Team



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War Memorials Trust news - Goodbye Andrew McMaster

On 27th April 2025, I joined thousands of others to run the London Marathon. Nine years on from my last, the thought of training was daunting but I was driven on in knowing that many people had already made generous donations to WMT. I would like to thank everyone for their support.



Andrew McMaster crossing Tower Bridge
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it is with a heavy heart that I close this present chapter, as I will be leaving at the end of July. When I joined in 2015 we were a busy London office filled with staff and office volunteers, and the Trust's work around the centenary of World War I was in full swing. We worked together at pace to support communities coming together to conserve memorials.

The Marathon was especially poignant as I spent the previous few days in France at the unveiling of a new war memorial dedicated to 116 airmen killed in the Avesnois region of France, including my great-uncle Pilot Officer David Reid Tait. Their sacrifice was at the forefront of my mind as I arrived into London on the Eurostar late on Saturday night.

A cloudless sky led to temperatures of 22C / 71F on Sunday morning. Running through the streets I passed many of the city's war memorials, further reminding me of our cause. Supporters were out in force to cheer on the record number of marathon runners and their energy kept my legs moving as my brain cried 'stop!'. As I crossed the finish line at 4:07 I learned that in chasing the shade and dodging the crowd, I'd run nearly a whole extra mile!

Once again, I would like to thank everyone most sincerely for their words of support and encouragement as well as for the sponsorship received. To date, £2,870 has been raised including Gift Aid. This exceeded my original target of £2,000 but fell short of my revised target of £3,000. It is not too late to help me over that line - if you would like to sponsor my efforts, please complete the form on page 16 or visit www.warmemorials.org/marathon.

It also feels apt to have run the marathon in my final few months with WMT. After a wonderful decade as a Conservation Officer,

I am enormously grateful to have been able to work with other organisations during my time with WMT. These include CWGC, Historic Environment Scotland, Historic England and many others who value WMT's breadth of knowledge and experience. Our engagement has given WMT a voice in sector-wide discussions about both war memorial issues and broader debates on best conservation practice.

I believe we should all be proud of the incredible work the Trust delivers and its impact. From Stornoway on the Isle of Lewis to Ryde on the Isle of Wight, I have been honoured to represent the charity, meeting custodians who care deeply about our shared war memorial heritage and the sacrifices they honour. I have delivered talks and seminars across the country to both young and old, and been delighted to represent the Trust at local and national commemorative events.

Most profoundly, I have been impressed by the incredible people I have met, the colleagues past and present I now call friends, and the support that our members, volunteers, Trustees and Director have given me. I will carry these memories, experiences and friendships with me through my next chapters and always. I close by thanking everyone who supports the work of this wonderful, wee, remarkable charity.

Yours aye, Andrew McMaster

War Memorials Trust news

Welcome

WMT is delighted to welcome two new members of the Team. Mediha Rasul has joined as Administrator with David Start becoming an Office Volunteer to support our digitisation efforts.

Mediha Rasul

I joined War Memorials Trust in June 2025 as an Administrator. My previous experience covers a wide range of sectors from education to climate journalism and civil society organisations. I hold a Politics and International Studies Degree from the University of Warwick, where I developed an interest in the societal impacts of war and conflict. Whilst at University, I wrote a piece on the role of the Red Poppy in remembrance, and how this has evolved from its inception as a memorial tool. This formed part of my wider study of war in the 21st century.

I am excited by the opportunity to hone my skills further and continue to pursue my interests in political history and the community aspect of war and remembrance. I look forward to contributing to the team at WMT and widening my knowledge on war memorials across the country as well as best conservation practice in regard to their care.

David Start

I have been a member of WMT for several years and, having recently gained some time to volunteer, I contacted the Team to discuss opportunities. With a broad employment background including the Post Office, shipping and, most recently, a Garden Centre, I felt I could bring a range of skills.

