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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 2026):

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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This recyclable plastic ensures the Bulletin arrives with you nice and dry so you can read in comfort without the risk of any ink running.

Message from the Director

Dear Supporters

Thank you to everyone who has supported our 2023-25 Appeal linked to the 80th anniversary of World War II. In particular, Flt Lt Colin Bell DFC AE who undertook 50 missions over Germany in his Mosquito. Colin is shown right, with our Trustee Randolph Churchill, aboard PS Waverley. As Colin says, "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."

We remain £20,000 short of our 3-year target of £150,000. If you can consider a first, or further, donation we would be incredibly grateful. Turn to pages 14-16 for further details or use the QR code, right, to access the donation page from your mobile phone, tablet or another device.

Our work received further validation last autumn when the government announced that War Memorials Trust is amongst the organisations it seeks to work with to allocate £2 million of new funding for war memorials. The charity is extremely excited about the opportunity outlined in more detail on page 4.

But, any additional funding does not remove the need to raise money to sustain our wider charitable work. It remains vital to spread the word, increase awareness and generate donations. To that end, page 14 discusses how you can help grow our strength through 'Gift memberships' alongside a further update on our appeal.

If you have ideas to help our fundraising then please use the enclosed Supporter Survey, to tell us about them. Page 5 has more information about the survey and its key issues. We would be very grateful if you can complete and return it.

Naseby war memorial lion features on our **front cover**. Thanks to Naseby Parish Council for the image. Further details of this grant-aided project can be found on page 11 with additional grant cases featured on pages 10, 12 and 13.



Scan the QR
code to donate
to our Appeal



Finally, some thanks. First to our former Conservation Officer, Andrew McMaster who delivered a talk in November at St Mary's Lochee in Dundee. We are happy to receive requests for speakers but limited staff capacity will influence whether we can attend. Details of helpful information to provide when requesting a speaker can be found at www.warmemorials.org/speakers.

And secondly, to our volunteers. George Sylvester joined us for several weeks last year, in a short-term office role, whilst Chris Williams has been coming into Cowcross Street once a week for the last few months. Both have been supporting our efforts to digitise our paper files to make as much information as possible available to all on War Memorials Online. This compliments the amazing efforts of remote Contributors who are updating records and sharing current information online. Pages 7-9 of this issue offer opportunities for everyone to get involved, especially when it comes to identifying 'mystery memorials'.

Thank you so much for your support.

Best wishes
Frances and the Team

War Memorials Trust news - New £2 million fund

On 9th November 2025, the Department for Culture, Media and Sport announced a £2 million:

“Funding boost to protect war memorials across the country for future generations”

The government intends to work with The National Heritage Memorial Fund, War Memorials Trust, Historic England and other partners to “support communities across the UK to protect and repair their local war memorials through grants, expert advice and guidance, ensuring these historic memories can continue to serve as places for remembrance and education”. Further details can be found at www.gov.uk/government/news/funding-boost-to-protect-war-memorials-across-the-country-for-future-generations.

In the November press release, Culture Secretary, Lisa Nandy said:

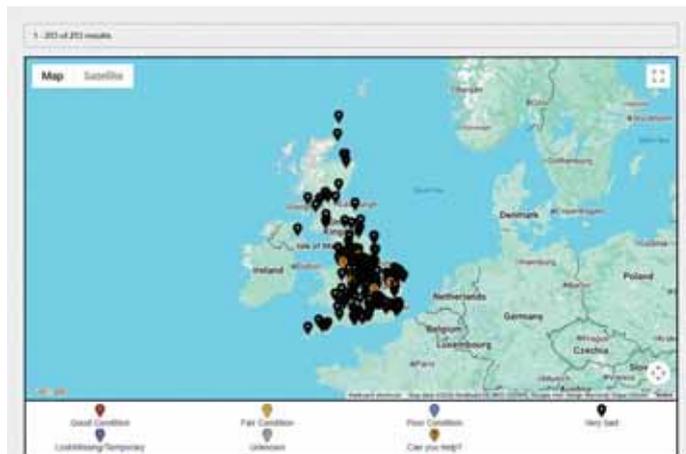
“War memorials are more than historic structures. They are sacred spaces where communities come together to remember those who gave their lives for our freedom.

