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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
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 2021):

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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Message from the Director

Dear Supporters

Welcome to the latest Bulletin. We hope you are keeping well in these, still, difficult times.

November will see Remembrance events become the latest to be impacted by Covid-19. Many of us will not be attending our normal services due to cancellations, restrictions or our personal choices about safety but we will still pay our respects.

As we discussed in our May issue, around VE Day, we can all set time aside to think about those impacted by conflict. We can follow broadcast events including the slimmed down National Service of Remembrance on Sunday 8th. Being cautious about visiting local war memorials will still be important, particularly for high risk groups, so going before or after 11am on the 8th and 11th, or choosing a different day may be advisable. War memorials are not just for Remembrance Sunday so spreading out our visits helps to remind us, and others, of their significance all year round.

The Trust continues to deal with the challenges of Covid-19. We have been humbled by the support received recently which inspires us to continue our efforts. Your responses to the direct mail appeal have been amazing and the donations will be vital to maintaining our work. We also thank our landlords Grosvenor Estates and the Westminster Foundation, as well as other funders, for their ongoing assistance as well as acknowledging the grant from the Culture Recovery Fund for Heritage supported by the government. Find out more on page 14.

Whilst our workload remains high it has been more casework and War Memorials Online focussed than grants. The number of applications has fallen leading to a decline in grant spend as people are placing projects on hold either due to the challenges of coordinating them or a lack of resources. We discuss on pages 6-7 grant activity in 2019-20 and how you could help stimulate applications in 2020-21 and beyond.

We were delighted to welcome back Emma Suckling in September from her Maternity Leave. This has boosted our staffing resources and will be a welcome addition through our busiest period in November.

Our front page this issue shows the Marchwood war memorial in Hampshire, © Marchwood War Memorial Restoration Fund. On page 11 you can read more information about this recent grant case.

I have to make another apology in this issue. The 3rd Leith Boys Brigade war memorial was incorrectly referred to in the last Director's message. With a smaller Team there are fewer proofing eyes on the Bulletin before it goes to press than previously. In addition, working from home means limited access to printers and more proofing on screen, so errors creep in unfortunately.

Finally, an update on how you can continue to support the charity. We have sold nearly two thirds of our 2020 Christmas cards already but if you would like to order some pages 15-16 have details of cards and other merchandise.



Thank you again for your ongoing support. We wish you the best for whatever form your festive season takes and hope you keep safe and well through the winter months.

With best wishes, Frances and the Team



Annual Report, Financial Statements and AGM

As members will recall the August Bulletin discussed the Annual General Meeting, Annual Report and Financial Statements.

We invited expressions of interest in attending an online AGM. Only nine were received so no arrangements have been made to hold such an event as Trustees and staff would have outnumbered members. We have thanked those who sought to attend, explained the issues and addressed any questions. In place of the meeting we will instead present some highlights from the Annual Report here alongside statements from the Chairman and Treasurer.

Our Trust Deed does not require an AGM to be held so we are not breaching any requirements but rather focusing our limited resources. Anything that would have been raised at the AGM can be asked directly of us whether it relates to the charity, conservation or war memorials. You can reach us with conservation and war memorial questions on conservation@warmemorials.org and 020 7233 7356 or charity/membership issues at info@warmemorials.org and 020 7834 0200.

Do let the phones ring for longer than normal as they have to divert to us at home so will take longer to pick up. You can also leave messages outside our core telephone hours of 10am - 4pm. To download a copy of the Annual Report and Financial Statements visit www.warmemorials.org/financials or use the charity details above to request a paper copy.

The Annual Report discusses the progress made by the Trust to achieve its five objectives stated on Page 2. The first relates to improving condition. To measure this we consider the statistics being generated by War Memorials Online. In 2019-20 these revealed that 80% of condition reports indicated war memorials in Good condition, 13% Fair, 3% Poor and just 1% in Very bad condition. This would mean that up to 4,000 of the estimated 100,000 in the UK need work. This is a sizeable number but a considerable fall from the 7,000 based on the 2017-18 statistics and 5,000 in 2018-19. As we gather more information on condition we are able to get a more realistic picture of the need for works and money.

