News statement

War Memorials Trust receives money from HLF's Catalyst programme



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War Memorials Trust is delighted to be a recipient of a Capacity Building grant from HLF's Catalyst Programme. The charity will use the £8,600 received to help develop a greater understanding of how it can engage with individuals as potential donors, members and legacy givers. With the forthcoming centenary of World War I it is vital the charity widens its support to ensure it can help communities across the country protect and conserve their war memorials.

Frances Moreton, Director War Memorials Trust said: "War Memorials Trust is grateful to the HLF for its support for our efforts to improve our understanding of how the charity can engage with individuals to seek support to help the repair and conservation of war memorials. Many of the nation's war memorials carry the names of individuals who gave their lives for their country; now the charity seeks to engage with individuals who can pay their respects to those who died by helping to preserve the memorials in their honour."

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Notes to editors

- 1. War Memorials Trust is an independent registered charity. Established in 1997 due to concerns about neglect and vandalism it works to protect and conserve war memorials. It provides advice, information and administers grants schemes that assist the repair and conservation of war memorials across the UK. As a charity the Trust relies on voluntary contributions to undertake its work. Supporters include annual and life members, donors, charitable trusts and corporate contributors.
- 2. War Memorials Trust provides grants that can assist repair and conservation of war memorials. Contact the Conservation Team to discuss eligibility on 020 7233 7356 / 0300 123 0764 or <u>conservation@warmemorials.org</u> or download an 'Expression of interest form' from www.warmemorials.org/grants/.
- 3. War Memorials Trust provides a free advisory service to anyone with a war memorial enquiry. Specialist Conservation Officers are available on 020 7233 7356 / 0300 123 0764 or conservation@warmemorials.org.