As we mark Remembrance Sunday and reflect on the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War, it is our duty to ensure these memorials are conserved with the dignity and respect they deserve.

This funding will help communities across the country preserve these vital tributes, so that the sacrifices of all who have served, past and present, are never forgotten and their legacy endures for generations to come.”

Whilst War Memorials Trust’s Director, Frances Moreton was quoted as follows:

“The UK’s 100,000 war memorials remind us all of the millions whose lives have been ended, or impacted, by it. Preserving these shared symbols helps us all to understand the consequences of conflict, encourage later generations to avoid such suffering and continue to say, we still remember.”



Unfortunately, the announcement did not get as much media coverage as we might have expected. However, that is providing time to discuss the details and ensure the funding can be used as effectively as possible.

War Memorials Trust hopes the funding will be focussed on war memorials in Very bad or Poor condition. If so, War Memorials Online will be an important tool to identify beneficiary cases. The map above shows the 253 war memorials currently considered as being in Very bad condition across the UK.

If you have been meaning to get in touch about a war memorial concern please do let us know **now** via the website, by email or post. The more information we have, the better our ability to ensure the money gets to those war memorials which need it most.

November’s press release highlighted that “Anyone concerned about the condition of a war memorial can contact the charity or share information directly to War Memorials Online where more than 3,000 people are already updating details about UK war memorials www.warmemorials.org.uk.”

Turn to page 7 for more information about using War Memorials Online. Or, contact the Conservation Team on 020 7233 7356, conservation@warmemorials.org or War Memorials Trust, 70 Cowcross Street, London EC1M 6EJ.

We are always happy to provide individual advice to help you log on, add information or upload photographs.

War Memorials Trust news - Supporter Survey

Every three years, WMT circulates its Supporter Survey, seeking your thoughts on activities past, present and future.

In 2023, we highlighted a link to an online survey due to a lack of capacity to process returned papers forms. We are now fortunate to have some Office Volunteers to help with that admin, so we are again doing this through the enclosed paper form to generate a better response.

You should have received a copy of the Supporter Survey and envelope with your Bulletin. We would be very grateful if you could complete the form and return it to us in the freepost envelope. Using a stamp will save us money but you can return it without - we want to hear everyone's thoughts. If you did not receive a copy, and want one, please contact us on 020 7834 0200, info@warmemorials.org or War Memorials Trust, 70 Cowcross Street London EC1M 6EJ.

As ever, we are aware of the importance of balancing the increasing expectations about the quality of our online presence with the need to maintain offline options such as telephone and paper communications. These surveys help us measure supporter thoughts and make changes in-line with both our supporter and service-user needs.

For example, one important statistic relates to whether people are interested in receiving the Bulletin by email. With postal costs rising, many people assume moving to email will save money. However, email options are not necessarily cheaper as we need the right technology and systems in place. In addition, whilst sending an email reduces our paper usage it does increase our 'digital footprint'. Most importantly, we know some supporters are not online and would lose their connection to our work if the Bulletin was not sent in the post.

Supporter survey 2026



You and War Memorials Trust (WMT)

1. Which of the following defines your relationship to WMT? Tick all that apply.

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual annual member	<input type="checkbox"/> Joint annual member	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual donor
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual life member	<input type="checkbox"/> Joint life member	<input type="checkbox"/> Interested Individual
<input type="checkbox"/> Trust/Foundation	<input type="checkbox"/> Organisation	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please explain below)

2. If you are a member we are interested in understanding how important being a member, as opposed to a supporter/donor is to you. Please tick the one statement you agree with most.

Being a member is important as it gives me a sense of belonging

I am a member because I wanted to join rather than just donate

I am a member because that is how I was asked to support the charity

I am an annual member because I like to make an annual gift

I am a life member because I wanted to make a significant single gift

I am a member because I like to receive the Bulletin

Membership is not that important to me, I would be happy to donate as a supporter

Other (please explain below)

3. How did you first become aware of WMT? Please tick the one statement you agree with most.

<input type="checkbox"/> Advertising/media coverage	<input type="checkbox"/> Bulletin/WMT leaflet	<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation advice
<input type="checkbox"/> Events/fak	<input type="checkbox"/> Learning website	<input type="checkbox"/> War Memorials Online site
<input type="checkbox"/> WMT website	<input type="checkbox"/> WMT staff member	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please explain below)

4. What interests led you to become involved with WMT? Tick all that apply.

<input type="checkbox"/> Armed forces/military	<input type="checkbox"/> Assistance from WMT	<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation
<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Genealogy	<input type="checkbox"/> Heritage/history
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please explain below)		

5. Do you feel that people are more aware of WMT than they were 3 years ago?

Yes No Please explain below any thoughts on why this might be ...