The second objective deals with improving the wider understanding of best conservation practice and the support available from WMT. As the table below shows the number of enquiries fell in 2019-20. However, the average relates to the number of enquiries dealt with by each member of staff. This remained consistent which indicates that staff are still able to offer support and assistance to those who need it and staffing is in-line with minimum levels required to respond.

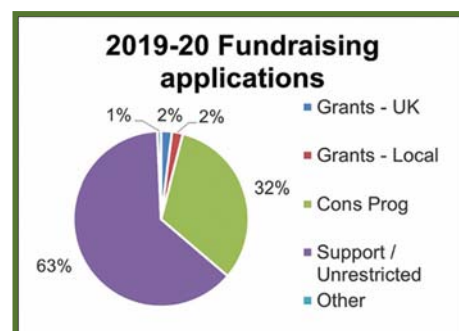
	Enquiries	Average
2017-18	1005	134
2018-19	917	122
2019-20	442	126

Objective 3 relates to encouraging public engagement with war memorials. The intention to hold workshops was developed in 2019-20 but Covid-19 has placed that on hold. However, the number of Contributors to War Memorials Online continues to grow reinforcing the decision made to end the RV role in 2019 to focus the Trust's limited resources on the larger pool of Contributors.

	Contributors	Regional Volunteers
2017-18	4,809	149
2018-19	5,549	135
2019-20	6,322	0

In addition, the Learning website continues to receive significant numbers of visitors.

Objective 4 addresses grants which are discussed further on pages 6-7. The final objective, 5, deals with securing the funds necessary to deliver the Trust's work. The Treasurer's Report discusses this in more detail but the chart shows the 2019-20 appeals against our core areas of work.



Annual Report, Financial Statements and AGM

Treasurer's Report from Russell Walters

We expected 2019-20 to be a difficult year. With the end of one-off government funding associated with the centenary of World War I the charity was planning for a significant fall in income and a smaller team of staff but with uncertainty over the likely demand for help.

As the Financial Statements show income in 2019-20 was £438,445, a sizeable fall compared to £1,194,937 the previous year. However expenditure also reduced with £338,770 spent in 2019-20 compared with £1,181,936 in 2018-19. This meant total restricted funds at year-end were £491,665 an increase of nearly £100,000 in twelve months. But the majority of that increase related to restricted funds which is the money held to be spent on specific purposes, primarily funding for grants.

Trustees pay greatest attention to the unrestricted funds. This is the money available for the charity to use for any purpose and is vital in difficult periods. On 31st March 2020 it stood at £149,085 compared with £178,459 on that date in 2019. The fall was to a degree anticipated because of the transition year from the centenary. With fewer staff the expenditure on fundraising halved reflecting the smaller amount of time to fundraise so the amount secured was likely to fall.

Covid-19 has obviously exacerbated that situation and our unrestricted funds are being carefully monitored in 2020-21. Income has fallen again this year but the amazingly generous response to the direct mail from our supporters has helped mitigate that. The charity has raised more from the appeal in 2020-21 than it did last year so thank you to everyone who contributed. We have also reduced expenditure by not appointing a new Administrator, avoiding some activity such as travel and a fall in grant applications. As such whilst this year has been, and will continue to be, challenging a prudent approach is ensuring we as Trustees believe this charity is a going concern and will continue to work to protect and conserve war memorials.

Chairman's Report from Peter McCormick

On behalf of the Trustees I would like to start by saying how sorry we are not to be able to meet with you in person this year. We hope you understand why no event has been arranged. I reiterate the message that if you do have any questions do get in touch. The staff will be delighted to help or will pass on any questions to Trustees if appropriate.

Talking of staff I would like to take this opportunity to thank them, especially our dedicated Director, Frances Moreton, for their efforts. 2019-20 was a transition year with a smaller team adapting to new ways of working and they did an amazing job. They have continued to do so as we all deal with Covid-19 and its implications. As Trustees we are incredibly grateful to them all for working so hard supporting individuals, communities and custodians caring for our war memorials.

