

A large wooden crucifix stands in front of a stone church building with Gothic windows. The crucifix is mounted on a white stone base which has a plaque listing names of soldiers who died in the Great War (1914-1918). The plaque is divided into two columns of names. The church building is made of light-colored stone and features large, arched windows with intricate tracery. A black metal fence is visible in the foreground, separating the church grounds from the street. The overall scene is a solemn memorial to the fallen soldiers.

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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

Membership rates

War Memorials Trust membership rates (valid until 31st March 2027):

Annual membership: £20 individual / £30 joint

Life membership: £250 individual / £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.

Projects cannot be funded if they have already started or have finished.

Message from the Director

Dear Supporters

Halfway through another year and we have lots to share with our members and supporters. Pages 4, 5 and 14 provide a summary of how we did against our objectives in 2025-26. These details are expanded upon in our Annual Report and details of how to obtain a copy of that can be found on page 4.

We have been in ongoing discussions following the government announcement in November 2025 about funds for war memorials and hope to have an update soon. In the meantime, we have some internal changes. John Peat, one of our founding Trustees, has stepped down from the Board after nearly thirty years. A signatory to the original Trust Deed back in 1997, John has made an immense contribution to the charity over the years. He will be sorely missed. We thank him for his service and wish him all the best. Also moving on is our Conservation Officer Liz Smith-Gibbons see page 7.

As you are hopefully aware, War Memorials Trust's remit covers the UK, Channel Islands and Isle of Man. In May 2026, Tynwald approved stronger legal powers to protect war memorials on the Isle of Man and we are delighted to maintain our contact with the Preservation of War Memorials Committee.

Prior to that, on 29th April 2026, the Crime and Policing Act 2026 received Royal Assent. The Act primarily applies in England and Wales. Following Assent, it is now an offence to climb, without authorisation, on certain war memorials and other specified memorials of public interest with the sentence a maximum of 3 months imprisonment, a £1,000 fine or both. The initial list of war memorials includes the 25 listed at Grade I in England. More can be added if the Secretary of State considers that to be in the public interest and we are looking at how we can ensure people understand the mechanism for proposing additions.



Thank you to everyone who responded to the Supporter Survey included in the last Bulletin. We report on the results on pages 6-7. For those who suggested the freepost envelope needed to highlight a space for a stamp, we use the cheapest design recommended by the Royal Mail to keep costs down.

We are aware that for some people, we can focus too much on our websites but they are increasingly important. Recently, an anonymous report submitted via the website at 10.11am alerted us to vehicle damage to the railings around a war memorial. We contacted the Parish Council within a couple of hours, who were unaware of the incident. They were able to obtain CCTV capturing the incident from the local supermarket enabling them to contact the delivery company to discuss how their insurance will cover repairs (rather than applying for a grant). The ability to anonymously report an issue online may encourage people who otherwise do not want to 'get involved' to let us know about events that otherwise might be missed or found too late.

Our front cover this issue shows St Saviour's Church in Pimlico which has received a grant. Further details can be found on pages 12-13. The image is © St Saviour's Church, 2026.

We remain incredibly grateful to all our supporters as we could not deliver on our aims and objectives without your backing. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or war memorial concerns, we are here to help. And, yes, if you are wondering, we have made some changes to the way we produce our Bulletin so it looks a little different but hopefully not too much.

Best wishes from Frances and the Team

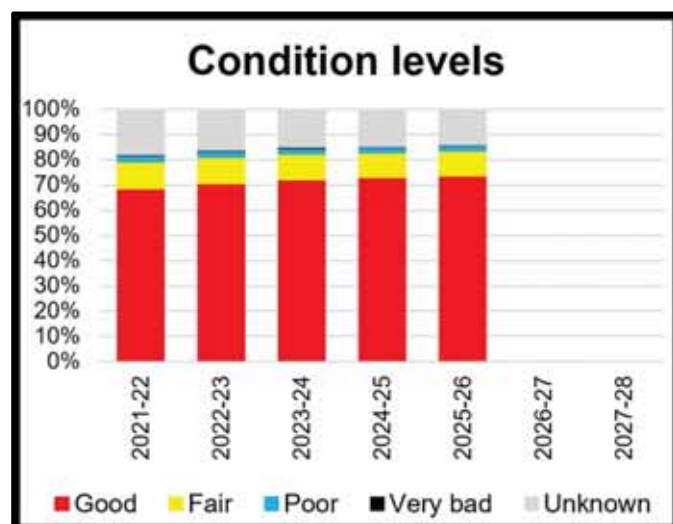
War Memorials Trust News - Annual Review

War Memorials Trust's three-year plan, 2025-28 launched last year. This article provides a summary of the first year's performance through 2025-26 in relation to the conservation objectives. Turn to page 14 for the details of Objective 5 which relates to fundraising.

