

**Evidence used for the London Assembly Planning and Housing Committee's investigation into
London's War Memorials**

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WMs/059 -Alleyn's School

From the Senior Deputy Head

21" May 2009

ALLEYN'S SCHOOL
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Mr Tony Arbour
London Assembly
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Dear Mr Arbour

You wrote to the Headmaster, Dr Diggory about a review of London's war memorials and we have now prepared our response to your questions.

Does your school contain a war memorial? If so, what are the details~of the memorial in terms of its history, type and physical description, location, people and wars commemorated on it?

Yes. It is a wooden (oak) war memorial which lists the names of the Alleyn's Old Boys who died during the First and Second World Wars.

A war memorial for the Alleyn's Old Boys (AOBs) who were killed in WW1 was agreed as early as April 1918. They were to be remembered by the installation of a school organ above the platform in the School's Great Hall. Under the organ balcony, eight oak panels were erected upon which were inscribed the names of the dead. Later, a further four panels were added to the memorial on which the names of those ho died in the WW2 were inscribed.

The memorial lists the 264 names of the AOBs who died in WW1, and 131 names of those who died in WW2. The panels list the AOB's first name, middle initials and surname. (This contrasts with the memorial in the Foundation Chapel in Dulwich Village which -for some of them - also lists the AOBs' rank at time of death; the Chapel's panels only give the AOBs' initials.)

The memorial was originally unveiled by AOB Col Frank Kirby VC CBE DCM in 1922.

The four further panels commemorating those who died in WW2 were unveiled on Founder's Day in 1949 by AOB Major-General Sir Leslie Williams, KBE, CB, MC, and blessed by the Bishop of Southwark, the Rt Rev BF Simpson, another AOB.

In the 1970s the memorial was moved from the Great Hall to a corridor behind the hall. The organ still exists.

There is also a brass plaque to those AOBs who died in the Boer War. It is on display adjacent to the memorial described above. All the memorials are in very good condition.

The names and inscriptions of these memorials are attached.

After WW2 a (gated) memorial garden was also established to remember those AOBs who died in the war. This is on a triangle of ground at the junction of Townley Road and Calton Avenue (where the RAF barrage balloon site was during the war). The memorial garden was officially opened on 19 June 1954 by Lord Gorrell, the then chairman of the Board of Governors. The memorial garden still exists and trees have been planted in memory of pupils and staff since WW2.

At this year's Founder's Day (27th June 2009), the School will be adding the names of those (8) AOBs who died in WW1 who were not originally listed on the panels

a new honours board listing the (three) names of those AOBs who have died whilst on military service since WW2

Unveiling these new names and honours board will be part of the School's celebration of Armed Forces Day (on the same day, 27th June).

How is the memorial maintained and is access to the memorial restricted to the school or open to members of the public?

The memorials are inside the School and get dusted and polished on a regular basis. Visitors who would like to see the memorial can do so - generally by prior appointment. The panels are available for viewing on public days, such as open days and Founder's Day.

The memorial garden is maintained by the School's gardeners. Again, members of the public can visit it by appointment..

In terms of local memorials in the local area, are you aware of any instances of loss or damage to war memorials as part of the development process or through the change of use or refurbishment of existing buildings?

No. we are aware that a war memorial to the Dulwich Volunteer Battalion has been recently been refurbished in St Peter's Churchyard on the corner of Lordship Lane and Dulwich Common (opposite the Harvester pub).

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Has your school had any involvement with the local authority in aspects of protection or maintenance of war memorials in the area?

Not to our knowledge.

Is your school aware of other organisations that can assist the community to care for war memorials in their local area?

No.

Does your school have any good examples of practices that have raised the profile of war memorials, their protection, maintenance and sense of community ownership?

The School is in the process of researching the war-time experiences of its former pupils. Research has been completed on finding out more about the WW1 and WW2 dead. The information about the WW1 Alleyn's war dead has been published on the School's alumni's association's website, www.edwardalleynclub.com.

We have also discovered a collection of photographic portraits of the AOBs who died in WW1 which was (probably) assembled shortly after the end of the war. The School is in consultation with the Imperial War Museum (IWM) on how best to preserve and disseminate the photographs - and the stories of the men they depict - to both pupils and the wider public. These pictures are now being digitised by the IWM with a view to uploading them (with their biographical details) onto its website as well as onto the School's website. Pupils and staff will also have access to these images and information for use as educational resources. The original photographs will be conserved in the School's archives. Facsimile copies have been made of a selection of the photographs to use for permanent display.

An article about the WW2 dead will be published in the autumn 2009 issue of the Edward Alleyn Club's magazine (to coincide with the 70th anniversary of the start of WW2).

From the research, it is (fortunately) clear that there were many AOBs who fought and survived WW2. The School hopes to collect their war-time (and school boy) stories by hosting a Memories Day in early 2010. Sixth-form pupils will interview AOBs who were at the School in the 1930s and 1940s to record their memories and experiences. It is hoped that a publication will be produced to recount all the war-time experience of AOBs for posterity.

What are your views on how information could be better presented on existing or future war memorials in order to be used effectively in education projects or as part of local history?

More use of the internet to record names and experiences of individuals. Personal

stories make history come alive.

Are there any other issues, organisations or practices you are aware of that may have relevance for this investigation?

Commonwealth War Graves Commission online database

UK's National Inventory of War Memorials (though more funding needed;

we understand that the names of those listed on the Almeyn's war memorial will be added to this site once funding has been secured)

Imperial War Museum; Armed Forces Day

CCF and Cadet 150.

These responses do not need to be kept confidentially. If you require any more information the best person for you to contact within the School is probably Mrs Susie Schofield, Alumni Officer, or myself.

Yours sincerely

LET US PRAISE AND HONOUR THE MEN FROM THIS SCHOOL WHO TO THE
GLORY OF GOD FOR THE SALVATION OF OUR RACE LAID DOWN THEIR LIVES
AND LIVE FOR EVERMORE

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BOER WAR MEMORIAL PLAQUE

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DETUR GLORIA SOLI DEO.

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AMID THE SURROUNDINGS OF THEIR BOYHOOD,

IN HONOUR & AFFECTIONATE MEMORY OF THOSE OLD BOYS OF ALLEYN'S SCHOOL
WHO, AS VOLUNTEERS IN THE HOUR OF THE EMPIRE'S NEED, ADVENTURED & LOST THEIR LIVES
DURING THE

SOUTH AFRICAN WAR, 1899-1902:-

CAMPBELL, E.J. KILLED AT TWEEFONTEIN, 25TH DEC. 1901, OAKLEY, H. KILLED AT VLAKFONTEIN,
29TH MAY, 1901,

KEMSLEY, T. DIED AT JOHANNESBURG, 1 3TH JUNE, 1900, STEPPE, W.J. KILLED AT KLIP'S DRIFT, 7TH
MARCH, 1902,

WILLIAMS, L.C.H. DIED AT MAITLAND CAMP, 25TH MAY, 1900.