Having met up with Frances in the office, we discussed WMT's desire to digitise its paper records to ensure information is available to both staff working at home and the public through War Memorials Online. I am now working my way through paper and photographic records with the aim of scanning and adding details to the website during my weekly trip to Farringdon.

Conservation News

In April, WMT published its latest News Statement detailing the information it had gathered on theft, vandalism and anti-social behaviour cases in 2023-24. It reported a significant fall in the number of cases of theft, vandalism and other forms of anti-social behaviour directed at war memorials. Data available to the charity showed 13 incidents compared to 32 the previous year. This indicates that 0.00013% of war memorials in the UK were subject to such problems in 2024-25, compared to 0.03% in 2023-24.

Of the cases the charity was made aware of, and this is not necessarily all of them, there were 6 reports of theft or attempted theft in 2024-25, an increase of 1 on the previous period. Incidents of anti-social behaviour and graffiti fell from 18 to 7, whilst cases of vandalism fell from 9 to 4.



Stolen plaques at Gnoll Park Gates, Neath
© F Jones, 2024

One example was the theft of metal plaques from Gnoll Park Gates, Neath in Wales, shown above ([WMO/252507](#)). As regular readers may recall, our former Conservation Officer Ffion Jones left last summer for Neath Port Talbot Council so we were quickly alerted to this case as the council is responsible for the war memorial. A grant of £3,340 was awarded in April 2025 through WMT Grants Scheme to support the reinstatement of the plaques and we look forward to reporting on the completed works in a future issue.

War Memorials Trust news - 2024-25 Annual review

2024-25 marked the final year of WMT's three-year plan for 2022-25. Over the twelve months, the charity sought to deliver its objectives which support the protection and conservation of our war memorial heritage.

The full Annual Report and Financial Statements for 2024-25 will be uploaded to the website at www.warmemorials.org/financials when available with notifications on our social media. If you would like a hard copy, contact us using the details on page 2 and we can post one to you.

We have provided a summary here. It focuses on our four conservation objectives. Page 14 reports on the fifth objective related to fundraising.

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

War Memorials Online continues to gather data that informs our understanding of the condition of war memorials in the UK. The percentage in Poor and Very bad condition remained static at 2.3% i.e. an estimated 2,300 or 1 in 40 war memorials. The number recorded in Good condition increased from 70% to 71%, whilst those without a known condition fell from 15% to 14% suggesting that most of those where the condition is unknown are likely to be Good.

2,334 war memorials were addressed through our casework across the year of which 297 were new cases (2023-24: 2,114 and 287). 84% of casework related to war memorials in England, 10% in Scotland, 5% in Wales and 1% in Northern Ireland.

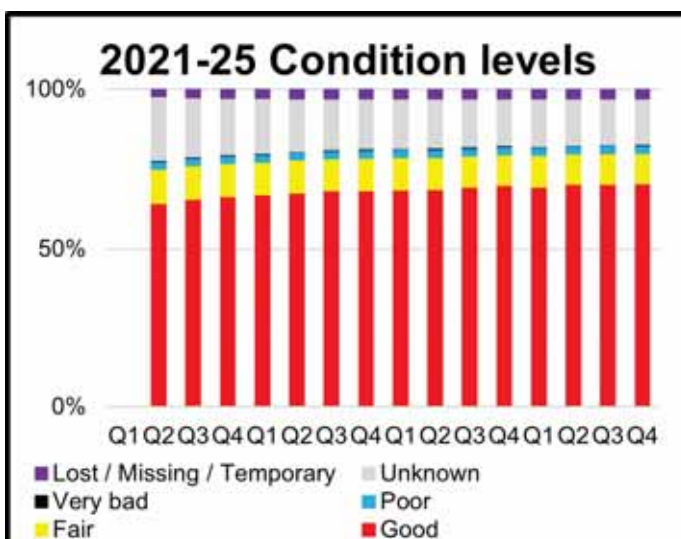
41 site visits were undertaken to gather information or meet custodians (2023-24: 66). Around 8,500 people received one, or more, copies of the Trust's Bulletin which helps promote our work and raise funds. Due to rising costs, it was decided to reduce the publication from 4 to 3 issues each year in 2025.