The final Annual Report and Financial Statements should be available by the end of September 2026. This article is based on the initial draft Report. A copy will be submitted to the Charity Commission and uploaded to www.warmemorials.org/financials. Anyone who would like a hard copy posted out to them, can request one using the contact details on page 2.

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

The condition data collated through War Memorials Online continues to inform our understanding of war memorials in the UK. Numbers are consistent with an estimated 2,300, 2.3% or 1 in 40 war memorials in 'Very bad' or 'Poor' condition. Good condition reports increased by a further 1% to 72% and it remains the case that as Unknown condition records are reviewed and a condition allocated, most are Good.



Through the year, the charity dealt with 1,926 cases of which 401 were new. (2024-25: 2,334 and 297). 81% of casework related to war memorials in England, 14% in Scotland, 3% in Wales and 2% in Northern Ireland. (2024-25: 84%, 10%, 5% and 1%).

Site visits are made to gather information or meet custodians, 47 were completed in 2025-26 (2024-25: 41). Nearly, 8,200 people or organisations received one, or more, copies of the Trust's Bulletin which helps promote our work and raise funds (2024-25: 8,400). The number continues to fall as people opt out of hard copies but the printed version remains the preference amongst our Supporters.

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

During 2025-26, 542 enquiries were received and 503 responded to (2024-25: 774). The charity has stopped responding to some enquiries if they relate to issues significantly outside the Trust's remit. 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. On 31st March 2026, 18 of the 23 projects supported in 2024-25 had been completed. At the start, 56% of applicants rated their understanding of best conservation practice as Good or Excellent. This fell to 46% at the end which is not necessarily a negative. It may reflect over-confidence and that working with us, applicants have broadened their appreciation of the complexity of the subject (2023-24: 60%/43%). 33% did not rate their understanding at a specific level but felt it was better than at the start compared to 8% the previous year which is a positive result.

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

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

Some work has begun on the initial element of this objective to develop a Digital Engagement Strategy. In quarter 4, staff commenced a series of discussions reviewing existing databases, websites and social media as well as identifying gaps in what the charity could be doing. Any future work, which is a priority for 2026-27, will seek a balance between traditional communication channels and online approaches as WMT remains committed to providing access for everyone.

The number of people registered to contribute to War Memorials Online on 31st March 2026 was 3,085 (2024-25: 2,886). The Trust thanks everyone who contributes to the website and shares their knowledge of our war memorials. This information is vital to reach those memorials that need help.

139 'Can you help? requests' were posted in 2025-26 with 104 completed (2024-25: 112 posted and 273 completed). These are cases where staff need assistance. Details are added to the website and promoted via social media and the Bulletin. **Thank you** to everyone who has responded over the years. Your contributions make a real difference.

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

In 2025-26, 24 Grant Offers were made with projects sharing £69,180 (2024-25: 21 - £76,880). Of this, War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme aided 14 at £30,340 whilst Grants for War Memorials, supported by Historic England, assisted 8 cases to share £49,760.

Awards ranged from £240 to £18,470 (2024-25: £290 and £23,340). Grants were made to projects in England, Scotland and Wales with no applications from Northern Ireland.

Of the 19 grant applicants in 2025-26 11% were local authorities, 37% Parish/Community councils and 26% religious groups (2024-25: 8%, 64% and 23%).

In 2025-26, 107 Grants Pre-application enquiries were submitted compared to 106 in 2024-25 and 133 the year before. 15% were rejected which was similar to the 17% and 11% in the previous two years. Enquiries are rejected, with a clear explanation, if works are ineligible, inappropriate e.g. over-cleaning or too low a priority. A low priority case might be a war memorial in Fair condition where works are maintenance rather than repair.