WMs/008 -Andrew Dismore MP for Hendon

Andrew Dismore
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Our Ref: 1/04/07/0009
Please quote reference on all correspondence
31st March 2009

Dear Mr Arbour

Thank you for your letter of 27th March concerning war memorials.

I have been particularly concerned about the condition of the Edgware war memorial, which is on the border of Harrow and Edgware, just on the Harrow side of the A5 north of Edgware Station Road.

I have raised this on a number of occasions with Barnet Council and Harrow Council but with no success.

I am also concerned that there is no memorial to the World War II dead over Edgware and Burnt Oak.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Dismore
Member of Parliament for Hendon

WMs/020 -Andrew Rosindell MP for Romford

From:

Sent: 17 April 2009 11:14

To: Paul Watling

Subject: Review of London's War memorials

Follow Up Flag: Recorded in WMs020

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Dear Paul,

Andrew has received the letter from Tony Arbour A.M. regarding the war memorials and has asked me to contact you. Whilst I know of no issues with war memorials in Romford at the present it is perhaps best that this issue is addressed to the Leader of the Council, Cllr. Michael White who should be able to help. As you may know Andrew takes a keen interest in veterans and if he can help in anyway please let him know.

Yours

Political Secretary to Andrew Rosindell M.P.

WMs/024 -Bancrofts School, Woodford Green

From:

Sent: 21 April 2009 10:40

To: Paul Watling

Subject: War memorials.

Follow Up Flag: Recorded in WMs/024

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I answer your questions on War Memorials in order.

1. Bancroft's has two war memorials as such. We have our main memorial in our quadrangle unveiled by HM King George V in 1921 which initially commemorated those Bancroftians who fell in the Great War. However about 10 years ago a further inscription was added (when the memorial was cleaned and refurbished) that states that the memorial also commemorates those Bancroftians who fell in the Second War and subsequent conflicts. This is a stone memorial typical of those built after WW1 The roll of honour of the fallen in WW1 is on wooden tablets on the wall in the cloister adjacent to the Quadrangle. It is at this memorial that the school's annual Remembrance Day parade is held. The school also has a second memorial. The main school gates were designed and paid for by Old Bancroftians and dedicated in 1951 as a specific memorial to the fallen of WW2. These gates and the York stone surrounds were completely refurbished and cleaned in August 2008 and were then re-dedicated in September 2008. The lists of those Old Bancroftians who fell in WW2 are on the pillars of the gates. The School also dedicated specific memorials to our two VC holders in 2007 during the 150th anniversary of the Victoria Cross. These memorials flank the roll of honour for WW1.

2. The Memorials are maintained at the school's expense - the refurbishment of the WW2 gates and the additional inscription on the main memorial were supported by donations from the Old Bancroftians' Association. Naturally as the Memorials are situated in the school's ground there is no general access for the public although the school does participate in the London Open House scheme.

3. No.

4. No, nor have we been asked.

5. Only the Royal British Legion with whom we have a good relationship. The local branch holds an annual summer tea party in the school's grounds.

6. With both the dedication of the VC memorials and the rededication of the WW2 gates we had full press coverage to bring the memorials to the attention of the local population.

7. We would be happy to co-operate in any local history project involving war memorials, as far as I am aware nothing exists in the local area.

8. No

I hope that this is helpful. Please do get in touch if I can help any more.

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WMs/006 -Barnet Museum

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7 April 2009

Dear Mr. Arbour,

LONDON ASSEMBLY PLANNING AND HOUSING COMMITTEE
REVIEW OF LONDON'S WAR MEMORIALS

With reference to your letter dated 27 March, we are writing to advise you that the Museum holds a wooden tryptich from the former New Barnet Margaret Road School.

Yours Sincerely,

WMs/050 -Beryl Nash

From: Nash, Beryl

Posted At: 28 April 2009 15:06

Conversation: Rangers War Memorial Chenies Street WC1

Subject: WMs050_Rangers War Memorial Chenies Street WC1

My great grandfather, John David Francis Nash, fought in the first world War and was a rifleman with 12th battalion London regiment 'the rangers'. He fought on the first day of the Somme; at Arras; and at Passchendaele. He was shot and gassed but was lucky enough to survive the war and lived well into his 80s. Like many men of his generation he never spoke about his experiences in that war but he would never walk pass the rangers war memorial without stopping for a few moments to remember those men he had fought with and who never made it home. A few months ago I took my nephews aged 10 and 9 years to look at that memorial. I was deeply upset to find the state of disrepair the memorial had fallen into. The memorial is now located in a car park behind the Eisenhower Centre on Chenies street WC1 and I was horrified to see a car had been parked on the actual plinth of the memorial in total disregard for the memorial and what it represented. Trying to explain to very young children the sacrifices that had been made by that generation for mine and their generation is made all the more difficult by the seeming disregard and indifference shown to the memorials placed in our communities so that we should never forget.

WMs/042 -Canadian High Commission

From:

Sent: 05 May 2009 10:34

To: Paul Watling

Cc:

Subject: London Assembly Planning and Housing Committee - Review of London's War Memorials

Importance: High

Dear Mr Watling

Firstly, I would like to apologise for this tardy response to Mr Arbour's letter dated 27 March 2009.

The intention of the London Assembly to catalogue and raise the profile of the various war memorials in London is a very worthwhile project. An attempt to do something similar has been made by Veterans Affairs Canada, and the results of our endeavours has been linked on the VAC website here <http://www.vac-acc.gc.ca/remembers/sub.cfm?source=memorials/ukmem/countylondon> We are pretty sure that this is not a definitive list of war memorials with a Canadian focus in London, but this is an ongoing project and we hope to add the details of others as and when they become known to us.

As you are probably aware, war memorials, and especially plaques, are often paid for from donated money, and raised and installed by committees which disband once the installation and unveiling ceremony is complete. Sometimes there is minimal consideration given to long-term upkeep and repair and this can result in these works being undertaken on an ad hoc and volunteer basis rather than by an official body. This can work well where there is a link to a long-standing Veteran or military association, but sometimes means that repairs are not made and the memorial can fall into disrepair.

Of the four memorials listed on the VAC website as being in London, I can confirm that the Canadian Government have recently agreed to assume ownership of one, the Canada Memorial in Green Park. There is now a maintenance programme in place and an ongoing contract with Commonwealth War Graves Commission to oversee the works and upkeep of the memorial. Of the other three memorials listed, we cannot confirm ownership nor the current state of repair.

If we can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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WMs/025 -Colfe's School

From:

Sent: 22 April 2009 14:34

To: Paul Watling

Cc:

Subject: LONDON'S WAR MEMORIALS

Follow Up Flag: Recorded in WMs/025

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Dear Paul,

Thank you for your letter to X, Headmaster of Colfe's School, regarding London's war memorials. I have been asked to answer your enquiry.