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 support available from WMT

774 enquiries were dealt with in 2024-25 (2023-24: 542). Enquiries and casework numbers vary but combined annual totals have remained very similar over recent years. Enquiries are general questions or requests for non-technical advice such as identifying where a relative is commemorated.

Grant applicants are asked about their understanding of best conservation practice on the Application Form and the Completion Report. At 31st March 2025, 27 of the 35 projects supported in 2023-24 had been completed as Grant Offers are open for 12 months with grants paid at the end. At the start, 60% of applicants rated their understanding of best conservation practice as Good or Excellent. This fell to 43% at the end which is not necessarily a negative. It may reflect over-confidence and that working with WMT applicants have broadened their appreciation of the complexity of the subject. 8% did not rate their understanding at a specific level but felt it was better than at the start (2022-23: 31%/43% and 9%).

The Trust has sustained its social media platforms on X (Twitter) @WarMemorials and Instagram @warmemorialstrust. We believe these are engaging new audiences and attracting potential supporters.



War Memorials Trust news - 2024-25 Annual review

3. To enhance public engagement with, and the recognition of local responsibility for, war memorials

Limited progress has been made on the first element of this objective to develop a Digital Engagement Strategy. This is mainly due to capacity issues. Addressing this remains important to avoid losing enquiries or support from people who cannot engage as they want to online. The strategy will ensure a balance between traditional communication channels and online as WMT remains committed to providing access for everyone.

War Memorials Online Contributor numbers topped 3,000 following the changes implemented to manage 'spam' accounts. WMT thanks everyone who contributes to the website and shares their knowledge of our war memorials.

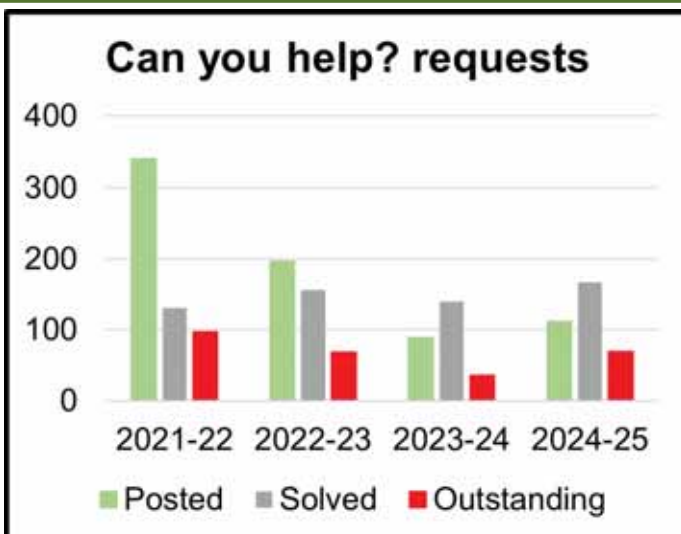
'Can you help? requests' and mystery war memorials cases enable people to assist our casework directly. Around 1,000 'Can you help? requests' have been posted since 2019 with 70% solved. Thank you to everyone who has responded over the years. Your contributions make a real difference. Another batch can be found overleaf open to all.

4. To sustain access to grant funding to support repair and conservation works in-line with best conservation practice

In 2024-25, 21 Grant Offers were made with projects sharing £76,880 (2023-24: 33 - £191,950). Of this, War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme aided 13 memorials with grants of £27,120 whilst Grants for War Memorials, supported by Historic England, assisted 8 cases to share £49,760 (2023-24: WMTGS – 20 - £130,610 and GfWM – 13 - £61,340).

Awards ranged from £290 to £23,340 (2023-24: £280 and £25,000). Grants were made to projects in England, Scotland and Wales with no applications from Northern Ireland.