Supporting WMT

6. If you pay your annual subscription in response to a renewal letter, would you still respond if WMT adjusted the month your subscription was requested? To help reduce administration costs, the charity may move all annual renewals to the same month so the letters could be done as a single job rather than twelve times a year.

Yes No Not applicable Please provide any comments below ...

Thank you

in advance for getting involved and helping shape the work of War Memorials Trust.

Some key issues within the Supporter Survey are highlighted here, so if they matter to you please let us know.

Help develop new websites

We have added some questions about our websites as we look to develop them. If you would like to help test or contribute to the development work, this is your opportunity to indicate your interest.

Changing membership renewal dates

For those of you who pay their annual subscription in response to the annual renewal letter we send out (as opposed to having a Direct Debit or standing order set-up) we have a question about changing the month when you pay. It would help us to reduce our administration costs if we could do a single mailing to all our annual members once a year rather than doing a few letters every month. As such we are asking you if you would be happy to see us adjust your renewal date in the future. If you wish to continue paying on a specific day or month we would request that you move to a Direct Debit or standing order rather than receiving the reminder letter.

Support local projects

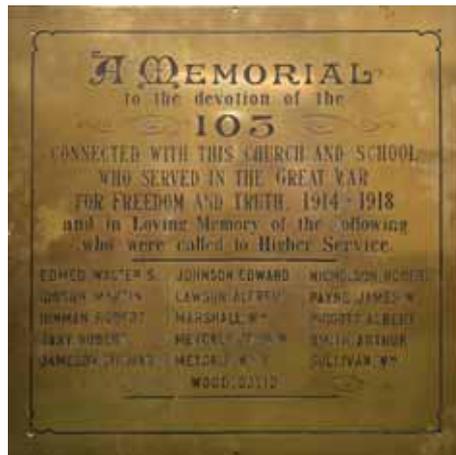
Depending on how the government money discussed on page 4 is delivered, there may be opportunities for members to offer their support to progress some of our most challenging cases. For example, a member might lead a project or help others to fundraise, find contractors and follow best conservation practice. If this might be of interest, let us now. There may be some overlap with the former Regional Volunteer role but if this is developed it will be structured to help custodians more directly.

War Memorials Trust casework - a rescued plaque

In May 2025, War Memorials Trust was alerted to a war memorial listed for sale by an auction house. It was a small wooden table topped with a brass plaque commemorating 103 people who served in the Great War with the names of 16 who died listed. It was connected with a 'Church and School'.

Research identified it as originating from Queen Street Methodist Church in South Shields, Tyne and Wear ([WMO/283021](#)). It is believed the congregation moved to Westoe Methodist Church in 1943 which then closed in 2022. The Queen Street Methodist Church building became The Merchant Navy Club in the 1940s and then a shop called Blundells before being demolished in the 1970s. When and why the plaque was removed is unclear but it was saved and remained with an individual until they died elsewhere in the country. The sale had been proposed as a way of ensuring the plaque survived rather than being lost if the metal was scrapped.

We contacted Dominic Winter Auctioneers in Gloucestershire to raise concerns about the sale. The auctioneers had also been contacted by members of the public who were equally troubled. Following positive discussions involving the auctioneers, the owner, the Trust and other groups such as North East War Memorials Project, South Shields Local History Group and South Shields Museum, it was agreed that the best place for the war memorial was back in the community from which it originated.



Queen Street Methodist Church
© Terry Ford 2025

The plaque was removed from sale, detached from the table top it had been secured to and is now being stored by South Shields Museum until a permanent home can be found. The Trust would like to thank the owner and Dominic Winter Auctioneers for responding so positively. The outcome for Queen Street Methodist Church plaque is the exception rather than the rule, many sellers decide to go ahead in these circumstances.