Colfe's School does not contain a war memorial but there is a Colfeian war memorial at the Old Colfeians' Clubhouse in Eltham Road (close to the school) and this is the point at which all Colfeians, past and present congregate on Remembrance Sunday.

The memorial is a 1.5 metre high concrete structure with the names of WW1 & WW2 military and civilian losses listed on all 4 sides on mounted metal plates. It is located in the centre of the car park.

The memorial is maintained by the club. Access is not physically restricted but it is on private ground.

We are not aware of any damage to local memorials nor have we had any liaison with the local authorities on any sites.

We have not heard about any assistance to care for war memorials but may be interested.

The school recognises the value of war memorials in remembering the sacrifice of many and the annual Remembrance Service is attended by the Headmaster, School Captains of both the Senior and Preparatory Schools and involves a formal parade including an armed honour guard by the school's Combined Cadet Force Squadron.

I hope this is of use. Please contact me if you require further information.

Colfe's School CCF Squadron

London SE12 8AW

WMs/041 -Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Mr Paul Watling
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Our ref.: ENQ 2

Date: 1 May 2009

Dear Mr Watling

LONDON ASSEMBLY PLANNING AND HOUSING COMMITTEE – REVIEW OF LONDON'S WAR MEMORIALS

I am writing with reference to Tony Arbour's letter of 27 March 2009 addressed to our Commissioner Mr Ian Henderson, regarding the review of London's war memorials.

I thought that it might be helpful if I gave a brief outline of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's responsibilities in the United Kingdom because I suspect from Tony Arbour's letter that the memorials to which he refers are outside of the Commission's remit.

The Commission is responsible for in total over 300,000 commemorations in the United Kingdom. There are 170,000 war graves buried in over 12,000 separate locations and the remainder of the commemorations are inscriptions to named casualties on Memorials.

The largest of the Commission's Memorials in London is the Tower Hill Memorial which commemorates 24,000 casualties from the Merchant Navy and Fishing Fleets. This Memorial has statutory protection under the terms of the Marine Memorial Act 1927 and the Merchant Navy Memorial Act 1952. The Tower Hill Memorial is situated in Trinity Square Gardens. The Memorial, Gardens and environs are high profile and in a conservation area. There are many parties interested in the protection and preservation of this area.

The Commission also has a number of Screen Wall Memorials in burial grounds in London. These memorials commemorate the names of casualties who have no known grave or whose graves cannot be marked. One such example of this type of Memorial is in Tower Hamlets Cemetery. This Memorial, constructed in 1997 as a replacement for an earlier memorial that had suffered from repeated vandalism, was erected to commemorate casualties, the majority of which were buried in common graves and not individually marked.

I have provided these two vastly different types of War Memorial to illustrate the types of Memorial for which the Commission is responsible.

The Commission is not responsible for the thousands of war memorials that were erected by local communities after the First World War. Requests are received by the Commission from time to time either from members of the public, Trusts or Local Authorities for financial assistance to renovate these Memorials and enquiries such as these are generally referred to the War Memorials Trust.

Although I do not think that I have answered your questions, I hope that the information about the Commission proves useful. Please do come back to me and I or my legal colleague will be happy to provide you with further details.

Thank you for giving the Commission the opportunity to participate in your review.

Yours sincerely

Director

WMs/013 -Cyprus Area Projects Panel

Cyprus Area Projects Panel

Cyprus St E2

12" April 2009

Mr Michael Walker
City Hall

Dear Sir

I am the secretary of the Cyprus Area Projects Panel which is a residents group on the Cyprus St Estate in Bethnal Green.

I read with interest the article in the East London Advertiser concerning war memorials. I wondered if maybe you would be interested in our memorial which I think is rather a nice one.

It commemorates residents of the street who gave their lives in both the first and second world wars.

It is a memorial that is valued by everyone and is well cared for.

One of the residents of the street takes a collection when Remembrance Day is coming up and everyone is willing to put a small amount to buy poppy wreaths and help toward the cost of maintaining and keeping it nice.

I am enclosing a picture so that you can see how justly proud of it we all are.

If you would care to get in touch you can contact me at the above or you can contact **X** on **X** . He is the person who usually takes charge of matters and has been doing so for a number of years

Yours faithfully

Att. (Picture)

WMs/010 -D Chambers

Dear Mr Walker,

The letter published in local papers interested me, because several times I drew attention to the fact that the Uxley Park Sports Ground of the Metropolitan Railway Athletic Association was donated by the Metropolitan Railway Company as a war memorial.

One party in the Joint Administration of Brent Council (Lab Dems) is in the process of developing an Academy on the site (other parties being opposed to the siting, as are teachers, residents etc).

So far as I know nothing has been mentioned about the status of the ground as a war memorial in any documentation.

Yours sincerely,

WMs/037 -Emanuel School

From:

Sent: 30 April 2009 10:48

To: Paul Watling

Subject: London Assembly - Review of London's war memorials

Dear Mr Watling,

Mark Hanley-Browne, Headmaster, has asked me to reply to your questions in your letter dated 27th March as follows:

1. Emanuel School contains war memorials dated 1914-18 and 1939-45 - they are in the Chapel. People commemorated are those who died from Emanuel.
2. Access is restricted to members of the public except for London Open House (Saturday).

I hope this helps.

Best wishes,

Headmaster's Secretary

WMs/064 -English Heritage, London Region

Meeting with English Heritage, 1 Waterhouse Square, London, 15 January 2009

Present: Drew Bennelick, Head of Regional Partnerships (London Region), English Heritage
Tony Arbour AM, Rapporteur on War Memorials
Stephen Greek, Research and Support Officer (Conservative Group)
Paul Watling, Scrutiny Manager
Dale Langford, Committee Administrator
Michael Walker, Administration Officer

1. Tony Arbour opened the meeting by explaining that the aim of the investigation was not to duplicate anything that has already been done, but to add value by identifying who is responsible for war memorials in London so that they can be protected better if they came under threat of demolition or change of use of the building where they are housed.