106 Grants Pre-application enquiries were submitted in 2024-25 compared to 133 in 2023-24 and 101 the year before.



17% of 2024-25 Pre-applications were rejected which was higher than the 11% and 13% in the previous two years. Enquiries are rejected if works are ineligible, inappropriate e.g. over-cleaning or too low a priority e.g. a war memorial is in Fair condition and the works are more maintenance than repair.

Any rejections are explained and best conservation practice advice is given to help encourage people to take appropriate action or deter them from undertaking unnecessary works. With less money available, more rejections due to projects being too low a priority were sent. If applicants will not be successful we do not want them to waste time completing the Application Form.

Feedback from applicants has included:

"Residents are pleased the Parish Council are carrying out the survey to preserve the war memorial."

"WMT support team were excellent in their communication both in terms of timely responses and what we needed to submit along with clear guidance if anything submitted was not quite sufficient."

Overall, WMT feels it delivered on its objectives in 2024-25. It assisted more people and sustained its work in challenging financial circumstances. None of this could have been achieved without the help of our members and supporters so **thank you for all your advocacy and aid, it really does make a difference.**

Public Engagement - Can you help?



All images after work: Workman, Clark and Co (WM8326) © Catalyst Inc, 2019; Llanddewi Brefi (WM11343) © Elliott Ryder Conservation, 2018 and Evanton (WM9070) © Highland Council, 2018

Our regular readers will be familiar with our 'Can you help? Requests' that we post on our website [War Memorials Online](https://www.warmemorials.org). These are war memorials the Trust has actively been involved with through our grant schemes or are working on as part of our casework. We now need new information on them.

Our focus in this issue is on war memorials in the devolved nations, which received funding during the World War I centenary. Since then we have not had a condition update. In each case we would be grateful if someone could visit the memorial to take photos and check its condition. It may also be that while checking these you can identify others that need attention and might benefit from advice or grant assistance.

Ideally, this information would be added directly to the relevant War Memorials Online record using the yellow 'Submit a new image' and 'Submit a condition update' buttons. You can also send information to us at conservation@warmemorials.org or 70 Cowcross Street London EC1M 6EJ. If you print and post photographs, keep them to their original size i.e. do not increase the size to print on A4. This reduces their quality and makes it harder to zoom in for detail.

The Workman, Clark and Co war memorial is situated on the side wall of the original pump house of the Titanic Dock in Belfast, Northern Ireland ([WMO/160875](https://www.warmemorials.org/record/WMO/160875)). The memorial was originally installed in the North Yard of Workman, Clark and Co. It was commissioned by Mr and Mrs Frank Workman to commemorate over 120 men from the shipyard including their son Edward who fell in the Great War. After the shipyard closed, the memorial was moved to its current position.

In 2018, £1,780 was offered through War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme for a Professional Advice Grant undertaken by a conservation-accredited Architect. This supported a condition survey and report with recommendations to inform necessary repair and conservation works. A further grant of £4,710 helped implement the proposals which saw an aluminium powder coated frame with one fixed pane and two glass doors with locks installed in 2019 to help protect the memorial.

Further details of all these cases, and others, can be found on our Grants Showcase at www.warmemorials.org/search-grants.

Public Engagement - Can you help?

Evanton war memorial cross is at the junction of Balconie Street and Drummond Road in the Highlands, Scotland ([WMO/192090](#)). It was unveiled on 13th September 1928 by Major General Sir William Thomson. The ruined church of Kiltarn is near Evanton and the original war memorial unveiling programme refers to it as Kiltarn war memorial hence both names are shown on War Memorials Online.

In 2018, a Centenary Memorials Restoration Fund grant of £5,540, supported by Historic Environment Scotland and the Scottish government, assisted repair and conservation works. This included cleaning of the stonework using wooden spatulas to address the organic growth whilst natural bristle brushes and low pressure water dealt with the pollutants and surface dirt. Additionally, the pointing was removed and replaced with lime mortar. The failed concrete surface on the raised platform was re-laid whilst work was also carried out to replace two ferrous drain pipes with copper ones. A missing T on the inscription was replaced in the same style and the lettering was re-painted.