We are often contacted about war memorials that are listed for sale. We have advice about what you can do in these circumstances including how to raise your concerns. Often sellers are unaware of the charity, or the help we can offer, so we aim to be constructive rather than critical. We raise our concerns, offer alternative approaches to selling and try to engage them, and the owners, to find a positive outcome. If a sale is time-sensitive, please make contact directly as we cannot guarantee we will pick reports up quickly enough, especially if they are submitted out of working hours. Our helpsheet 'War memorials for sale' can be downloaded from www.warmemorials.org/helpsheets/#W.

However, it would always be better if these war memorials did not end up in this situation at all. If you are concerned about the future of a war memorial, planning ahead is key. Contact us to discuss options. We are happy to provide advice to anyone concerned about war memorials located within buildings with an uncertain future including churches.

War Memorials Trust gratefully acknowledges the support of



as well as The John Cowan Foundation and The D C Moncrieff Charitable Trust

Public Engagement - Can you help?

Thank you to everyone who helped solve 93 'Can you help?' requests in 2025. 'Can you help?' requests are cases War Memorials Trust needs help with. These include situations where people submit We get concern reports without photographs or enough information to enable us to progress. Or, war memorials which have previously received funding needing a check to ensure the works have not failed.

We therefore ask others to assist by posting 'Can you help?' requests on War Memorials Online then highlighting them here and social media. People can visit war memorials to take photos and get up-to-date condition information. Appropriate action can then be taken by staff such as providing conservation advice to the memorial's custodian, offering information about grant funding or discussing maintenance.

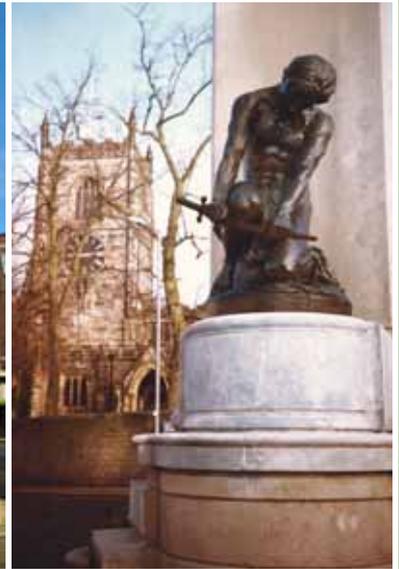
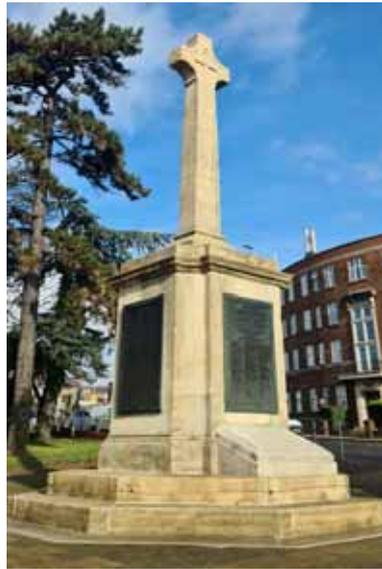
We usually have over 300 live 'Can you help?' requests' and add more every month. All live 'Can you help?' requests' can be found at www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/search?keyword=&search=1&conditionLevelIds=10

To find cases near you:

1. Go to www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk
2. Select Memorials from the blue banner at the top
3. Select 'Location search'
4. Put your postcode in the search box
5. Select the radius you are willing to travel e.g. 'within 5 miles'
6. Click the +Filter results option
7. Select 'Can you help' under condition
8. Click the yellow button 'Filter results'

If there are no cases within your area, you can select 'Unknown' rather than 'Can you help' under condition to see records that need condition information added. You can also check records in areas near to you to see when they were last visited.

On each record, we are trying to generate a timeline of images so adding new photographs on a regular basis helps this.



Left: Hendon © London Borough of Barnet, 2023; Right Skipton © Skipton Town Council, 2022

Some of our most recent 'Can you help?' requests' are featured here:

Hendon war memorial is located on Watford Way (A41) in Hendon, London NW4 3AQ ([WMO/139633](https://www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/record/WMO/139633)). The memorial is Grade II listed and received £3,070 in 2021 through the Grants for War Memorials scheme, supported by Historic England. The grant assisted works to steam clean the stonework, re-point the joints with lime mortar, undertake stone repairs where cracking had occurred and works to the bronze plaques.