Feedback from applicants has included:

"The local community are extremely pleased with the work that has been undertaken with the memorial now looking in pristine condition. These sentiments have been expressed at the parish council meeting and on Remembrance Sunday in November."

"The grant process was easier to navigate and utilise than expected."

From the Completion Reports submitted by those who have claimed a 2024-25 Grant Offer, 93% would recommend the grant process (2023-24: 89%). 87% of projects would not have gone ahead or been delayed whilst additional funding (which could not be guaranteed) was raised (2023-24: 71%).

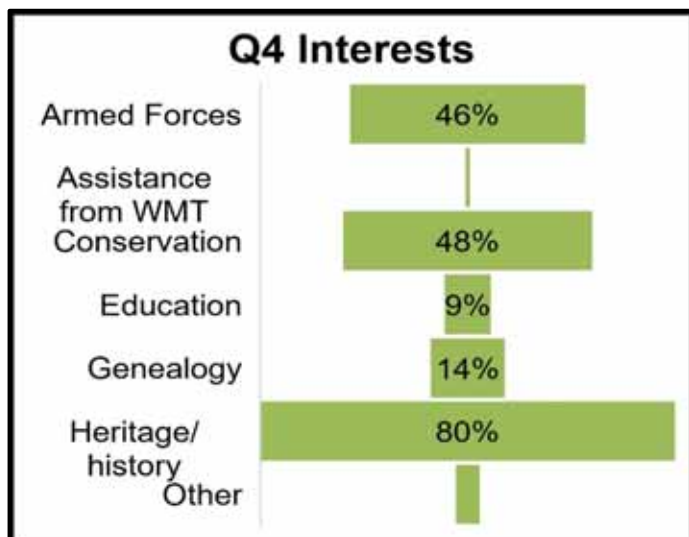
Overall, the charity feels it delivered on its objectives in 2025-26. It has helped people and communities protect and conserve their war memorials in challenging financial circumstances. None of this could have been achieved without the help of our members and supporters so **thank you for all your donations and awareness raising, it really does make a difference.**

War Memorials Trust News - Supporter Survey

War Memorials Trust would like to thank all 374 supporters that took the time to complete the Supporter Survey, enclosed with the March Bulletin. As always, your input is greatly appreciated. The information gathered will help the Trust implement its strategies, including around digital activities, going forward.

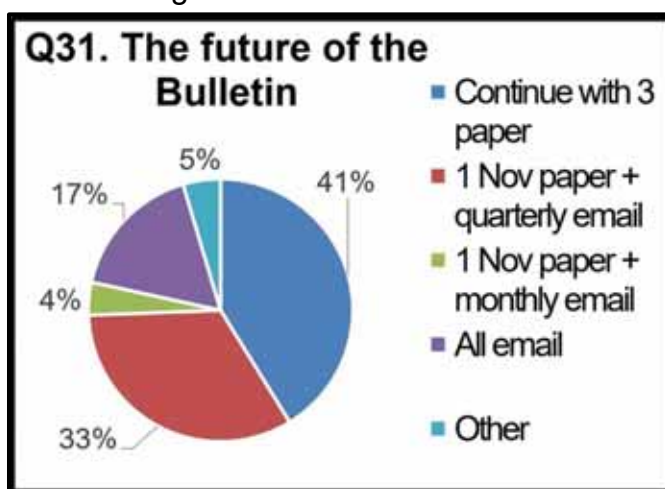
The Trust decided to return to a paper form to gather a greater number of responses compared to the 77 returns submitted online in 2023. While we are pleased to confirm that we did receive more, it remains the case that there has been a pattern of gradual decline over the years. Whilst this could suggest a fall in membership importance and participation, the responses reflect positively on membership with only 4% of respondents stating, "Membership is not that important to me".

Section one saw most answers remaining consistent with previous Supporter Surveys, including Question 4, where Heritage and History remain the most common reason for involvement and/or interest in the Trust at 80% of respondents.



Question 3 saw an increase in the number of people becoming aware of the charity through the Bulletin at 13% compared to 7% in 2023 and 11% in 2020. This rise coincides with an increase of 0.1 in the average number of people that read each Bulletin compared with 2023 data. We thank all those that have chosen to share the Bulletin with others as it helps to raise awareness of the work the Trust does.