Llanddewi Brefi war memorial is located in the centre of Llanddewi Brefi cemetery in Ceredigion, Wales ([WMO/253920](#)). The figure of the soldier was sculpted by E.J. Williams of Llanybydder. In 2018, £930 was awarded from War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme alongside a larger grant of £4,333 from Cadw's Grants for War Memorial scheme. This supported the replacement of inappropriate mastic in the construction joints with lime mortar and the cleaning of the sculpture. The marble was in 'Poor' condition due to previous inappropriate cleaning.

These 3 cases are examples of over 300 'Can you help? Requests' currently posted on War Memorials Online. If you would like to get involved you can find requests by heading to the [Memorials page](#), entering a postcode and the distance you are willing to travel and filtering by 'Can you help' under condition. Alternatively, you can view them on a map by selecting the 'Can you help' option for condition under the keyword search to locate

www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/search?keyword=&search=1&conditionLevelIds=10.

You may want to search for local war memorials or perhaps use some as stopping points as you drive to visit friends, family or reach your holiday destination. We would like to thank all of our War Memorials Online Contributors for their help.

Mystery 66 update

Mystery 66, the plaque which commemorates the fallen of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company has featured in a number of recent Bulletins. We would like to thank our readers for their ongoing help with this case.

John Maloney has been researching the history of the memorial and has been in contact with offices in both Hong Kong and London. From a 1922 newspaper article he has confirmed that the memorial was unveiled in the then HQ of Jardine Matheson, Hong Kong. The trail goes cold when they moved offices in 1973, although we know it was not moved to the UK.

We would also like to thank David Hodge for the information and addresses he provided. His suggestion to contact the Hong Kong Maritime Museum is a further port of call.

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WMT Grants Scheme - Ainstable, Cumbria



Ainstable war memorial is located at the entrance to the churchyard of St Michael and All Angels Church in Ainstable, Cumbria ([WMO/172845](#)). The lychgate has a timber frame set upon a pink sandstone base. A commemorative slate tablet is sited on the inside of the lychgate. It now remembers 10 men who fell in World War I, having originally listed 11. There is a space where a name has been removed as shown in the bottom picture. Presumably, the individual was believed missing but later returned.

In 2024, a grant of £1,420 from War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme, supported by voluntary contributions, assisted repair and conservation works. Several parts of the timber frame, including the base of the supports and the wall plates, were rotten. In-line with best conservation practice, the minimal amount of timber was carefully removed and new seasoned oak used to reinstate the original profile of the structure. Moreover, loose stonework at the base, and associated with the adjacent wall, was repaired, re-set and re-pointed using an appropriate lime mortar.

J H Martindale, an ecclesiastical architect based in Carlisle, designed the memorial. He was involved with several local war memorials in the early 1920's. The stonework was carried out by Issac Armstrong of Low Hesket, the carpentry by R & G Harrison of Ainstable and the tablet was carved by Messrs Beattie of Carlisle.

The memorial was unveiled in 1934, replacing an earlier lychgate. Some of the timbers used at that time were stated as coming from HMS Defiant. This ship was described in the Application Form as being "the last wooden walled line-of-battleship launched for the Royal Navy in 1861 and broken up in 1932".

The inscription reads:

"In Memoriam 1914-1918

They have passed out of the warfare of this world into the peace of God"

Ainstable lychgate (WM12626): Top - before and the rest - after works © H J Bellis, 2023 and 2024

WMT Grants Scheme - Shrub End, Essex

Shrub End war memorial is located on Shrub End Road in Colchester, Essex. The front face of the concrete Cenotaph carries a raised carving of a wreath and a stone inscription panel. The inscription reads "To The Glorious Dead 1914 - 1918. The World War 1939-45" ([WMO/137718](#)).

