



# A to Z

## WAR MEMORIALS





Now we have reached the centenary of the First World War, and those people who were directly involved in the conflict are no longer with us, war memorials have become even more significant as reminders of the sacrifices made.

Throughout the centenary we want to ensure that war memorials are the fitting tributes that former members of our communities deserve. With government funding, the First World War Memorials Programme has been developed to help communities find out more about their local war memorials and take steps to conserve and protect them for the future.

We hope this A-Z of war memorials will inspire you to visit your local war memorials, find out more about them and take action to preserve them for future generations.





**A**

## Ainsdale

With the help of the community, Ainsdale Civic Society raised funds to conserve their war memorial, a stone wheel cross which stands on the green at the heart of the village

**B**

## Buildings

After the First World War many buildings were dedicated or built specifically as memorials. They include halls, clock towers, chapels and even bus shelters!



**C**

## Civic Voice

The national charity for the civic movement in England. Throughout the centenary Civic Voice's workshop programme will train volunteers to care for and protect war memorials



**D**

## Designation

The process of protecting buildings or monuments of national significance by adding them to the National Heritage List for England. Volunteers will help add up to 2,500 memorials to the list throughout the centenary

**E**

## East Grinstead

To mark the centenary the East Grinstead Society applied to have their memorial designated. It was successfully added to the National Heritage List for England as a Grade II monument in June 2015

**F**

## First World War Memorials Programme

Set up to help communities find out about their war memorials and ensure they are a fitting tribute to those who fought and died





## G

### Grant funding

Did you know extra funding is available for war memorial repair and conservation during the centenary? (see 'useful websites', inside back cover)

## H

### Historic England

The public body that looks after England's historic environment. It advises the government on heritage issues and publishes advice to help people care for and protect historic places and our wider heritage, including war memorials



## I

### Imperial War Museums

With museums in London, Manchester and Duxford, IWM tells the story of peoples' experiences of modern war and conflict and is responsible for compiling the national register of UK war memorials



## J

### Jackfield and Coalport

A war memorial bridge connects these two villages over the River Severn. Under threat of demolition, the two communities worked together to ensure its refurbishment and rededication in 2000

## K

### Knebworth

In 2013 this stone pillar, unveiled in 1920, received a grant towards gentle cleaning and sharpening up and re-painting of the inscriptions to improve legibility

## L

### Lutyens

Sir Edwin Lutyens was perhaps the most influential architect in determining the manner in which the First World War would be physically commemorated

## M

### Memorial

A war memorial is any physical object created, erected or installed to commemorate those involved in or affected by a conflict or war, including civilians and animals





## N

### Names

Perhaps the singular most important element of a war memorial. Help to record them so that those named are always remembered



## O

### Obelisk

A tall, four-sided, narrow tapering pillar, usually of stone, which ends in a pyramid-like shape at the top. At least 1,000 of the UK's war memorials are obelisks

## P

### Plaque

The most common type of war memorial, there are upwards of 35,000 in the UK. Often found in churches, they also exist in schools, banks, railway stations and business premises

## Q

### Quatford

Located in the Church of St Mary Magdalene this war memorial is a framed, hand-written roll of honour to the men of Quatford who served in the First World War

## R

### Remembrance

War memorials provide an important focal point for communities to gather together in November each year, or on significant anniversaries both national and local, to remember the sacrifice made by so many in war



## S

### Surveys

Volunteers are needed to carry out condition surveys to identify those memorials that need repair and conservation so they continue to provide a fitting tribute to the fallen

## T

### Trees

Single trees, groves and avenues of trees can be memorials, often with a dedicatory plaque nearby





## U

### Ulverston

This unusual memorial, in Victoria High School, is a collection of photographs in an oak display cabinet showing 159 masters and scholars who fought in the First World War

## V

### Volunteer

Get involved with the First World War Memorials Programme and receive training in: locating/recording the condition of memorials; applying for funding for their conservation; protecting them for the future



## W

### War Memorials Trust

The charity that works for the protection and conservation of war memorials in the UK. It provides advice and information and runs grant schemes for war memorial repair and conservation



## X

### XIV-XIX

The Roman numerals for 14-19 are incised on Lutyan's Cenotaph in Westminster. Others carry 14-18 and some 14-21 signifying how different communities saw the duration of the war at the time



## Y

### Young people

Encourage young people to get involved in war memorial projects so they learn about their significance. They are the custodians of the future!

## Z

### Zeppelin

Members of Tipton Civic Society are drawing up plans for a new memorial to commemorate 33 people who were killed across the Black Country in a Zeppelin raid on January 31st 1916



# Useful websites

## [www.civicvoice.org.uk/warmemorials](http://www.civicvoice.org.uk/warmemorials)

For information about the First World War Memorials Programme and training workshops near you

## [www.historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list](http://www.historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list)

The National Heritage List for England

## [www.iwm.org.uk/memorials](http://www.iwm.org.uk/memorials)

The War Memorials Register is the national register of UK war memorials. Search for your local war memorials and send new and updated information to the Register via the website

## [www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk](http://www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk)

A searchable online record of the condition of war memorials across the UK to which the public are encouraged to add condition information and photographs

## [www.warmemorials.org](http://www.warmemorials.org)

War Memorials Trust's website which contains advice on war memorial issues and details of funding available and how to apply

## <https://livesofthefirstworldwar.org>

The IWM digital memorial. Help piece together the lives of the 8 million who served, find their records, add your images and share their stories



Historic England



War Memorials Trust

A partnership between Civic Voice, Historic England, Imperial War Museums and War Memorials Trust has been set up to help communities discover, care for and conserve their local First World War memorials. According to research by War Memorials Trust, up to 10,000 war memorials are in poor or very bad condition. As the nation commemorates the First World War, we want to change this. Our aim is to ensure as many war memorials as possible are in good condition by the end of 2018.

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