The data collected from the survey showed that 63% of people stated they did not want to receive the Bulletin via email when given a binary Yes or No. However, when the options were more varied, as in Question 31, 54% of people were in favour of receiving all or some Bulletins electronically alongside ongoing paper copies. Despite the increased interest in e-Bulletins, the Trust is aware that 13% of its supporters use no form of electronic communication or social media, a factor which the charity will consider when looking at any future changes.



War Memorials Trust would like to thank everyone that has supported the charity over the years, including the 83% of respondents who have donated, the 27% of supporters that have contributed to War Memorials Online and 40% of people who have recommended the Trust's conservation services to others.

Answers surrounding membership prices continue to follow the pattern of previous surveys, in that many supporters see both Annual and Life membership rates to be 'About Right'. However, there was an increase in the perception that membership rates are inexpensive with 40% and 24% indicating that Annual and Life membership are too low, up from 13% / 10% in 2023 and 16% / 9% in 2020.

Of the supporters that answered Yes or No, 95% of people said they would be happy for the Trust to make the switch to a single membership renewal date each year for those who renew by post.

War Memorials Trust News - Supporter Survey and Staff

A number of people commented that they would welcome more merchandise. This is difficult at present due to a lack of storage now we are in a shared office. The pens and pencils you can order on page 16 are easy to store but other items would be more challenging. Postage costs also have an impact on the merchandise range offered as they can now exceed the value of items being purchased. Another challenge was the diversity of suggestions. With only 2,000 members it is hard to pick one item, especially when in most cases minimum order numbers will apply. Suggestions included T-shirts, Polo-shirts, ties, badges and mugs.

Several people sought the return of the Christmas cards. The last time we looked at these there was a minimum order of 800 packs. The last year that the Trust offered cards, we sold just over 300 packs. This means we would keep, and have to store, the same design for several years as sales are likely to be lower, as fewer people send cards.

As we are looking to improve our websites and email correspondence over the next couple of years, it is likely that we will investigate working with a merchandise provider who can produce items 'on demand' i.e. we can agree designs with our logo on but they are not printed up or produced until ordered. This is particularly important when people suggest clothing or other items with varied sizes. Such an approach would enable us to share a website link for those who can order online and consider ways those who are not online can access that. We can then offer a wider range of items but without having to carry the stock.

The survey also provided the Trust with an updated understanding of our supporter demographics. Supporters are 64% male (2023 / 2020: 74% / 69%) with 76% over 65 (65% / 77%). 44% of supporters access the Telegraph (36% / 51%), 40% the BBC (49% / 37%) and 21% The Times (21% / 23%).

Thank you once again, to everyone who took the time to complete the survey. Your feedback helps to inform development of the Trust's work going forward. **Thank you** also to all those who requested information or expressed interest in supporting the Trust with its Digital Engagement Strategy. We should have been in touch by the time you received this if you included your contact details. And a special **thank you** to Chris, our Office Volunteer, who has helped to input the responses from all the surveys to compile the results.



© Liz Smith-Gibbons, 2026

Goodbye Liz Smith-Gibbons

I will be leaving at the end of July. Whilst I only joined the Trust in October 2025, my relatively short time with the charity is one which I will remember well. As I anticipated when I joined, the opportunity has expanded my existing professional knowledge base. It has enabled me to immerse myself into the important subject of war memorials and has been a valuable opportunity to learn not just about the breadth and type of memorials but, importantly, the work of the Trust and what it manages to achieve. I will undoubtedly continue to be an advocate wherever my future path leads me!

For now, I would like to thank all those who support the Trust from members, volunteers', staff and Trustees who all make such a valuable contribution to the charity and help it to make such a big impact. I wish everyone all the very best.

Public Engagement

War Memorials Trust is seeking help to improve the information held about the condition of war memorials across the UK. We are particularly interested in war memorials which may be in Poor or Very bad condition so we can support communities to improve them in-line with best conservation practice.

There are about 2,000 war memorials listed on [War Memorials Online](http://www.warmemorials.org.uk) as being in Poor or Very bad condition. Our staff have been reviewing these cases and have noted that around 40% of reports are more than 5 years old so maybe out-of-date. We need to ensure we have accurate condition information about these cases so we can offer the most appropriate advice. Can you help?