English Heritage's work on war memorials

2. Drew Bennelick explained that English Heritage (EH) did have specific responsibilities for memorials that were free standing and listed and would be consulted where a memorial formed part of a Grade I and Grade II* listed building¹. He reported that war memorials had not been identified as under-designated and there were no war memorials on the buildings at risk register (which would include any that were Grade I or Grade II* listed).
3. EH also looks after a small number of war memorials for the Government, including the Cenotaph, the Machine Gun Corps, Royal Artillery, Belgian and Crimea war memorials. The Government decided eight or nine years ago to pass on responsibility and funding is included in EH's mainstream budget. The memorials are cleaned in the spring and autumn (in time for remembrance services). EH sometimes receives complaints about the cleanliness of the Cenotaph, as it is considered virtually impossible to keep it looking pristine and white in the middle of a major road.
4. EH has published advice on the maintenance of war memorials and also produced a document called *Paradise Preserved*, providing guidance on conservation and management of historic cemeteries, which was also relevant to war memorials.
5. EH has offered a grant to the Friends of Kensal Green Cemetery for volunteers to be trained by a conservator to inspect the 140 listed monuments in the cemetery, carrying out stone and metalwork surveys to identify any problems. A similar exercise for war memorials could be considered if a training course could be devised, and EH would be interested in helping with setting up such a course and identifying fund raising opportunities.
6. EH is working with the Public Monuments and Sculpture Association (PMSA), carrying out a survey of monuments in London to identify any artwork not currently recorded or listed. There were seven or eight boroughs still to be completed. The PMSA database does have some limitations, as it does not give details of ownership, so a publicly accessible database showing ownership would be helpful.

¹ Grade I buildings are of exceptional interest, sometimes considered to be internationally important. Grade II* buildings are particularly important buildings of more than special interest. <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/server/show/nav.1373>

There were many examples of war memorials and drinking fountains that had been raised by public subscription where ownership and responsibility for maintenance was no longer certain.

7. Drew Bennelick gave an example of a significant war memorial that had been lost from London in recent years. Pearl Assurance had relocated its head office from London to Peterborough and had been permitted to take the free-standing war memorial, including a statue by Sir George Frampton, as it was considered to be a part of the company's history. Following a merger with another company, and that company's decision to close the offices in Peterborough, the fate and even the location of the war memorial was uncertain.
8. Tony Arbour AM raised the issue of access to war memorials in places like the former Middlesex Guildhall, now being converted for use by the new UK Supreme Court. Drew Bennelick pointed out that listing was related only to protection, not to public access.
9. Other organisations that might be able to provide more information or assistance and that had an interest in war memorials included the War Memorials Trust, which was grant-funded by EH, and the National Archive of Memorial Inscriptions.
10. There are potential educational purposes for war memorials, even where most local people might no longer have links to the people involved. For example a memorial to people killed in a particular street in Tower Hamlets could be linked to where people lived now. Other ways discussed to get people involved and interested in war memorials included EH's walking tours of war memorials in central London and the Mayor of London's own Story of London festival in June 2009, which Tony Arbour AM agreed to discuss the idea informally with the Mayor's Director of Arts and Culture Policy, Munira Mirza.
11. There was a brief discussion about demand for new memorials, either for recent wars, terrorist attacks and disasters, and also for people executed 'for cowardice' in earlier conflicts. Drew Bennelick mentioned the City of Westminster's work on saturation maps of memorials, showing where there was already a very high density of memorials of different kinds. The City of Westminster, City of London and Camden Council have formed a group to consider more work on this issue.
12. One of the newer memorials included Animals at War on Park Lane, where the money raised was insufficient for proper landscaping or to provide enough of an endowment to maintain the memorial in the long term.

WMs/045 -Fiji High Commission

From:]

Sent: 07 April 2009 12:49

To: Paul Watling

Cc:

Subject: Review of London's war memorials

Dear Mr Watling,

Thank-you for the letter dated 27 March, 2009 which was signed by Mr Tony Arbour on the above subject.

As suggested in the letter our response is being forwarded to you by electronic mail. I will try to answer your questions one at a time.

For Q1 - We are not aware of any war memorials dedicated to Fiji other than the Commonwealth of Nations war memorials which Fiji is included like the Cenotaph which Fiji normally takes part annually in the Remembrance Service. I am not quite sure who looks after or maintains the Cenotaph.

Q2 - Not aware of any.

Q3 - No involvement at all.

Q4 - I cannot give you an example but back in Fiji a request is normally made to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission to assist in the maintenance costs of its war memorials.

Q5 - Here in London there is an incredibly large number of historical war memorials and monuments that it is extremely vital that they are properly maintained in a way that the writings on them are very legible for everyone to read. Perhaps the writings should be painted with a colour that makes it stand out rather than say black or barely nothing at all. In addition to that prepared pamphlets on them are made with very simple english to make it more readable by all and placed close to the memorials.

Q6 - No, I cannot think of any other issue.

I hope the above response would in some way assist in your project.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Counsellor)

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WMs/019 -Forest School

From: Warden

Sent: 17 April 2009 10:59

To: Paul Watling

Cc:

Subject: Forest School London, E17 3PY Review of War Memorials

Follow Up Flag: Recorded as WMs019 a, b, c

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Dear Mr Watling,

I am replying to Tony Arbour's letter of 27th March about the review of London's War Memorials.

My/our answers to the questions he posed are:

1. Essentially we have two memorials: i) a stone cross placed outside in the Chapel Quad. It has the dates 1914 - 1918 and 1939 - 1945 and the School's motto *In pectore robur* inscribed on it; and ii) in the School's Chapel memorials boards listing the names of the Old Foresters who are remembered, 98 from WW1 and 41 from WW2. Photos attached. We have details of all the Old Foresters listed.

2. The memorials are maintained by the School. Access is open to the members of the public by arrangement, just as any other part of the School, including buildings of historic interest can be visited. On Remembrance Day each year we specifically welcome members of the public (local groups, scouts, individuals etc) to our Remembrance Day service, which includes a full parade by the CCF, a volley party and the laying of poppy wreaths.

3, 4, 5 - n/a

6. We do a number of things (not least for educational reasons) on a regular basis: mount displays concentrating on particular people, using archive material; use school records for the teaching of WW1 and WW2 history; organise trips to the battlefields in Belgium and France and seek out the names of OFs. The two recipients of the VC are recorded on the School's Honours board. One of the anniversary funding projects (for the School's 175th anniversary this year) is to erect a memorial (probably a large rock with words carved in to it) acknowledging that the School's main playing field (known as The Park) was bought in memory of the WW1 dead.

7. I don't feel I can add anything of great significance here. My sense is that there is a considerable appetite amongst the young for such memorials to be treasured and to be part of a living community; just as battlefields trips are popular and taken very seriously. (We have not had any problems with vandalism - and long may it continue thus - even though the memorials are situated in public places where people (pupils, visitors) constantly congregate). We have an absolutely first-rate History department at the School - I guess that helps!

8. n/a

I hope that this is of help. Do please get in touch either with Mrs S Coates, who is i/c the School's archives, Mrs D Coombs, the Bursar, or me if you feel we can assist further. Full information about Forest School can be found on our website www.forest.org.uk .

Good wishes,

Warden, Forest School.

Att. Images: <<War Memorial.JPG>> <<Chapel WWI boards 2.JPG>>

WMs/026 -Ghana High Commission

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21 April 2009

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Dear Sir,

REVIEW OF LONDON'S WAR MEMORIALS

I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter on the above subject dated 27th March 2009 and wish to state that the Ghana High Commission has no War Memorials here in the UK.