Skipton war memorial is on the High Street in Skipton, North Yorkshire BD23 1DT ([WMO/136245](https://www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/record/WMO/136245)). Likewise it is Grade II listed and also received funding from the Grants for War Memorials grant scheme supported by Historic England. £2,200 assisted conservation and repair works in 2022.

If you can help with either of the cases featured above, or would like to get involved, with others in your area then visit www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk. Please add your photos and condition updates directly to the relevant War Memorials Online record or send details to the Conservation Team on conservation@warmemorials.org or War Memorials Trust, 70 Cowcross Street, London, EC1M 6EJ. Call us on 020 7233 7356 to discuss any issues. **Thank you.**

Public Engagement - Mystery memorials



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Middle: Hilgay © Norman Highnam 2021 via WMO; Rest © Colin McIntyre, 1990ish

Mystery memorial cases are where we have a photo of the memorial but no other information. We are therefore looking to identify them. Whilst staff can spot some familiar cases, we need your help with solving others. In this issue, we provide an update on a recent case, alongside a brand new batch of mysteries for 2026.

We are pleased to report that Mystery war memorial 52 which featured in November's Bulletin (mistakenly titled 71), was solved by our reader Daniël de Groot. It is Hilgay war memorial, Norfolk ([WMO/255929](#)). Above left is the mystery image and in the middle a recent photograph.

In December, we posted a 'Mystery memorial Christmas challenge' on our social media platforms. We used historic photos, hoping to find out which memorials these were. Thanks to our followers, we were able to match Mystery 36 with St Peter and St Pauls Parishioners memorial in West Clandon, Surrey ([WMO/100872](#)). There are still a few which we have not been able to identify.

Please **follow us** at [@WarMemorials](#) on X and [@WarMemorialsTrust](#) on Instagram for additional mystery memorial cases and let us know if you can help.

Above right, and on the next page are the mysteries for 2026. Do any of the memorials pictured here look familiar to you? Memorial features, setting, surrounding buildings and sign posts can all be useful clues. They may not be war memorials, or even in this country but even knowing that is helpful as we can note this is outside our remit. We have tried using reverse searches online but there is not enough detail to find matches.

These new mysteries are from a collection of photos gifted to the charity and taken in the 1990s by Colin McIntyre. Some of the material features in his book 'Monuments of War' (ISBN: 9780709040279).

Do you recognise any? If you have any answers or ideas, please let us know on conservation@warmemorials.org, 020 7233 7356 or War Memorials Trust, 70 Cowcross Street, London EC1M 6EJ.

Please provide the mystery number and, ideally, the War Memorials Online reference number if we have a record for the memorial already. If you cannot use the website then please provide an address or location. If you have an idea for further research, please explain to help us follow that up. **Thank you!**

Public Engagement - Mystery memorials



WMT Grants Scheme - Church Bells



Left to right: Bridport Bell 5 in 1924 and after works © Unknown, 1924 and St Mary's Bridport, 2025 then Greetham St Mary's Bells being transported off-site for works © Greetham St Mary, 2025

Many communities chose bells as a war memorial; adding an aural element to their remembrance. Two War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme awards, supported by voluntary donations, that assisted works to repair bells have been recently paid. In both cases, SmartWater was applied as part of the [In Memoriam 2014](#) project seeking to deter the theft of metal from war memorials. It may seem unlikely they would be stolen but better safe than sorry, especially as it is free.

St Mary's Church in Bridport, Dorset is located on South Street. The church is in a conservation area and Grade I listed. Within the church tower there are eight bells, of which two are dedicated war memorials ([WMO/301705](#)).

In 2025, a grant of £2,200 assisted cleaning and conserving the main bearings as well as the housing of the bells.

The bells were cast and hung by Mears and Stainbank in 1925. Bell number 5 commemorates 2nd Lt Thomas David Colfox who died on 14th June 1918 aged 19 years old and Bell number 1 commemorates Edward Humphries who is believed to have been killed in action in 1914.