Starting with the Very bad's, there are about 230 located around the UK, shown on the map below (which has been cropped to just include the areas where there are Very bad cases). Do you live locally to any of these war memorials? Can you visit, take photos and check their current condition? War Memorials Online Contributors are our eyes on the ground and your photos are vital for our work.



You can get to this War Memorials Online map at www.warmemorials.org.uk:

1. Go to the [Memorials page](#)
2. + Filter results
3. Select 'Very bad' under condition
4. Click the yellow button 'Filter results'

You can zoom in on the map to memorials in your area. You can be more specific by using the location search, also on the Memorials page, entering your postcode and setting the radius to the distance you are willing to travel e.g. 5 miles and following steps 1-4 above.

When visiting a war memorial, we need people to take photos. Our Conservation Team, who are dotted around the UK, usually base their work on photos taken by members of the public and war memorial custodians.

The number of photos we need will depend on the type of war memorial you are visiting. For example, if you are taking photos of a plaque, one of the plaque in its setting, one showing the full plaque, and one or two more if there are areas of concern is plenty.

Whereas if you are visiting a freestanding war memorial e.g. a cross or obelisk, a few more will be needed. As with plaques, we will need to see the war memorial within its wider setting. This helps us to build a background around the war memorial and see any factors which may impact its condition. In a photo of the memorial within its setting, the Conservation Officers should be able to see environmental factors like overhanging trees / busy roads / the coastal position. Being aware of these allows us to provide the most appropriate advice.

Photos of the whole memorial provide further context. Additional images showing all the inscriptions ensure an accurate record of the dedication and names, even if they have deteriorated. More photos should focus on any specific concerns e.g. cracks in the stonework, open joints etc. Put a coin, ruler or common object alongside an area of concern to help demonstrate size.

Public Engagement

We would also like you to check the memorial's overall condition. We do not expect expert or technical reports - we just want to know your overall impression. There are helpsheets available describing in more detail what we mean by each of these levels with photos and examples. Would you describe the memorial's overall condition as;

- **Good** - well maintained, may show its age but no concerns
- **Fair** - overall its maintained, but may show slight signs of deterioration - ideally to be monitored
- **Poor** - you have a concern about the condition of the memorial and would like further investigation / review
- **Very bad** – hazardous / missing elements, urgent need for follow-up

Fair / Poor can often be the biggest challenge to differentiate. If unsure, submit as Poor on War Memorials Online for a review and staff can upgrade if appropriate. Anything that is reported as being in Poor or Very bad condition will be flagged to the Conservation Team who will review your photos and condition update and follow up if needed. This may include reaching out to the custodian with advice and information about funding meaning your efforts could kickstart a repair project. Contributions to War Memorials Online are invaluable to the Trust and we greatly appreciate all your help.

If you would like some **assistance getting started**, please contact us on the details at the end of the article. We can provide helpsheets about how to use War Memorials Online and are always happy to answer any questions or have a chat.

There is also advice about engaging young people with War Memorials Online on our website [Learn about War Memorials](#) which provides guidance for teachers and youth group leaders. We would be delighted if young people could get involved in monitoring the condition of our war memorials. Do the grandkids need a summer activity?

Thank you.

March Mystery Memorials update

In March's Bulletin we featured nine mystery war memorials and are delighted to report that, as this Bulletin goes to print, we have solved eight of the nine. We would like to thank Chris Moreton, Chris Reynolds, Chris Stock, Malcolm Pillar, Malcolm Thomas and Mike Coyle for their investigative work.

These 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).

The results are as follows if you wish to check back: Mystery 74 = WMO/[301432](#); Mystery 76 = WMO/[197953](#); Mystery 79 = WMO/[246391](#); Mystery 80 = WMO/[198334](#); Mystery 82 = WMO/[98610](#); Mystery 83 = WMO/[165408](#) and Mystery 84 = WMO/[220829](#). Mystery 81 was solved via X ([@WarMemorials](#)) and is a Commonwealth War Graves Commission cross in St Augustine's Churchyard in Heanton Punchardon, Devon. As such, it has not been given a number as it is not a war memorial.