The ongoing efforts of volunteers has also been fantastic and we thank you all. Whether you have been in the office or offering support from home, including contributions to War Memorials Online, it all helps the charity assist more war memorials. We also thank our Patrons and President and I also thank my fellow Trustees. To find out more about us visit www.warmemorials.org/people.

The charity entered 2019 with revised objectives which I was delighted to discuss with members at the 2018 and 2019 AGMs. The Annual Report discusses those in detail and explains the key indicators used to measure these. I would highly recommend reading the Report to find out more.

I would like to conclude by offering our thanks to all who supported us in 2019-20 and into this year. In particular Grosvenor Estate and the Westminster Foundation, Historic England, Historic Environment Scotland and the Culture Recovery Fund. Without your donations the charity could not help to preserve our war memorials and would be facing a very challenging situation. **Together we can ensure 'their name liveth for evermore'.**

2019-20 Grant activity

As expected, in 2019-20 grant expenditure fell. With so many communities focussed on completing works for 11th November 2018 there was a decline in applications and interest the following year. With less funding available this reduction meant that demand for help did not exceed available money which helped to manage expectations.

The table below shows the changes. It is interesting that the median grant was consistent indicating that the scale of projects coming in remains as diverse as ever. Grants awarded and accepted ranged from £80 up to £30,000 in 2019-20.

	No. of grants	Value of grants	Median grant
2017-18	212	£1,092,317	£1,600
2018-19	166	£821,483	£1,830
2019-20	58	£219,430	£1,730

There were 42 unique applicants in 2019-20 compared to 142 the previous year. As more grants were given than there were applicants this demonstrates how some communities will undertake works to more than one war memorial at a time. The Trust will facilitate this as it can help applicants and also promotes best conservation practice across several war memorials.

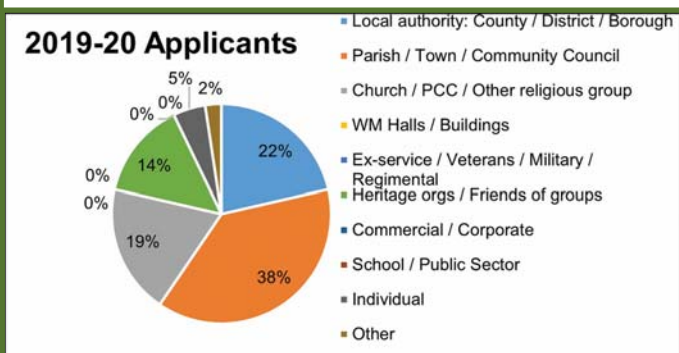
The primary type of applicant was Parish/Town/Community councils at 38%, followed by 22% local authorities and 19% Church/PCC/other religious groups. With Covid-19 impacting so significantly on local authorities we are anticipating this percentage will fall considerably in 2020-21 which will impact the Trust's expenditure.

Grant offers were spread across the country. The map shows the spread of applications reaching all four nations and all nine English regions.



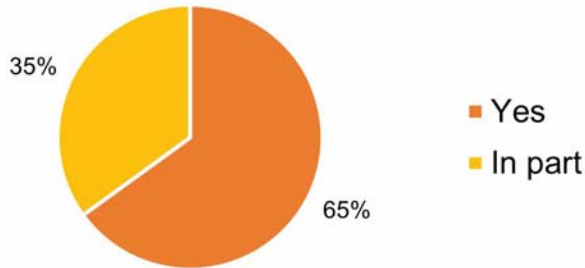
In 2019-20 the charity undertook more extensive evaluation asking all those claiming their grant to complete a questionnaire. From this we have been able to identify that 76% had already heard of the charity before seeking funding which was higher than expected. This means we are reaching war memorial custodians, and those involved in such projects, but there may be others we need to look at finding if there are long-standing war memorials in Poor or Very bad condition.

Everyone would recommend the grant process although 35% would do so in part. Reservations normally relate to timeframes and best conservation practice requirements which are more stringent than anticipated.



and the 2020-21 challenges for grants

Would you recommend the grant process?