Led by local resident, Kevin Starling, a War Memorial Conservation and Restoration Group was formed by the community to address safety concerns around the war memorial. In 2022, a Grants Pre-application form was submitted to WMT seeking help. Following consultations with relevant bodies, £1,170 was awarded as a Professional Advice Grant through War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme supported by voluntary donations. This enabled a report from a conservation-accredited Structural Engineer to be commissioned that provided options for works in-line with best conservation practice.

The complex nature of the case meant it took time to review the report and agree a way forward. With the war memorial being Grade II listed any works required Listed Building Consent from the local planning authority.

In 2024, a further grant of £17,180 from War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme, supported by voluntary gifts, was made to support repair and conservation works.

The construction of the memorial made it quite experimental at the time and means it is rare. The Cenotaph is made up of concrete blocks with steel reinforcements and concrete render. Over time, water had seeped into the structure through cracks in the surface which caused the condition to deteriorate. This was probably exacerbated by the removal of adjacent trees which caused subsidence to the land around the memorial.



Shrub End (WM2598) before and after works
© Shrub End Residents Association, 2023 and T Bellis, 2024

The grant-aided works required extensive recording of the site prior and during work. The structure was dismantled with as much original fabric as possible retained, in-line with best conservation practice. During the dismantling checks were made to identify how the wreath and plaque were attached to ensure they could be safely removed and appropriately reattached.

Elements were taken to a workshop where they were assessed by the project team to see how much of the original fabric could be used again. Fortunately, the material was in reasonable condition so it could be repaired and re-used rather than being replaced. Minor cleaning was undertaken of any elements which required this.

New foundations were dug at the site. It was agreed that the memorial's location would be altered slightly to avoid further subsidence. The Cenotaph was rebuilt with new fixings and dowels and then re-rendered with the plaques and wreath reinstated. Using mostly original material meant the best conservation practice approach was followed.

Grants for War Memorials - Pirbright

Pirbright war memorial stands in the churchyard of St. Michael and All Angels Church on Church Lane in Pirbright, Surrey ([WMO/100753](#)).

The wooden Calvary cross includes a finely carved oak Christ figure on a four-stepped stone plinth. The base of the memorial is paved with natural stone incorporating four rectangular plaques incised with dedications and the names of 48 local men who died in World War I and a further 11 who died in World War II. The cross is Grade II listed and located in Pirbright Conservation Area. As it is within the grounds of the church, a Faculty from the Diocese was required to undertake the work.



In December 2022, £7,650 was awarded through Grants for War Memorials scheme supported by Historic England towards repair and conservation works. As the top row of photographs show, the memorial had become structurally unsound. The base had rotted whilst the carved Christ figure was not only damaged but also tied to the Calvary due to concerns about its security. Staining on the inscription plaques showed where wreaths had trapped water.

The structure was carefully dismantled with the timber transported to a workshop. Whilst in the workshop there was a lot of discussion between various parties to identify the most appropriate treatments. This included the custodians, contractors, WMT and Historic England who were particularly interested in this case as an example of works to this type of memorial.

Site visits were undertaken to the workshop and a number of technical approaches reviewed before the works were completed. WMT recognises the patience of the custodian and community through the process and thanks the contractors for engaging to ensure an appropriate outcome that can be monitored.

The middle row of images shows repairs in progress. New timber was spliced-in to replace lost and rotted components. To match the original design intricate carving took place to fingers, arms, facial features and halo. The figure's left arm was retained and repaired with a combination of seasoned oak wood and specialist timber filler. This approach represents best conservation practice and the principle of retaining as much of the original fabric as possible.

The back of the neck and shoulders of the figure were also repaired and filled whilst the lead covering at the back of the figure's head and the top of cross was cleaned by hand. The base of the cross was repaired using five year old air dried European oak. The whole was finished using Tung oil before being reassembled on site. The oil enabled the new timber to be more closely matched to the older but more importantly acts as a protective layer to help preserve the timber.