This means that Mystery 86, below, remains unsolved. We have shared this case on both X and Instagram ([@WarMemorialsTrust](#)) and would encourage our readers to take another look.

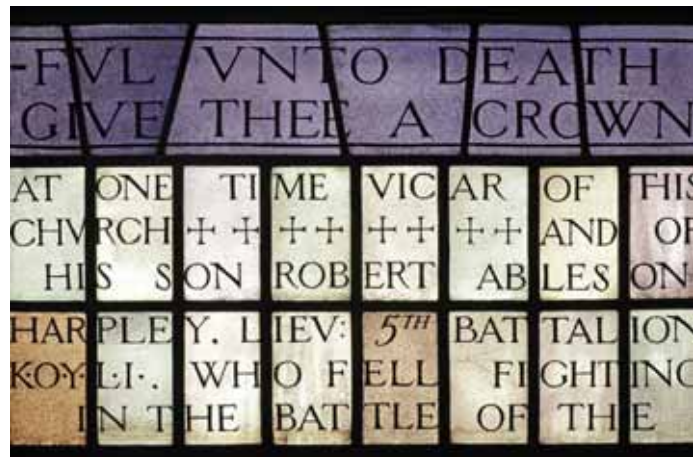


Contact the Conservation Team on conservation@warmemorials.org, 020 7233 7356 or War Memorials Trust, 70 Cowcross Street, London EC1M 6EJ.

War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme



Above: Lt Harpley window after works
 Right: The dedication for the window before and after work showing the Harpley name reinstated © St Lawrence Parish Church, 2024 and 2026



Lt Harpley window, York

Lt Robert Ableson Harpley's war memorial stained-glass window consists of three 30-foot-long lancets found in the South Transept of the Grade II listed St Lawrence's Church in York ([WMO/237800](#)). It was donated by his mother to commemorate Robert, who died on 6th July 1916 on the Somme, alongside his father Thomas who had been a vicar at the church.

The window was created by Joan Fulleylove, the daughter of the well-known Victorian landscape artist John Fulleylove in 1929-30. It shows a full-length figure of an Arthurian Knight standing in prayer. Above him, is a host of angels and figures praising the Holy Grail. At his feet are the coasts of France and England, including a depiction of Amiens cathedral, and local York landmarks such as St Lawrence itself, Walmgate Bar and All Saint's Church.

In 2024, £5,000 was offered, through War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme which is supported by voluntary donations, to assist works to the window which was in Poor condition. The total project cost was around £80,000.

The conservation work included removal of the window to allow for cleaning and re-leading, the replacement of missing glass, new painted text added to the inscription pane in the central light panel and the insertion of new lead condensation trays to all three lights.

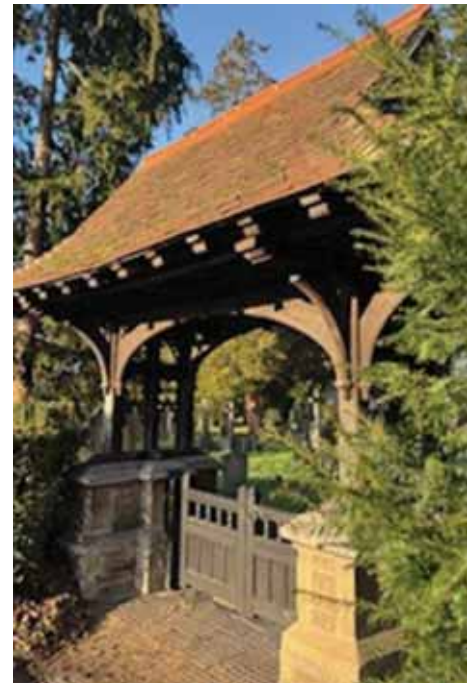
The project was completed in early 2026 when the window was re-instated. Those of you who get The Times may recall a piece featuring the window being published back in January.

Grants for War Memorials - Lychgates



Right: Pott Shrigley lychgate after works © Pott Shrigley Parish Council, 2026

Far right: Horley lychgate after works © St Bartholomew's Church, 2026



Pott Shrigley, Cheshire

The war memorial at St Christopher's in Pott Shrigley is a timber and stone lychgate ([WMO/260921](#)). Inside, are two stone plaques that carry the names of both those who served and those who fell. It is located at the entrance to St Christopher's Church on Shrigley Road, in the village of Pott Shrigley, Cheshire. The memorial is within the curtilage of the Grade I listed church and in a conservation area.