Note 8 of the Financial Statements presents a rather different grant figure to the Annual Report. It suggests that WMT awarded £1,426 in grants rather than £219,430. The reason for this is that in the accounts any funds returned to the grant 'pot' as income reduce the expenditure figure.

Funds are returned to the 'pot' when the grant paid is less than the amount which was offered. The difference is reallocated to be used again. An example is an offer that includes cleaning a memorial then sharpening and deepening of the lettering. Once cleaned it can often be revealed that inscriptions are legible without further works so the overall project costs fall and the grant paid is lower than expected.

In addition, during 2019 staff chased many outstanding projects to ascertain their status. It was felt that projects offered during the centenary which had not yet completed were probably unlikely to do so. The result of these enquiries was that a number of offers were cancelled as either there was no response to our correspondence or works had been done but the grant had not been needed. Sometimes local communities will raise sufficient funds that grants are no longer required but the Trust is not always notified.

Undertaking this exercise has ensured the Trust has identified the funds available for future applicants. However, in 2020-21 we have seen a decline in grant activity, particularly outside England due, we assume, primarily to Covid-19.

In the first half of 2020-21 16 grant offers have been made totalling £44,000. There is one more grant deadline this year, 31st December to be assessed in 2021 but it is highly likely grant spend will be down.

As noted previously we are expecting a fall in local authority activity which will effect spend. This is because many larger war memorials, whose project costs would be bigger, are in the care of local authorities whose capacity to take on such work has been impacted by their need to manage services during Covid-19. Whilst in some areas things are returning to something like normality in others many staff remain seconded to support key services. And with the ongoing changes and uncertainly this is unlikely to settle down.

This does mean though that if you are aware of a war memorial which needs work you might want to consider an application. You do not need to own or have custodianship to organise a project but you will need permission from the owner if there is one.

For many people whose normal voluntary activities might currently be restricted or suspended a war memorial project could be an alternative to get your teeth into. It does not require contact with other people in person and contractors are able to work particularly if memorials are outside.

War Memorials Trust's website has a detailed section, www.warmemorials.org/apply for those applying for a grant. Anyone considering taking a project forward can find all the information they need before they start. It is really important to read this and understand the process, requirements and timeframes. Often people feel our requirements are too onerous. We can assure you we never ask for anything we do not need. But we are managing public money and donated funds so it is important they are allocated in a fair and open way so procurement processes have to be followed.

The Conservation Team can be reached on conservation@warmemorials.org or 020 7233 7356 to discuss potential projects so please get in touch for further information.

Offering conservation advice at Warrington, Cheshire

Warrington war memorial in Cheshire recently underwent significant works (WMO/135815). Located prominently on the banks of the River Mersey the memorial was unveiled after World War I. It is sited in a small garden at the junction of Wilderspool Causeway and Knutsford Road. Even in this very early image it can be seen that the area was a busy thoroughfare with all forms of transportation including the tram.



Over time the area has got even busier. The image below from 2014 shows how the roads have developed. It means that thousands of people pass this site every day and have the opportunity to see the war memorial. Although for many it may well have become part of the backdrop to their lives.



As a fitting tribute to the fallen, and to ensure an opportunity for those who wish to pay their respects, there is an annual service on Remembrance Sunday. Vehicle movement around the Causeway is temporarily halted under a robust traffic management plan. Given the scale of the site this is an important example of how communities can manage their services. The Trust receives enquiries about moving war memorials because of traffic issues. Our starting point is always to avoid expensive and risky projects. Instead consult locally and identify a plan that manages traffic, this shows it can be done.

In 2019, works took place at Warrington to stabilise the riverbank. Whilst not a project funder, War Memorials Trust did provide comments and advice to Warrington Borough Council. A site visit was made in 2017 to understand the full extent of works proposed and we returned in 2020 to see the results. This demonstrates how the Trust supports a range of projects, not just grant cases.

To complete the works the war memorial had to be carefully dismantled which was the focus of the Trust's input. Upon dismantling, time capsules were discovered inside the cenotaph. These were removed and are now on display at Warrington Museum. They have been replaced in the reinstated cenotaph by 3 brand new time capsules, filled by local primary schools in collaboration with Culture Warrington.