Yours sincerely,

WMs/002 -H J Champion

Dear sir

I saw your New letter in the newham recorder about war memorial .

I enclose photos of the war memorial and war graves at woodgrange park cemetery east ham
essesx.

I complain about the stat of the area, rubbish being dumped on site and general condition of the
graves stones . also danaged to the war cross , by poeple who stole the original bronze sword
and is now replaced with a plastic sword .

this site is a disgrace to our heroes .

Hope you be able to assist in our problem .

with all best wishes

yours sincerely

20/01/09

Att.: Images

WMs/060 -Hammersmith and Fulham Historic Buildings Group

HAMMERSMITH AND FULHAM HISTORIC BUILDINGS GROUP

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23.5.09

Dear Paul Watling,

London Assembly Planning and Housing Committee – Review of London's War Memorials

Thank you for your letter of 27th March 2009 asking us to provide input into this Review. The Historic Buildings Group has a wide interest in the built environment, open space and the public realm within the Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham. Our web site gives fuller information on our interests and work.. (www.hfhbg.org.uk)

I attach a detailed response to your questions provided by our committee member John Goodier. The paragraph numbers relate to your questions.

The biggest problem with memorials and funerary sculpture seems to us to be funding for conservation. As you will see in the answer to question 1, the group was involved in an audit of public sculpture in the Borough as a contribution to the Public Monuments and Sculpture National Recording Project. The aim of this was to record what was there and raise awareness of the importance of public sculpture but we hoped it could also to lead to conservation where needed, particularly of the listed memorials.

We look forward to seeing the review. Please do contact us if we can be of any further help.

Yours sincerely

Chairman

London Assembly Planning and Housing Committee – Review of London's War Memorials

1. Records of War Memorials

The group is fortunate to have a comprehensive survey of sculpture within the Borough carried out by John Shepherd, a member of the Group. This includes war memorials. The record of includes, title, artist, date,

location, material used and a general assessment of the condition. There is also a brief description. There are photographs of each site. This material is available via the Local Authority's web site. There are additional copies of records such as press cutting and extract of minutes in the hard copies held by the Group and the Borough Archives. The survey was part funded by the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham, to whom we are grateful for support. We also had funding from English Heritage for the funerary sculpture section of the survey which includes War Memorial.

The survey includes around 25 War Memorials, these include public war memorials, war memorials to specific groups of specific people inside churches, schools and industrial premises. Other memorials are found in cemeteries and churchyards. A quick search of the National Inventory of War Memorials indicates there may be more that could be added to the list. We are also aware there maybe gaps in both the National Inventory and the survey. At one level we have recently become aware that a small memorial from a demolished school is in a school nearby. At the other level as a Group we have only recently understood that St Andrew Polish Catholic Church is in part a War Memorial to he Polish Airforce in W.W.II, and has commemorative glass.

2. Losses due to redevelopment

We are not aware of any loss due to redevelopment, but like the rescued school memorial mentioned above we may not have been aware of its existence. We are able to report that the Memorial that was taken into storage during the preliminary work for the redevelopment of the old Imperial Gas Works site has now been re-erected on site.

3. Involvement with the Local Authority

The contribution and Internet host of our Survey by LBH&F has been mentioned. The Group has along standing good working relationship with both Councillors and officers on planning and redevelopment matters.

4. Other Groups

Many of the smaller or more specific monuments are on sites or in buildings such as churches and schools that are, in some sense private. Our general impression is that War Memorials are well treated.

5. Good practice

The Sculpture Survey has raised the profile of public sculpture within the Borough. One intention of the survey of, specifically, funerary monuments including war memorials was to lead to the restoration those that are listed. In a different area of history a local effort to restore the tomb of Granville Sharp, the anti-slavery campaigner, has been very successful. A working party of a number of local groups, chaired by HBG member John Sheppard, raised the money and organised the restoration of the tomb in the churchyard of All Saints Fulham

6. Presentation

The Internet is an ideal way of making information available. One problem with datasets like the Group's Survey and the National Inventory (and similar datasets in other areas) is that they are excellent repositories for data that can be retrieved in response to direct questions (e.g. what do we know about the war memorial on Shepherd Bush Common?) but are less good at responding to more general questions (e.g. Which churches in London have memorial to individual RAF members?). Issues of data portability may, in the end raise greater problem than the maintenance of the Monuments themselves. The Group has in the past organised walks locally looking at cemeteries, graveyards and memorial.

7. General comments on upkeep

Gwendwr Garden, a small park created as a civilian Memorial had the statue stolen soon after it was opened. A replacement has not been made.

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Brass has been stolen from a memorial at All Saint's Fulham as has happened to many other memorials.

The use of limestone for memorials has been shown to be a false economy. Most notably in the memorial at St Thomas's Fulham where few names are legible.

The group is happy to share both its data and its experiences of producing a local survey with the Review party.

May 2009

War memorials GLA

WMs/040/048 -Herne Hill Society

1st May 2009

Paul Watling
Scrutiny Manager
City Hall

Dear Mr Watling

London Assembly Review of London's War Memorials

The Herne Hill Society covers the area mainly defined by the SE24 postal district, that falls within both the Boroughs of Lambeth and Southwark.

1. The Herne Hill Society keeps an informal record of local war memorials and is aware of issues around several of them. This list may not be a complete record. And further research is continuing. Two of the memorials are on the United Kingdom National Inventory of War Memorials (UKNIWM).
2.
 - We are aware of loss of the War Memorial that was in St Saviours Church, Herne Hill Road before it was demolished in 1981, and have made efforts to trace its whereabouts. It was suggested that the memorial may have been removed to Mill Hill Barracks. We did have some correspondence with staff there, but the trail has gone cold.
 - We are concerned about the memorial plaque which remains in the now closed former Postal Sorting Office, Herne Hill. We campaigned to keep the Sorting Office open and, when this was unsuccessful, got an undertaking from the Post Office that it would be moved for safe keeping to the main Sorting Office in Camberwell. This has not yet happened, and the building remains empty. It has been some time since we heard from the post office and we remain concerned about the memorial's future and that it should not be overlooked, when the building is sold. The Herne Hill Society proposes to donate a small notice when it is moved to indicate that it came from the Herne Hill office. (some information on UKNIWM website)
 - There was also a memorial to a member of staff of the Herne Hill branch in the Westminster Bank Building, Herne Hill, which is now a restaurant. When the bank closed in 1993 the memorial was removed to NatWest Staff College in Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire, when that closed in 1999, it was transferred to the Group Archives of the Royal Bank of Scotland in Edinburgh. (information from UKNIWM website)