St Mary's Church in Greetham, Rutland is located on Church Lane. The church is in Greetham Conservation Area and is Grade I listed. Within the church tower there are a total of six bells, all of which are dedicated war memorials ([WMO/271504](#)).

In 2024, a grant of £5,000 assisted removing the bells, rebuilding the bell frame with new galvanised steelwork and a complete overhaul of the bell fittings.

In 1923, the local community raised £600 to fund the installation of a new steel bell frame. The original four bells were recast and an additional fifth bell was installed. These were dedicated on 30th June 1923 in a ceremony lead by Rural Dean Rev J H Charles. A further bell was installed in 1949 to commemorate the fallen of World War II. There are two brass plaques within the church that record the names of the fallen.

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WMT Grants Scheme - Naseby, Northamptonshire

Naseby war memorial is located at the junction of Church Street and School Lane in the Northamptonshire village ([WMO/155451](#)). A lion lies atop a rectangular Hornton Stone plinth which carries incised inscriptions commemorating the fallen of the World Wars.

In 2014, War Memorials Trust's Small Grants Scheme provided £729 towards conservation work. Areas of stone were deteriorating whilst cracks were also appearing. The memorial was cleaned using water, non-metallic bristle brushes and wooden spatulas. Disaggregating areas of stone, such as the feet, were consolidated using a nano-lime on a localised basis while loose stone was secured using 316 grade stainless steel pins and epoxy resin. The cracks were repaired and open joints were re-pointed using a lime mortar colour matched to the stonework.

In 2016, the war memorial was added to the National Heritage List for England at Grade II. Listing provides protection with any proposals for works necessitating discussion with the local authority and potentially requiring Listed Building Consent.

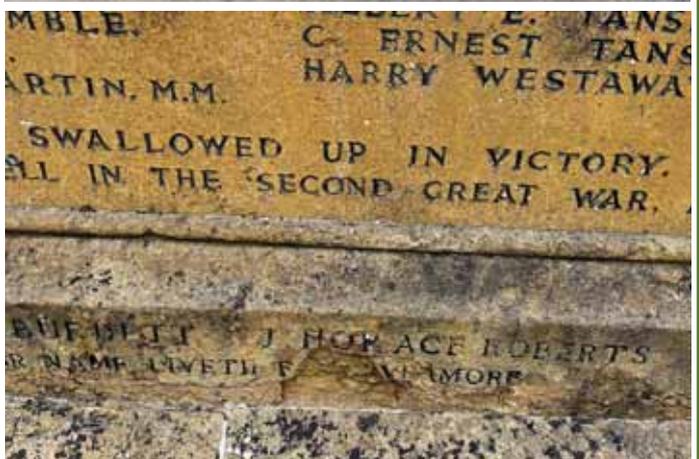
In 2025, War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme, supported by voluntary donations, provided a further grant of £2,430 towards the repair of the stone plinth. The works involved two new stone indents to replace the perished Great Tew Ironstone and the reinstatement of the inscriptions. There were also further localised mortar repairs to parts of the plinth and the base of the lion.

Naseby war memorial was designed and made by J G Pullen & Sons Monumental stone masons. It was dedicated on 6th March 1921. The inscription reads:

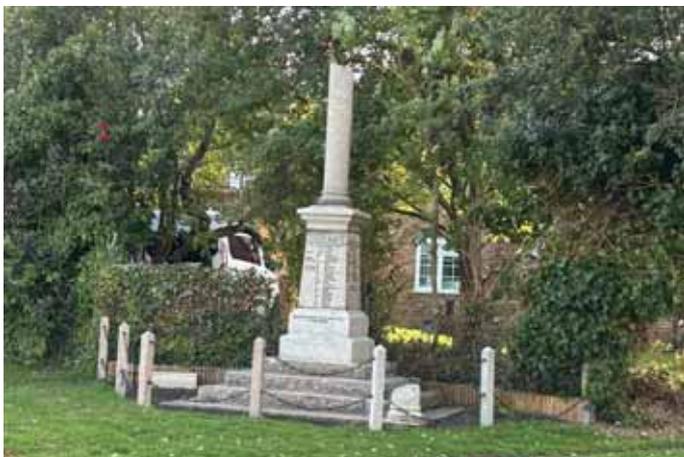
"To the glory of God
and in memory of the Naseby men
who gave their lives in the Great War, 1914-
1919.

