War Memorials Trust reports on cases of theft and vandalism to war memorials associated with war memorials during 2018-19



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The following are war memorials that War Memorials Trust is aware have been subject to attempted theft, theft or vandalism such as graffiti between **January 2018 and March 2019**. Cases are listed by country then county and links to press reports are given where available to provide further information. Where photographs are available from War Memorials Trust this is detailed.

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England

Cornwall

 Priory Park, Bodmin (WM9810)
Graffiti Dated: 23rd May 2018
Story: www.cornwalllive.com/news/cornwall-news/cornwall-residents-furious-aftervandals-1600459
War Memorials Online: www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/memorial/72722
No photographs available

County Durham

• Victory Square, Hartlepool (WM23)

Graffiti Dated: 30th October 2018 Story: <u>www.hartlepoolmail.co.uk/news/crime/mp-blasts-despicable-vandalism-to-hartlepool-war-memorial-1-9419806</u> War Memorials Online: <u>www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/memorial/162592/</u> No photographs available

Cumbria

• The Greenmarket, Carlisle

Graffiti Dated: 13th July 2018 Story: <u>www.newsandstar.co.uk/news/War-memorial-outside-Topshop-in-Carlisle-attacked-with-graffiti-7cd1ccb8-f571-4bea-9303-5c755dd160e0-ds</u> War Memorials Online: <u>www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/memorial/118420</u> No photographs available

Dorset

• St James Church, Pokesdown (WM8028)

Vandalism: Structural damage Dated: 4th September 2018 Story: www.bournemouthecho.co.uk/news/16686221.wwi-war-memorial-at-st-jameschurch-in-pokesdown-vandalised/

War Memorials Online: <u>www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/memorial/149380/</u> No photographs available

East Sussex

Old Steine Memorial, Brighton (WM2055)

Dated: 23rd July 2018 Graffiti Story: www.theargus.co.uk/news/16593846.vandals-deface-old-steine-war-memorial/ War Memorials Online: www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/memorial/107078/ No photographs available

Greater London

Women's War Memorial, Whitehall (WM517)

Graffiti Dated: 27th November 2019 Story: None available War Memorials Online: http://www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/node/74057 No photographs available

Bomber Command, Green Park (WM6891) •

Graffiti Dated 21st January 2019 https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2019/01/21/bomber-command-memorial-Story: vandalised-head-raf-benevolent-fund/ War Memorials Online: https://www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/memorial/63405/ No photographs available

Greater Manchester

 Cenotaph, Manchester (WM1155) Graffiti Dated: 22nd January 2018 Story: www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/vandalswho-scrawled-x-factor-14189916 War Memorials Online: www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/memorial/120532

No photographs available

Kent

Madeira Walk Waterfall, Ramsgate (WM754)

Vandalism: Prank Dated 7th November 2018 Story: https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-kent-46127688 War Memorials Online: http://www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/node/120568 No photographs available

All Saints Church, Westbrook (WM6761)

Vandalism: Name scratched out Dated: 2nd November 2018 Story: None available War Memorials Online: https://www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/node/95598 No photographs available

Lancashire

Bolton-le-Sands (WM1532) Theft: Metal sword stolen

Dated 7th November 2018

Story: https://twitter.com/revgoodrich?lang=en War Memorials Online: www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/node/119307 No photographs available

• Clitheroe WWII Memorial, Clitheroe Castle (WM9408)

Dated: 8th August 2018 Theft: Plaques stolen Story: None available War Memorials Online: https://www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/memorial/192821 No Photographs available

Lincolnshire

Armed Forces Memorial Gate, Cleethropes (WM11336)

Dated: 28th June 2018 Graffiti Story: www.grimsbytelegraph.co.uk/news/grimsby-news/disgusting-graffiti-plasteredacross-war-1724227

War Memorials Online: www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/memorial/251769 No photographs available

St Oswald's Church Memorial, Walcott (WM9472)

Graffiti Dated: 24th July 2018 Story: www.lincolnshirelive.co.uk/news/local-news/disgust-vandals-spray-swastika-graffiti-1816219

War Memorials Online: www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/node/206906 No photographs available

Nottingham

Clumber Park, Harwick War Memorial (WM11263)

Theft: Brass plaques stolen Dated: 9th May 2018 Story: https://nottstv.com/brass-engraved-name-plates-stolen-from-notts-war-memorial War Memorials Online: www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/memorial/133848 No photographs available