The riverbank was stabilised with a new sheet piled wall. This will protect the riverside location and prevent soil erosion. As the site was reconstructed, the stone walls, columns and steps were rebuilt by specialist stonemasons and a new ramped access was installed in order to allow improved access. As part of the works, repairs and replacement were undertaken as required to protect the war memorial and deter vandalism.

When the cenotaph was lifted back into place, an old penny that was found cemented into the base of the memorial was replaced, while a new commemorative centenary coin was added alongside. On Remembrance Sunday 2019, it was rededicated by The Acting Rector of Warrington, Rev Stewart McTaggart.

Top: Valentine's postcard c1920's; Middle: 2020 works © Warrington Borough Council, 2019; Bottom: 2014 setting © Paul Hewitt, 2014

Grants - Balmaghie, Dumfries and Galloway

Balmaghie war memorial in Dumfries and Galloway is a plaque located on the external wall of the Kirk (WMO/161429). Following completion of works in 2020 a grant was paid. This was the final payment for a project assisted by the Centenary Memorials Restoration Fund which saw £1 million from Historic Environment Scotland and the Scottish Government support conservation works to war memorials across Scotland through the centenary of World War I.

Although Balmaghie Parish Kirk is no longer a place of worship, the war memorial plaque built into the outside wall of the church, remains prominent. As shown below. It is still the focal point of the community's commemorations.



The condition of the sandstone memorial had deteriorated over time in part due to the elevated and exposed position of the church.



A Grant Offer of £1,665 was made to assist works to carve and indent new sandstone to fix the damaged area in the top left as shown in the image above. The stone was cleaned using a specialist steam system and the construction joints were repointed using a lime mortar. Small repairs to the surface of the stone were undertaken using a lime mortar consolidant.



Following works the grant was claimed and paid in August 2020. War Memorials Trust would like to extend our thanks again to Historic Environment Scotland and the Scottish Government for the support through the centenary of World War I. The £1 million allocated through the Centenary Memorials Restoration Fund has made a huge difference to the condition of war memorials in Scotland.



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Returning to the Balmaghie story, it was soon after the signing of the Armistice that a committee was appointed to make arrangements for a memorial to the fallen from the parish. They were assisted by the eminent artist E A Hornel. The memorial was designed by Alex Carrick ARSA and erected by Messrs Carruthers & Thomson, builders of Crossmichael.

Prior to the unveiling of the memorial on Sunday 13th June 1920, a service was conducted in the church by Rev W A Mowat. Then, in front of a very large congregation Professor H M B Reid, a former minister of the church, performed the unveiling ceremony and dedication. The Last Post and the French Reveille were sounded by Bugler Burnie, Castle Douglas and Piper Graham, Dalbeattie. At the conclusion of the service Rev W A Mowat read the names of the fallen.

Top left: Balmaghie church with plaque © P Goodwin, 2017; Bottom left: Before works © Balmaghie Community Council, 2018; Above: After works © Douglas Swann, 2020

Grants - Neath Port Talbot, West Glamorgan

In Neath Port Talbot, West Glamorgan three war memorials recently benefitted from grants through War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme. These were offered in association with Cadw's Grants for War Memorials Scheme which operated through the centenary of World War I.



Tai Bach war memorial located in Port Talbot Memorial Park commemorates the fallen of both World Wars (WMO/252164). It received a grant of £1,420 which assisted with steam cleaning of the stone as well as re-pointing with lime mortar. Damaged stonework was repaired to match the existing stone. The bronze statue and panels were cleaned and re-waxed with several layers of microcrystalline wax to provide a protective coating. One is shown below during works.



The gates of Gnoll Park in Neath are a war memorial to the dead of the two World Wars (WMO/252507). A grant of £1,590 supported cleaning of the stone, re-pointing with lime mortar and cleaning and re-waxing of the bronze. The gates were also re-painted.