In 2025, £2,680 was awarded through the Grants for War Memorials scheme supported by Historic England. It assisted works that included the replacement of both timber sole plates and the introduction of two new steel rods to straighten and strengthen the structure. The memorial was unveiled in 1920 by Co. Lowther of Shrigley Hall and there was an address by the Bishop of Chester at the unveiling. The inscription on the memorial reads:

"This Gate was erected by the Parishioners of Pott Shrigley 1920 as a memorial of the Great War 1914-1918 and to commemorate all those then belonging to the Parish who served their King and Country."

Horley, Surrey

Previously featured in Bulletin 84, the Grade II listed lychgate commemorates three parishioners who died during the Second Boer War (1899-1902) ([WMO/227599](#)). It dates from around 1903 and stands at the southern pedestrian entrance to the churchyard of the St Bartholomew's in Horley. It is constructed of an oak frame carved with Gothic-style tracery, which is supported on well-detailed plinths, made from Wealden sandstone, bath and limestone.

In 2025, the Grants for War Memorials scheme, supported by Historic England, offered £1,830 towards repairs to the stone plinths including re-pointing construction joints, pinning cracks to the stone capping and indenting new stone where the original had decayed beyond repair.

The opportunity was also taken to reinstate the missing timber cross from the apex of the lychgate roof. Although it was not possible to find historic evidence for the appearance of the cross, it was decided, after discussions, to create the new cross as a mirror image of the existing cross in the opposite gable.

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The war memorial at St Saviour's in Pimlico is a wooden calvary cross with a bronze Christ crucifix ([WMO/112033](#)). The shaft of the cross is set into the centre of a masonry base which has inscribed Portland stone plaques set into three of the faces. It is in St Saviour's Churchyard, Lupus Street in Pimlico, London. The memorial is Grade II listed and in Pimlico conservation area.



Historic England

In 2025, £17,150 was awarded through the Grants for War Memorials scheme supported by Historic England. It assisted repair and conservation works which included extensive repair works to the wooden shaft, splicing new timber onto the base of the shaft to replace rotted wood. Previous layers of varnish were also removed from the canopy and the whole cross and canopy was finished with two layers of tung oil. The bronze was cleaned and a thinned brown wax was applied to unify its appearance. Finally, the top of the plinth was cleared of any remaining bitumen and masonry that encased the timber cross supports introduced at a previous intervention. The recesses were filled with natural Roman cement and then the rest of the masonry and the Portland stone plaques was cleaned using Thermatec steam cleaning system. The masonry base was finished with an application of a natural stone Keim mineral paint.

SmartWater was also applied to the war memorial as part of the In Memoriam 2014 project seeking to deter the theft of metal from war memorials.

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The inscription on the front face reads:

“Pray for the souls of
those who fell in the Great War
1914 R.I.P 1918”

The names from those killed in World War I are listed on the front and right-hand side and those killed in the World War II are on the back face.

The Church website discusses the history of some of those commemorated on the war memorial see www.stsp.org.uk/war-memorial. They have connections across the UK. It notes that the names are not listed in alphabetical order nor do all of them appear to be parishioners. As the area includes the Royal Army Medical College and Westminster Cathedral they believe some names may have been inscribed at St Saviour's in the absence of other memorials at those sites. The names can be seen on the War Memorials Online record if you want to find out more.

Three men on the war memorial share the surname Onslow including Lieutenant-Commander Arthur Gerald who died aboard the destroyer Onslaught on 1st June 1916 during the Battle of Jutland. He is buried in a Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) grave in South Queensferry cemetery, West Lothian.

An article reporting the death of Capt Arthur Durrant is shown on the website. Originally from Leverstock Green in Hertfordshire, he was a practising architect at Mooresmith and Durrant before the war specialising in church buildings. Upon obtaining his commission, he joined the 257th Tunnelling Company Royal Engineers and was killed on 5 December 1916.

Swordfish pilot Lieutenant David Frederick Godfrey-Fausett was killed on 1st June 1942. His L2772 was part of 767 Squadron when it went down off Easthaven when operating out of HMS Condor (Arbroath). He is remembered on the CWGC Lee-on-Solent memorial in Hampshire.