- We know of two other memorials in Herne Hill – a rood screen in St. Paul's Church, Herne Hill, dedicated as a memorial to the dead of WW1; and a unique war memorial in the Peabody Estate, Rosendale Road, in the form of a lych gate. However, the future of both these seems secure.
- 3. The Herne Hill Society has had no contact with either Lambeth or Southwark councils about these war memorials, but have been in touch with individual owners, as above
- 4. The Society is aware of the United Kingdom National Inventory of War Memorials and the War Memorials Trust
- 5. We are not aware of any good examples of practices to enhance war memorials in any way.
- 6. The war memorials on the Peabody Estate, within St Paul's Church and within the Sorting office in Herne Hill have been documented in the Herne Hill Heritage Trail, published in 2003. This publication is available to schools and other researchers in local libraries and at the Lambeth and Southwark local history archives. It is out of print at present but when reviewed will be available again to buy from Herne Hill Society Publications and on the website www.hernehillsociety.org.uk

I hope this is helpful and look forward to hearing about any next steps by the GLA

Yours sincerely

Chair Herne Hill Society

WMs/052 -Institute of Historic Building Conservation

LONDON ASSEMBLY PLANNING AND HOUSING COMMITTEE REVIEW OF LONDON'S WAR MEMORIALS

RESPONSE BY THE INSTITUTE OF HISTORIC BUILDING CONSERVATION, LONDON BRANCH

The Institute of Historic Building Conservation (IHBC) is the key professional body for those working in the conservation of the historic environment. It represents, regulates and supports dedicated historic environment conservation professionals who contribute to the conservation of historic places.

Q.1 Does the group maintain any record of local war memorials etc?

Comment: No, the IHBC is an organisation representing conservation professionals. Many work for London local authorities and may well keep such records. It might be worth contacting each of the London Boroughs direct on this topic if it has not been done already.

Q.2 Is the group aware of any loss or damage through redevelopment etc.

Comment: I have canvassed London members and have not received any evidence of this. In my own experience, developers are generally aware of the sensitivity of such issues and take care to make sure that memorials are preserved.

Q.3 Has the group any involvement with the local authority?

Comment: See answer to Q.1

Q.4 Is the group aware of other organisations?

Comment: the United Kingdom National Inventory of War Memorials, ukniwn.org.uk and the War Memorials Trust, warmemorials.org should both be able to help.

Q.5 Does the group have good examples?

Comment: Sorry, none provided, but English Heritage (Roger Bowdler, tel 020 7973 3000) may be able to help.

Q.6 Education?

Comment: the answer to these sort of issues in conservation is usually to key into the relevant part of the National Curriculum on History.

Q.7 Other issues, organisations, practices?

Comment: there are a number of common technical problems to be overcome such as pollution, bird droppings, corrosion of hidden iron cramps which crack masonry etc. The London Forum of Amenity Societies and the British Legion may help.

David McDonald, Chairman IHBC London Branch.

WMs/055 -J Bewley

Dear Sir,

SECRETARIAT

First let me apologise that the letter does not give an answer regarding your request about war memorial falling into disrepair; however I do have an opinion on them.

Approx 3 years ago the old war memorial which had stood for years at Fellington Green - and when my wife and I had attended on Remembrance Day for years - was pulled down and replaced by a modern construction which if not many others consider a monstrosity. The new memorial is supposed to represent a wreath but it is not known locally as the design and the local council who sanctioned the removal of the old memorial and the creation of the new one, in my opinion also designed. The old memorial should have been kept and repaired, not only was it better - more traditional, you know exactly what it was and represented, whereas with the new one you don't - the taxpayers would have saved a considerable amount of money. In fact my plea to you, your cause which is admirable and which everyone should support, is please keep these memorials exactly as they are, repair them obviously, but don't allow any to be pulled down and replaced by such a monstrosity new at Fellington Green.

Thankfully you won't the London Assembly obviously have an interest in two Memorials so, at the risk of boring you I would like to relate the following story of my relatives who were killed in the First World War. F Bower R.F. 117146 (unc) A Bower Rose born 2/10/1916 (unc) & Bower Rose born 3/9/1916 (unc) All came home as known of course, but were commemorated on the Imperial Memorial Somme. I remember my wife and I joined a few party of 45, which included Imperial and battlefields Memorials in France and Belgium. Our Memorial and war cemetery we visited was by the War Graves Commission and in some other cases, other authorities, were commemorated. The day was very moving, but there were two very sad, but in a way magical moments which I would like to relate. One day our coach party went to Vermy Ridge, which, solely by reading about World War I, I always

Our coach party arrived at quite a large car park to find another coach which had just let off 45-50 Canadians, our party followed the Canadians up the city avenue to the memorial which was magnificent. I assume, of course, there were two gigantic columns which stretched endlessly into the sky, surrounded by statues and steps leading up to the two columns. All 90 or so present, just started taking photos and gazing in awe at the memorial. One entered the steps leading to the columns which it considered sacred. Suddenly from the crowd of Canada a man appeared and started walking up the steps. I thought Oh my god what is he doing. On arrival at the two columns he positioned himself between them, turned around - then he pulled out a set of bag pipes - and played Amazing Grace. Myself and I immediately started crying and when I looked around 75% of the people present were also crying. After playing Amazing Grace he slowly walked down the steps playing it loudly and the Canadians fell in behind him whilst he played all the way back to their coach. A sad-but magic moment. I wanted to thank him personally but he had already boarded the coach but I managed to get hold of the Canadian flag guard and ask him to thank him on behalf of myself for such a wonderful tribute to the Canadian dead. He responded by informing us that the tribute was not solely for the Canadian dead - but also for the people who fought, who was also a pipe smoker. But the latter playing his pipe, was not what died - virtually immediately after the war. Right nearly finished (did I hear a Thank God!) - but also to the Man in White at 1918, our party got there early, my wife and I visited the brilliant museum in the Clock Tower. They wandered down to the jobs, where the last part was due to be played at 8am. I was expecting it solely our party (40 people) if you a total rainy evening. However when we arrived there were between 300-350 people, I was amazed. After the last part our party laid a wreath then suddenly opened the crowd averaged approx 25 young New Zealand men (aged 15-18) They stood in the blood off Broadway under the arch which the Man in White was performed with. He as a tribute to the New Zealanders that is a historical young S. African schoolchildren (aged 10-12) occupied the space under the by the N Zealanders and singing by S. African children. Another sad-but magic moment. It honestly surprises that after over 10 years people have not forgotten - not should they. Finally I saw highly magnificent War Memorials but - not because my 3 soldiers are on it, this fact was the best with my 3 and my 3rd son - but my 3rd son of my 3rd son played through the snow just before a medal - and it with you every hour in your country.