Briton Ferry war memorial on Neath Road in Neath commemorates World War I and II (WMO/200057). It received a grant of £25,000. This supported steam cleaning of the stone with lime mortar re-pointing. The surrounding stone wall and paving was repair with matching stone. The bronze sculpture, panels and design features, such as the anchor above the World War II names, were cleaned and re-waxed.



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All the projects saw SmartWater applied as part of the In Memoriam 2014 initiative to deter theft of metal elements. SmartWater is available free of charge for all war memorials, www.smartwaterfoundation.org/in-memoriam.

Grants in England

Marchwood, Hampshire

Marchwood war memorial stands in the grounds of St John's churchyard on the Main Road of the village in Hampshire (WMO/215009). It commemorates the fallen of both World Wars. It features on the front cover of this issue showing the war memorial after recent works.

In September 2019 a War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme award of £1,380 supported stone cleaning with steam and repairs to the stonework which included removal of flaking stone and consolidation with lime mortar. The memorial was also re-pointed using lime mortar. The inscriptions had previously been painted so defective paint was removed. Then selective sharpening or deepening of individual eroded letters was undertaken and they were re-painted with appropriate oil based paint. A wider project included re-laying the path although this was not eligible for funding from the Trust.

The memorial features two different styles of inscription, shown below. The incised lettering which was re-painted is above the raised relief lettering. They require different conservation approaches and techniques so at this time no work was undertaken to the raised lettering as it remains legible.



Coalville, Leicestershire

Coalville war memorial clock tower stands in Memorial Square commemorating the fallen of World War I, World War II, Korea, Cyprus and Iraq (WMO/123055). It is over 20m/68ft



high, constructed of brick and concrete with clock dials on each of the four faces, one is shown below along with a bell. Names and inscriptions are on granite tablets at the base.

In May 2018, the Grants for War Memorials scheme, supported by Historic England, awarded £30,000 towards comprehensive repair and conservation works. As a Grade II listed monument in Coalville conservation area relevant permissions were required.

The memorial was unveiled on 31st October 1925 having been designed by Henry Collings LRIBA of McCarthy Collings & Co. and built by Walter Moss & Co. Each wing wall was raised to accommodate World War II names which were unveiled on 24th September 1950.



Left: Marchwood lettering © Marchwood War Memorial Restoration Fund 2020. Above top: Coalville © Mike Gutteridge from WMO, 2016 Above: Bell and clock on the Tower during works © N W Leicestershire Council, 2020

Public Engagement - Events and Learning

Unsurprisingly our plans for workshops and face-to-face events remain on hold. At this stage the level of uncertainty on how long restrictions will be in place are too high to look too far ahead.

With our reduced staffing we have also been unable to develop new online material ourselves as our the day-to-day workload remains high. However, as we go to press we are delighted to be contributing to a couple of online events organised by others.

Historic England's Conservation Team runs free weekly webinars, Technical Tuesdays. On 20th



Historic England

October and 3rd November two war memorial focussed sessions were scheduled. Our Conservation Officer, Andrew McMaster contributed to the first whilst the second was a more technical discussion with contractors.

Full details of the events with information on how to watch recordings of previous sessions or register for upcoming events can be found at <https://historicengland.org.uk/services-skills/training-skills/online-training/webinars/technical-tuesdays>. We also promoted the events via our Twitter account so hopefully some of you picked up details in advance.

Alongside this, fellow Conservation Officer Ffion Jones joined a Cambridgeshire ACRE workshop as part of Cambridgeshire Local Councils Conference in October.

Having previously worked in the Cambridgeshire area Ffion had a local perspective to add to a session for local councils on Developing, managing, maintaining and owning community assets successfully. Ffion did a short top tips film before joining the expert panel of speakers.

With young people getting back to school the Trust has been delighted to see that there is ongoing usage of the Learning materials at www.learnaboutwarmemorials.org. In 2019-20, there were 6,692 unique visitors to the website compared to 8,439 in 2018-19 which shows interest beyond the centenary.

At this time of year one of the most popular sections of the website is the material provided for Assemblies. There are a series of sessions for both Primary and Secondary schools which can be used over a period of time or as standalones.