Rutland

• Steam Locomotive 'Singapore', Rocks by Rail Rutland Railway Museum WM6930

Dated 20th September 2018 Theft: of parts Story: verbal report War Memorials Online: www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/memorial/191870/ No photographs available

Warwickshire

Whitehall Recreation Ground Memorial Gates, Rugby (WM5564)

Graffiti Dated: 11th January 2018 Story: www.ruabyadvertiser.co.uk/news/vandals-target-historic-ruaby-war-memorial-1-8326541

War Memorials Online: www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/memorial/201632 No photographs available

West Sussex

Worthing Memorial Garden, Worthing (WM2634)

Dated: 8th February 2018

Graffiti Story: www.worthingherald.co.uk/news/mayor-s-disgust-as-war-memorial-vandalised-1-8372146

War Memorials Online: www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/node/122302 Photographs available

West Yorkshire

• South African War Memorial, Halifax (WM511)

Graffiti Dated: 3rd July 2018 Story: Verbal report War Memorials Online: <u>www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/node/119983</u> No photographs available

• Town Hall Square, Keighley (WM1491)

Vandalism: malicious damage to sculpture Dated 13th September 2018 Story: <u>www.keighleynews.co.uk/news/16834369.fury-at-insulting-damage-inflicted-on-keighleys-town-hall-square-war-memorial/</u> War Memorial Online: <u>www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/memorial/120460</u> No photographs available

Northern Ireland

War Memorials Trust has not been advised of any cases

Scotland:

East Lothian

• Prestonpans High Street, Prestonpans (WM8665)

Vandalism: Malicious damage Dated: 1st February 2018 Story: <u>https://stv.tv/news/east-central/1407449-world-war-memorial-damaged-by-despicable-vandals/</u> War Memorials Opline: www.warmemorialsopline.org.uk/memorial/164329

War Memorials Online: <u>www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/memorial/164329</u> Photographs available

Fife

• Cowdenbeath (WM9430)

Graffiti and Vandalism: Fire Dated: 6th June 2018 Story: <u>www.thecourier.co.uk/fp/news/local/fife/665778/war-memorial-in-cowdenbeath-</u> vandalised

War Memorials Online: <u>www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/memorial/207575</u> No photographs available

• Kirkcaldy Museum & Art Gallery, Kirkcaldy (WM2986)

Graffiti Dated: 1st February 2018 Story: www.thecourier.co.uk/fp/news/local/fife/590736/anger-after-vandals-strike-at-fifewar-memorial/ War Memorials Online: www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/pode/147406

War Memorials Online: <u>www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/node/147406</u> No photographs available

Glasgow

• Alexandra Park, Dennistoun

Vandalism: Arson Dated: 31st August 2018 Story: <u>www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-glasgow-west-45367760</u> War Memorials Online: <u>www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/memorial/260426</u> No photographs available

Highland Light Infantry Boer War, Kelvingrove Park

Vandalism: Damage to sculpture Dated: 14th February 2019 Story: https://stv.tv/news/west-central/1435537-glasgow-war-memorial-vandalised-in-latenight-attack/ War Memorials Online: www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/node/146455

No photographs available

Scottish Borders

Selkirk (WM8180)

Graffiti Story:

Dated: 15th June 2018

www.bordertelegraph.com/news/16292970.Selkirk_War_Memorial_vandalised_on_day_of Common Riding/

War Memorials Online: www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/memorial/148479 No photographs available

Wales:

South Glamorgan

Hendre Lake, St Mellons

Vandalism: Panels Smashed Dated: 3rd June 2018 Story: Verbal report War Memorials Online: www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/memorial/250976/ No photographs available

Ceredigion

Aberystwyth Castle, Aberystwyth (WM4407)

Graffiti Dated: 24th January 2018 Story: www.cambriannews.co.uk/article.cfm?id=118779&headline=Reward+offered+in+bid+to+catch+war+me morial+vandals§ionIs=news&searchyear=2018 War Memorials Online: www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/memorial/116377/ Photographs available

Aberystwyth Castle, Aberystwyth (WM4407)

Theft: Copper lightening conductors stolen Dated: 10th May 2018 Story: www.cambriannews.co.uk/article.cfm?id=120667&headline=Copper%20theft%20leaves%20war%20mem orial%20at%20risk%20of%20lightning%20damage§ionIs=news&searchyear=2018 War Memorials Online: www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/memorial/116377/ Photographs available