Death is swallowed up in victory.
And to those who fell in the Second Great
War, 1939-1945."

Top to bottom: Naseby lion during and after works
© Gem Conservation, 2014 and before and after
works © Naseby Parish Council, 2025



Grants for War Memorials - East Markham, Nottinghamshire



Top to bottom: East Markham steps during works; then after with the broken section and the wider setting © East Markham Parish Council, 2025

East Markham war memorial stands on a triangular green in the middle of the village which is located on the eastern edge of Sherwood Forest in Nottinghamshire (WMO/085729).

The grey granite column is on a tapering triple plinth, standing on a three-stepped base faced with rough stone. The community chose a symbolic 'broken column'. The top of the column was deliberately broken to signify broken lives. The removed piece was placed in front of the memorial on a step. The memorial is surrounded by a flower bed with post and chain fencing. The lead lettering dedication and names are on the plinth.

The community has benefitted from two awards through the Grants for War Memorials Scheme supported by Historic England, formerly English Heritage. Similar works were funded given the length of time between the work.

In 2001-02, £395 assisted cleaning to remove organic growth using water and bristle brushes. The joints were re-pointed using a lime mortar mix, missing letters replaced to match the originals and loose letters re-fixed. The enamel was removed from the existing letters and re-painted.

In 2025-26, £2,290 was awarded towards work to clean the war memorial using a DOFF steam cleaning system. Cracks in the stonework were consolidated using mortar repairs and the war memorial was re-pointed using a lime mortar mix specified to match the original lime mortar as closely as possible. Finally, as the DOFF cleaning had removed a large amount of the paint on the lead lettering, these were repainted. As part of the In Memoriam 2014 initiative SmartWater was applied to deter theft.

The World War I inscription is accompanied by later dedications:

"Also
in grateful memory of
those who gave their lives
in the World War
1939 – 1945
Korea 1953"

Grants for War Memorials - Berkswell, West Midlands



Berkswell war memorial after works - alter, names and shrine © Berkswell Parish Council, 2025

Berkswell war memorial is located towards the eastern end of the graveyard at St John the Baptist church in Berkswell, near Coventry in the West Midlands ([WMO/106546](#)).

The open shrine is made from red sandstone. An internal altar carries three carved figures in high relief showing, from left to right, St George, Christ and St Nicholas. The names of the fallen from both World Wars are also listed inside. The memorial is Grade II listed and in Berkswell Conservation Area.

In 2025, a grant of £4,440 was awarded through Grants for War Memorials scheme supported by Historic England. Following a condition report prepared in 2021, which identified a number of issues associated with water ingress into the fabric, the grant supported repair and conservation works to address these.

The war memorial was initially cleaned both internally and externally using a Thermatech steam cleaner. Works then proceeded to deal with the damage to the stonework caused by surrounding tree roots before re-pointing with a lime mortar. The existing soakaway was extended and a new drainage channel was installed around the perimeter.

Finally, the roof was cleaned and re-sealed. These works all aimed to reduce the amount of water getting into the stone fabric and prevent further damage. Lime mortar was then used to repair existing damage to the inscriptions and the carved figures.

The memorial was designed by Sir Charles Nicholson and the mason was David French. The memorial was unveiled by Field Marshall Lord Methuen on 25th June 1921 and dedicated by the Bishop of Coventry. Following the end of World War II, additional names of the fallen from that conflict were added. It was rededicated exactly 29 years after the initial dedication on 25th June 1950.

The inscription above the entrance reads:

IN MEMORIAM 1914.1918
SO GOD LOVED THE WORLD THAT
HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON



Historic England

Get involved

2023-25 Appeal - WWII

From April 2023 to March 2026 our annual appeal has highlighted the importance of the 80th anniversary of World War II and the impact that might have on our work. Significant events stimulate interest in our war memorial heritage and the charity needs to be able to respond.

We are incredibly grateful for all the responses to date. At the time of going to press we have:

raised £130,000 towards our 3-year target of £150,000.

We still need £20,000

If anyone can help us secure the outstanding funds we would be very grateful. The money will help ensure we can continue to protect and conserve war memorials across the UK.

To make a donation visit www.warmemorials.org/appeal/ or contact us on 020 7834 0200. Alternatively, use the form on pages 15-16 and send a gift by post.