The website provides pdfs of content along with supporting materials. These can include sources to print out and use in activities or PowerPoint presentations to download, use or adapt. Example slides are shown below. They cover a variety of issues including what war memorials are, why they are important and the problems they face.

Importance of war memorials



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The Response, Tyne and Wear (WM2012) © War Memorials Trust, 2009.

Pembrokeshire Dock, Dyfed (WM34) © Carl Jones, 2010.

Walton on Thames, Surrey (WM805) © IWM's Farming Collection.

In Flanders fields



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In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from falling hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

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Public Engagement - War Memorials Online

Lockdown and the wider restrictions experienced due to Covid-19 could have seen War Memorials Online activity fall. With people unable to get out and about they may not have had details to upload. However, we have been delighted to see Contributors adding and improving records, working together to enhance existing records or creating new entries to ensure as many war memorials as possible are recorded.

With an estimated 100,000 war memorials across the UK the website currently has in excess of 56,000 records. We are making great progress but there is more to do. The vital thing to remember is that the focus of the website is on condition and using that information to ensure we can protect and conserve our war memorials.

A recent case has shown the importance of maintaining information on war memorials before it is too late. Around 2000, Mrs B Woods took a photograph of the [Essex Volunteer Police Force Little Dunmow Squad](#) roll of honour, shown below (WMO/264154). Subsequently her collection of photographs was donated to WMT and with the help of volunteers the images were scanned and added to existing War Memorials Online records or new ones created.

This memorial was added to the website at its last known location, St Mary the Virgin church in Little Dunmow. But it was recorded in Very bad condition with a comment that it may no longer be in existence.



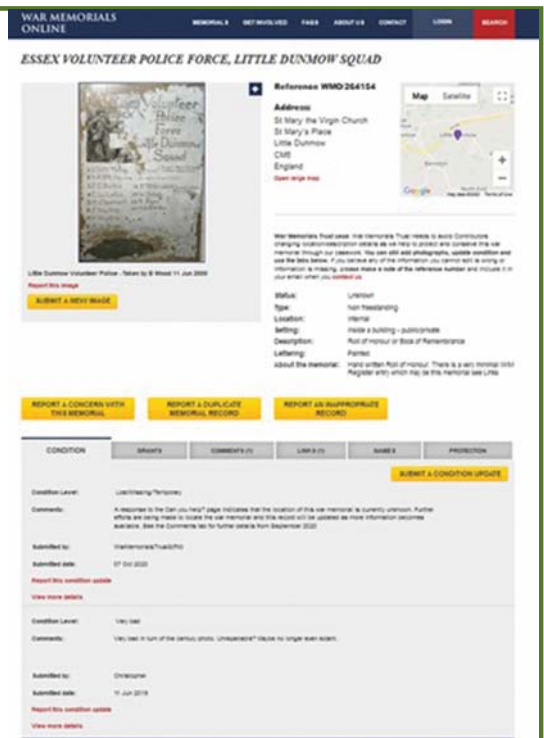
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To resolve the issue staff made the record a Can you help? request. These are cases where specific help is sought from people in the local area who may be able to visit a site to take photos or have access to local research material staff cannot reach.

The request was picked up and a volunteer contacted the Church. They have no recollection of the war memorial and have undertaken a search for it but nothing has been uncovered yet. The next port of call is the Essex Police Museum whose help is being sought but a response seems to be delayed due to Covid-19.

All the information on these developments is being posted to the War Memorials Online record. This ensures that everyone is able to access the information and can also post details if they know anything further.

If you have the time we do encourage you to visit War Memorials Online and look at the Can you help? requests as you may know something about them or be able to take photos. www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/search is the starting point. Under Filter results you can select Can you help? in the condition section. This will bring up the map of all the cases so you can then navigate to your area. Thank you to everyone who has been editing, adding and following up on War Memorials Online, your help is amazing.



Get involved

Direct mail thank you

A huge thank you to everyone who donated to the Direct Mail sent out in August. The response has been fantastic and will make a huge difference to our fundraising efforts.