Yours Sincerely J. Henry (age 67)

WMs/004 -Jacqui Lait MP for Beckenham

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Ref: JL/KA/Msc

16 April 2009"

Dear Tony,

Re: Review of London's War Memorials

Thank you for your consultation letter of March 27th 2009 on war memorials. In my constituency I am not aware of either loss of memorials due to development or vandalism, but I am sure that the London Borough of Bromley could give you much more detailed information.

I do however have a simple point which I made to the Borough and which they have taken up. Most War Memorials refer only to the two world wars. Since then many service personnel have died in many conflicts. As it is appropriate to recognise their sacrifice, I suggested additional wording along the lines 'and to the memory of all those who have fallen in conflict since'. I am glad to point out that Bromley has taken this up and implemented it

I am sure that more felicitous wording could be used, but the sentiment is clear

I hope this is a useful suggestion

Yours,

Jacqui

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WMs/047 -Jewish Heritage UK

From: Paul Watling
Sent: 06 May 2009 15:26
To: Michael Walker
Subject: FW: Jewish War Memorials in London

Follow Up Flag: WMs047
Flag Status: Completed

-----Original Message-----

From:
Sent: 24 April 2009 16:40
To: Paul Watling
Subject: Jewish War Memorials in London

Dear Mr Watling,

I am writing in response to Tony Arbour's letter dated 27th March.

The Survey of the Jewish Built Heritage in the UK & Ireland recorded the existence of war memorials incidentally to the documentation of (mainly) synagogues and Jewish cemeteries. (See 'Jewish Heritage in England: An Architectural Guide' , English Heritage, 2006)

Most Jewish memorials are Rolls of Honour from the First and Second World Wars, and rarely, from the Boer War. They usually take the form of wall plaques in the vestibules of synagogues or Jewish cemeteries and are not therefore normally on display in public places in a way that would make them subject to planning. There are a handful of more interesting freestanding memorials, in the form of sculpted open scrolls or bronze candlesticks. Certainly, some memorials have been lost on the closure of synagogues. In a few such cases, tablets have been removed to one of the cemeteries eg from East London Synagogue to Waltham Abbey Jewish Cemetery that is privately owned by the United Synagogue, the largest umbrella syangogue organisation in London.

You may wish to contact the United Synagogue direct for any further comments they may wish to make.

Hope this is of some assistance.

Perhaps you would be kind enough to acknowledge receipt of this message.

Yours sincerely,

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Director, Jewish Heritage UK

<http://www.jewish-heritage-uk.org/>

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WMs/058 -King's College School

From:

Sent: 20 May 2009 11:37

To: Paul Watling

Subject: Review of war memorials - KCS, Wimbledon

Dear Mr Watling,

Mr Halls has asked me to reply to you. In reply to your specific questions;

1. The original memorial remembers those lost in the First World War and is in the grounds of the school. It is in classical style and consists of a cylindrical Grecian stone pedestal, originally surmounted by a bronze statue of a nude athlete holding up a laurel wreath of victory. It was unveiled by Sir Cecil Hertslet KBE, a Governor of the School, on Friday 14th October 1921. The Memorial was financed by an appeal to Old Boys, parents and friends of the School.

The pedestal was designed by Arthur Stratton FRIBA, Reader in Architecture at University College London, and an Old Boy of the School. It is cylindrical in shape and there are five panels on which are inscribed the names of 159 Old Boys who were killed in the War. At the base of the column is a Greek inscription which translates to 'Theirs is the prize of fair-garlanded death'.

The original bronze statue was the work of Charles L Hartwell ARA, and was intended to embody the idea of 'the spring and the aspiration of youth toward immortality'. Records at the Courtauld Institute Conway Library, and the Royal Academy Library, indicate that the statue was probably unique and no copies were made. This statue was stolen in the 1960s and never recovered.

The present bronze resin statue was commissioned by the Old King's Club, and financed jointly by the School, the Old King's Club, and from donations to the OKC from some of its members. The statue was copied from photographs of the original and cast by Ian Bishop Designs Ltd, Farnham, Surrey. It was dedicated by Reverend Sarah Robbins-Cole, the School Chaplain, at the School Act of Remembrance on Friday 7th November, 2003.

It is well maintained and is the central focus for our main Remembrance Day service each November.

The World War II memorial is a marble plaque in the Great Hall. This was unveiled by the Chairman of the Governors, Dr L V Cargill, and dedicated by Geoffrey, Archbishop of Canterbury, at a Remembrance Service in the Great Hall on Wednesday, 2nd November, 1949. The service included an anthem specially written for the occasion. The words of the anthem were written by D A F M Russell (OK, 1939) and the music by John Carol Case, the Music teacher at KCS and a professional singer.

The memorial was paid for from the results of an appeal launched in December 1946 jointly by the School, the Corporation, and the Old King's Club. In all, over £20,000 was raised, equivalent to many times that amount today. The one addition to the memorial, in remembrance of David Williams who was killed during the second Iraq campaign the in 2003, was commissioned by the Old King's Club. Once again this is well maintained and we hold a small Remembrance Day service around the memorial each November.

2. In practice access to these memorials is restricted to members of the wider school community.
3. I am not aware of the loss of any memorials in the area.
4. We are not involved in the protection or maintenance of local memorials.
5. We are not aware of any organisations that can assist the community to care for memorials.
6. Our whole school now takes part in the Remembrance Day service in front of the WW1 memorial. The Combined Cadet Force holds a parade, we are visited by Old Boys who are currently serving in the Armed Forces, and wreaths are laid on behalf of the school, the Old Boys and the CCF.

I hope this is of benefit to you. If you need any more information please do contact me.

Best wishes,

King's College School

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WMs/021 -Latymer School

From:

Sent: 20 April 2009 13:55

To: Paul Watling

Subject: re: London Assembly Planning.. review of London's war memorials

Follow Up Flag: Recorded in WMs021

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Latymer Upper School

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In answer to questions in review:

1. Yes, Latymerians who fought and died in WWI and WWII.
2. Restricted to school, family or others wishing to visit are welcome.
3. No.
4. No, our school maintains with contractors.
5. No.
6. Yes, Memorial days, old boys' reunions, talks etc.
7. None at present.
8. None at present.

WMs/014 -Lesley Ramm

From: Lesley Ramm
Sent: 16 April 2009 17:19
To: War Memorials Investigation
Subject: WAR MEMORIALS IN HARINGEY
Dear Mr Arbour

In response to your letter in the Hornsey Journal today I have some information about local memorials

The main one is in Wood Green N22 opposite the Civic Centre and is the site of the main Remembrance Day events (the Mayor etc attend).

It is in good condition I believe.

<http://www.ukniwm.org.uk/server/show/conMemorial.11986/fromUkniwmSearch/1>

There appear to be 2 in Hornsey, N8.