Charities Aid Foundation (CAF)

Those who donate via Charities Aid Foundation accounts, also known as CAF, should have received communication from them regarding the phasing out of CAF Vouchers and Charity Cards. We understand account holders will then be able to donate either over the phone by calling CAF or through their online CAF account.

WMT will be able to accept vouchers or CAF card payments until May 2026 to allow us to process them before CAF's final deadline. After that date, we will have to return vouchers to donors and request alternatives.

If you have any questions, contact CAF on 03000 123 000 or via their website www.cafonline.org/contact-us. If you use another provider of charity cheques these are unchanged.

Gift Membership

Gift memberships are a way you can share your support for War Memorials Trust with others. If you have friends or family who value our war memorial heritage why not give them the gift of an annual or life subscription so they can find out more about our work and engage with protecting this unique aspect of our shared heritage. Alternatively, perhaps you are an annual member who is being asked what they want as a retirement or birthday gift – could people come together and buy you Life Membership of the charity?

Gift memberships can be arranged at any time of year. If you want to make a purchase for a specific day, such as a birthday, Father's Day or Christmas then please allow time for us to process the request and send out the membership pack.

We would like to thank one of our Life Members who donated memberships to several people as Christmas gifts in 2025. He did this to

“encourage the young people I know who understand and respect the ‘old values’ to continue to do so and raise awareness of WMT amongst others whose interests could help the charity”.

To purchase a Gift Membership, or make a donation on behalf of someone else, let us know

- who you want to gift the membership to
- provide your details and their details
- confirm if you would like us to send the new member pack to you or directly to the new member

You can pay the annual or life subscription using the usual options, see pages 15-16.

Further details can be found at www.warmemorials.org/join/ or contact us on 020 7834 0200 or info@warmemorials.org to discuss.

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

War Memorials Trust
70 Cowcross Street
London EC1M 6EJ

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

Privacy Policy

Any personal information you provide to WMT will be used to process your donation, merchandise order or other enquiry. It may also be used to send you updates about our work through the Bulletin. You have the right to stop us from contacting you for marketing purposes at any time. You can opt out: info@warmemorials.org, 020 7834 0200 or write to WMT, 70 Cowcross Street London EC1M 6EJ.

You do not have to give us your telephone number or email address but it may help us to contact you quickly if we need to follow up on your enquiry or report any problems with your payment. We will not use this information to contact you for marketing purposes by telephone, email or SMS.

We may share your information with third party organisations where it is necessary to respond to your enquiry, process your donation, or fulfil your order, such as the payment processor CAF Donate. We will not share your information with third parties for marketing purposes, nor will we sell it.

If at any time you are not happy with the way the Trust handles your personal information you have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) by telephone 0303 123 1113 or visit <https://ico.org.uk>.

For further information read our full Privacy policy at www.warmemorials.org/privacy-policy. For a paper copy contact us using the details above.

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 as not all banks have the same process. 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

Gift Aid

Gift Aid enables War Memorials Trust to reclaim an extra 25p on every pound you donate so your £20 subscription becomes £25 and your £250 gift, £312.50. You can Gift Aid your donation if you pay Income or Capital Gains Tax at least equal to the value War Memorials Trust would claim.

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Please contact WMT if you would like further information. If you have already made a Gift Aid pledge please do remember to advise us if you move house or cease paying tax.

Get involved

Please complete and return this form: Bulletin 107

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 2026
- Joint = two people at the same address/an organisation

- Individual/ joint annual membership £20/£30
- Individual/joint life membership £250/£350
- Donation of £.....
- Donation to Appeal 2023-25-WWII of £.....

Please tick

- if you want an acknowledgement/receipt by post
- if you want an acknowledgement/receipt by email
- if you want to Gift Aid your payment
- if Gift Aid is not appropriate

Use Gift Aid and you can make your donation worth more.

For every £1 you give to us, we get an extra 25p from HMRC. I want to Gift Aid my donation and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past four years to War Memorials Trust. I am a UK tax payer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax then the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference. Please notify War Memorials Trust if you: want to cancel this declaration; change your name or home address, no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.

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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Expiry □□/□□ Security code □□□□

Merchandise

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 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