Last year we launched an appeal to raise £141,900 over 3 years. In 2019-20 nearly £37,000 was raised whilst so far in 2020-21 we have secured nearly £44,000. To have raised more this year, with all the challenges of Covid-19, is amazing and we greatly appreciate all your support.

It means we have secured £81,000 of our 3-year £141,900 target at the mid-point of the appeal, leaving us £60,900 left to raise. If anyone is yet to make a donation this year, or feels able to contribute again, we would be very grateful. Please ensure you mark up your gift as related to the 2019-22 appeal so we can allocate accordingly.

We would also like to apologise for some inconveniences some donors have faced. We understand that some attempts to make a payment via online banking were unsuccessful as it was not possible to identify our account securely. We did not realise this was an issue and are looking into how we can speed up the process of ensuring our account is identifiable.

There may also have been delays for others in our processing of cheques and card payments. Without an Administrator the Director has been handling this on top of her existing workload. Timeframes are therefore longer than normal, exacerbated by not being in the office everyday.

Finally if you requested an electronic receipt those have been sent. If you have not received this do double-check your junk email as sometimes our messages can get tagged as junk.



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Culture Recovery Fund



War Memorials Trust is one of 445 heritage organisations across the country receiving a financial boost from the government thanks to the £1.57 billion Culture Recovery Fund to help them through the Covid-19 pandemic. We would like to thank DCMS, Historic England and the National Lottery Heritage Fund for the £40,000 grant received.

445 organisations shared £103 million in the awards announced in October 2020 under the #HereForCulture message. For War Memorials Trust this will assist with the delivery of the Conservation Programme ensuring we can continue to assist custodians and communities care for their war memorials. As the period of support includes Remembrance Day it will help us cover our busiest period.

This vital funding is from the Culture Recovery Fund for Heritage and the Heritage Stimulus Fund - funded by Government and administered at arms length by Historic England and the National Lottery Heritage Fund. Both funds are part of the Government's £1.57 billion Culture Recovery Fund which is designed to secure the future of Britain's museums, galleries, theatres, independent cinemas, heritage sites and music venues with grants and loans.

Culture Secretary Oliver Dowden said: "As a nation it is essential that we preserve our heritage and celebrate and learn from our past. This massive support package will protect our shared heritage for future generations, save jobs and help us prepare for a cultural bounceback post covid."

Merchandise

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

War Memorials Trust
1st Floor, 14 Buckingham Palace Rd
London SW1W 0QP

You need to use a stamp.

Adding freepost to the address will incur a sizeable fee which WMT has to pay.

Thank you

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Please complete this order form and your details overleaf then send to the address details at the bottom of this page.

No.	Item	Total
	Pack(s) of Guards and wreath Christmas card at £4.75 (inc p&p)	
	Set of 3 Trust pens at £4 (inc. p&p)	
	Set of 5 Trust pencils at £2 (inc. p&p)	
	Total	
	Donation	
	Grand total	

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 Account number: 00 - 03 - 30 - 99

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Get involved

Please complete and return this form: Bulletin 87

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 2021
- Joint = two people at the same address

- Individual/ joint annual membership £20/£30
- Individual/joint life membership £250/£350
- Donation of £.....

Please tick if you DO wish to receive a receipt for your payment.

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. So just tick here. It's that simple.

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.

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- Cheque made out to War Memorials Trust
 - Cash
 - Bank transfer payment already made (details page 15)
 - Credit/debit card
- (complete details below and ensure a telephone number or email address is provided in case of query)

Card number

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Merchandise

War Memorials Trust sells merchandise to raise funds and awareness. Order using the form or at www.warmemorials.org/shop.

Every purchase made helps protect and conserve war memorials.

Our 2020 Christmas card shows two Guards standing alongside a lantern with a green wreath. The cards are 14cm / 5.5 inches square and inside read Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. A pack of 10 cards costs £4.75 inc. p&p. Please note they are selling fast so we may not be able to fulfil all orders.



Alongside the cards we have pens and pencils.



A set of 3 green pens are available for £4 inc. p&p.



5 white pencils cost £2 inc. p&p.