The base and surrounding paving stones were realigned and carefully re-pointed in an appropriate lime mortar before the cross was reinstated. The inscription plaque, which includes two Maltese crosses, reads:

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

The memorial was unveiled on 13th August 1920 by the Bishop of Guildford, John Randolph. Frederick Brook Hitch (1897-1957), a prominent British sculptor, designed the Calvary. He was also responsible for elements of other memorials, including the Submariners Memorial ([WMO/112006](#)) and the Animals War Memorial Dispensary ([WMO/167219](#)) which are both in London.

Pirbright (WM10234) images to the right
Top row: before works © C Reynolds, 2022 and Pirbright Parish Council, 2023
Middle: repairs to the timber © R Dudman, 2024
Bottom: during/after works © W Thomas Restoration Ltd and Pirbright Parish Council, 2023 and 2024

Grants for War Memorials



Get involved - 2024-25 review

WMT's fifth objective is to "increase the money raised by the charity to deliver its vision to protect and conserve war memorials". This recognises the fundamental importance of fundraising for our organisation which relies on voluntary donations and grants. **Thank you to everyone who gave in 2024-25, your gift made a real difference.**

In 2024-25 income fell by around 36% from £416,612 to £265,000. However, £60,000 of the income showing in 2023-24 was actually received in 2024-25. Had that been recorded in the year it was deposited, the comparative drop in income would have been a less alarming 9%. For accounting purposes, legacy income should be recorded in the year a legacy was notified rather than the year the money was received. As such, it can significantly impact Financial Statements. The charity is aware of further legacy income in the pipeline but does not have timeframes for receipt yet. As the Bulletin goes to press we are in the midst of our Independent Examination by auditors so figures may change, especially if further legacy income has to be accrued.

In 2024-25, 4 new legacies were received in full totalling £2,080 (2023-24: 2 - £5,604). The Trust recognises the wonderful gifts from Frances Bennetts, Michael Blake, John Blakeman and David Gammage. In addition, interim payments from the Estates of Robin Perry and Daphne Northcott were passed on. The charity also appreciates the In Memoriam gifts it receives following funerals.

In 2024-25, 25 applications to Trusts and Foundations were submitted compared to 52 the previous year. However, two of these were for long-term commitments from Historic England and Historic Environment Scotland so required more input.

The Trust would like to pay **particular thanks** for their support in 2024-25 to A E B Charitable Trust, D G Albright Charitable Trust, George Cadbury Fund, Hartnett Conservation Trust, Historic England, Historic Environment Scotland, Sir Edward Lewis Foundation, Stevenson Family's Charitable Trust, The 29th May 1961 Charitable Trust, The A M Fenton Trust, The Scott (Eredine) Charitable Trust and The Stonewall Park Charitable Trust. As well as R Broyd, G Cuttle, P Coates, Lady Getty, J Howe, T W Merrick, Earl of Portsmouth and I Stevenson.

Membership numbers continued to drop which is a challenge facing almost all membership organisations. People seem more inclined to be irregular donors than to 'join' but with a strong renewal rate of over 80% the Trust is extremely grateful to its existing annual members whose subscriptions provide regular income.

Payments by Direct Debit increased significantly in 2024-25 with standing orders falling as the bank account changes made by the charity meant many people opted to move to Direct Debit. WMT can set these up for donors so should you wish to start a Direct Debit then please get in touch.



Randolph Churchill and Colin Bell
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Our 3-year appeal for 2023-25 continues to seek donations. We will be reaching out to many of you again this summer. The target is £150,000 and at the start of June 2025 £86,000 had been raised. This means we still need to secure £64,000. It is an ambitious target but it is important to reach it to sustain our work. We appreciate the ongoing support of Colin Bell, shown with Randolph Churchill, who has said "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**".

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70 Cowcross Street
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Account name: War Memorials Trust
Sort Code: 40 - 52 - 40
Account number: 00 - 03 - 60 - 05

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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.



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