Grants for War Memorials



Top: Before, during and after work © WMT, 2024 and St Saviour's, 2026

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Objective 5. To increase the money raised by the charity to deliver its vision to protect and conserve war memorials

Our fifth objective reflects the fact that as a charity we rely entirely on voluntary gifts and grants to undertake our work. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who donated or paid a subscription in 2025-26. **Without you, none of this could happen, thank you.**

Unfortunately, despite the generosity of many, our income fell again in 2025-26. As we go to press, we are in the midst of our Independent Examination, so we do not have confirmed figures but the draft indicates a fall. Having included draft figures in the July 2025 Bulletin which were then significantly adjusted due to legacy income, this report will focus on activities rather than numbers. If you would like the final details, contact us as outlined on page 4 to obtain a copy of the Financial Statements.

The Trust would like to pay particular thanks to A E B Charitable Trust, Bayfield Charitable Trust, D G Albright Charitable Trust, Hartnett Conservation Trust, Historic England, Historic Environment Scotland, Stevenson Family's Charitable Trust, The 29th May 1961 Charitable Trust, The A M Fenton Trust, The David Wentworth-Stanley Charitable Trust, The Gilbert and Eileen Edgar Foundation, The Hugh Fraser Foundation and The Scott (Eredine) Charitable Trust. As well as B Allan, S Brennan, R Broyd, V Cliff, J Godfrey, R Henderson, J Howe, J Jones, J Miller, W Spencer, I Stevenson and R Thorne. **Thank you all so much.**

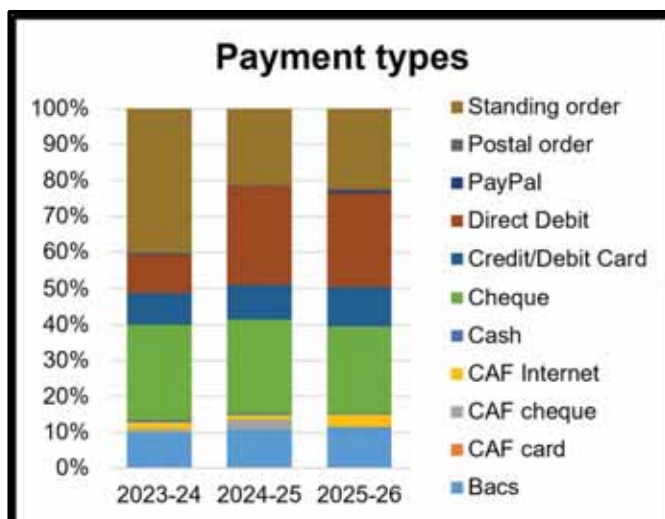
31 applications were submitted to Trusts, Foundations and corporate donors (2024-25: 25). These sought donations towards the Grants Programme, Conservation Programme and for unrestricted purposes. With appeals there is a lead-time between submission and response, therefore those yet to reply could still respond. Not all funders acknowledge applications which contrasts with the Trust's approach as a funder. We respond to all those who apply to us.

Andrew McMaster ran the London Marathon for War Memorials Trust in April 2025, having postponed his planned 2024 participation due to injury. He raised £5,000 to support the charity's work. We are very grateful to Andrew for his efforts and all his sponsors for their generosity.

Within the sector, membership recruitment continues to be a challenge for all as people are less inclined to 'join' organisations. In 2025-26, the charity therefore saw a further decline in membership. Whilst renewal rates remain strong at 74%, recruiting new members is proving difficult.

Our 3-year Appeal linked to the 80th anniversary of World War II technically ended on 31st March 2026. At that date, £133,080 was raised against the target of £150,000. **Thank you so much to everyone who donated and for those gifts still coming in.**

We have been monitoring the way people give. Bacs payments and standing orders incur no fees so the charity receives 100% of your donation. Most other routes now include a fee but if you opt for a regular payment Direct Debit it enables us to set that up for you rather than going through your bank which can be trickier as branches close. Please contact us on the details on page 2 if you would like to make a regular gift. The graph below shows how gifts have been received in recent years.



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- Joint = 2 people at the same address/an organisation

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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.

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

5 pencils £4 or 3 pens £6