The one I am familiar with, which is maintained by the local British Legion in Elder Avenue N8, was a part of the (now demolished) Hornsey Central Hospital. As part of the terms for developing the site into the new health centre the contractors had to retain the memorial chapel in situ. I have recently seen this whilst on a site visit to the centre. The developers have upgraded and cleaned the interior and exterior. It was never open to the public, only used on Remembrance Sunday by the Legion. Now an interior set of doors have been installed to give easy access from inside the health centre. Outside the old wall plaques to various war dead have been relocated into a new wall and garden set up – it looks lovely.

<http://www.ukniwm.org.uk/server/show/conMemorial.11783/fromUkniwmSearch/1>

Apparently there is also something called Old Hornseyans School War Memorial at Hornsey Town Hall N8. I have never noticed this and do not know if it is inside or out.

<http://www.ukniwm.org.uk/server/show/conMemorial.11970/fromUkniwmSearch/1>

In South Tottenham there is an Obelisk on Philip Lane. I have a feeling this is worn and in poor condition

<http://www.ukniwm.org.uk/server/show/conMemorial.18000/fromUkniwmSearch/1>

Other references to Tottenham include

<http://www.ukniwm.org.uk/server/show/conMemorial.11781/fromUkniwmSearch/1>

<http://www.ukniwm.org.uk/server/show/conMemorial.47871/fromUkniwmSearch/1>

<http://www.ukniwm.org.uk/server/show/conMemorial.47869/fromUkniwmSearch/1>

<http://www.ukniwm.org.uk/server/show/conMemorial.39037/fromUkniwmSearch/1>

<http://www.ukniwm.org.uk/server/show/conMemorial.39038/fromUkniwmSearch/1>

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At St Saviours Church Cross on Alexandra Park Road in Wood Green N22 – I have no knowledge of this personally

Also one on Stapleton Hall Road

See

http://www.haringey.gov.uk/index/community_and_leisure/time_out_in_haringey/visiting_haringey/places_to_visit/warmemorials.htm

I hope this is of some help to you

L P Ramm

WMs/028 -Leyton and Leytonstone Historical Association

-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: 27 April 2009 15:11

To: Paul Watling

Subject: for Tony Arbour - War Memorials

**90 Richmond Road,
Leytonstone,
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Monday, 27 April 2009

Tony Arbour,

London Assembly

London Assembly Planning and Housing Committee – Review of London's War Memorials.

Dear Tony. I was sending out the Minutes and Agenda of our next meeting, which is on May 6th, when I saw that your deadline is May 1st.

We do not as a group maintain war memorials, but recently I cleaned up a brass plaque dedicated to Sergeant Patrick Mullane, V.C. who is buried in an unmarked section of the St. Patrick's Cemetery, Leytonstone. However, his plaque is in the chapel and is the only plaque there, which stands out well now as you will see from the attached 'before and after' pictures. He was with the British Horse Artillery in the Second Afghan War and received his VC in 1880.

- On [27 July 1880](#) during the action at Maiwand, [Afghanistan](#), Sergeant Mullane's battery was on the point of retiring and the enemy was within 10 or 15 yards when the sergeant ran back and picked up a wounded driver and placed him on the limber, where unfortunately he died almost immediately. Again, during the retreat, Sergeant Mullane volunteered to procure water for the wounded and succeeded in doing so by going into one of the villages in which so many men lost their lives.

Please let us know if you wish to extend the deadline and then we could discuss this at our meeting next Wednesday.

Yours sincerely,

Secretary,

Leyton and Leytonstone Historical Association.

WMs/051 -London Borough of Barking & Dagenham

-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: 07 May 2009 16:24

To: Paul Watling

Subject: Review of London's War Memorials

Dear Paul,

Apologies for the late return of the survey on war memorials. On receipt of your letter I went to look for war memorials in the borough found they were evidently all being maintained as they were in good condition and undamaged. In answer to your questions:

1. We don't have a list of the war memorials as such although having been out to locate some of them I now have a file of photographs which can be added to and from this I can create a file.
2. I am not aware of any damage to war memorials as such. The ones I located looked in good condition and undamaged. It would be possible to relate their locations to the development underway in the borough.
3. We don't have a mechanism for identifying a war memorial at risk. I hadn't really thought about them until now but will be more alert to this in future.
4. We don't have policy specifically about war memorials but consider they are covered by our Policy BP2: Conservation Areas and Listed Buildings which encourages the preservation, reinstatement, and enhancement of a heritage feature. They have been well looked after in the past though and a publication has previously been produced by the Council which was probably in association with the British Legion about them.
5. I am not aware that the borough has a formal grant programme to assist with maintenance.
6. The Council is not thought to be responsible for maintaining war memorials, I understand is the responsibility of the British Legion but does maintain them in association with the British Legion. It is unlikely we have money allocated for them specifically but two have recently been restored as part of other environmental improvement works in the borough.
7. Regarding presenting information we could put information on the Council website with a link to the National Inventory alongside our recently reviewed local list. Looking at the link below a number are sited on or in our listed buildings.
8. The Council is currently considering how best to commemorate individuals and events associated with the borough.

<http://www.ukniwm.org.uk/server/show/nav.002006003/useSearchSession/1/viewPage/1>

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WMs/038 -London Borough of Bexley

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LONDON BOROUGH OF BEXLEY

*Direct Dial
Date 30th April 2009*

The person dealing with this matter is

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Dear Mr Watling

Review of London's War Memorials- London Borough of Bexley.

Thank you for your letter dated 27th March 2009 addressed to Bexley's Director of Environment & Regeneration Services, Mr Peter Ellershaw. Your letter has been redirected to me, as Cemeteries Officer, for response and the answers to your questions are as follows:

Q1. Has the borough any formal record or register of war memorials in the borough? If so what does the record consist of? If not are there any plans to develop one?

A. The London Borough of Bexley has a list of the location and names recorded on all war memorials in the borough.

Q2. Is the borough aware of any instances of loss or damage to war memorials as part of the development process or through the change of use or refurbishment of existing buildings?

A. No.

Q3. Is there any mechanism for identifying a war memorial that might be at risk or

affected by proposals for development at an early stage in the planning process?

A. London Borough of Bexley maintains a list of buildings (or structures) of local architectural or historic interest (The Local List) and through the adopted UDP (saved policies) the Council will seek to protect these structures. In 2005/06 the Council carried out a comprehensive review of this List and added all War Memorials on private and public land to the List. Therefore any proposal which will affect these structures should be picked up at the planning application or pre-app stage.

Q4. Does the borough have any local planning policy or guidance that specifically relates to the protection, maintenance or accessibility of war memorials?

A. As indicated in Q3 the War Memorials are protected by UDP (saved policies 2007) in particular, Buildings of Local Interest; Policy ENV53 ; The Council will encourage the preservation of buildings on the register of buildings of local architectural or historic interest.

Q5. Does the borough have any formal grant programme that is designed to assist the maintenance of war memorials in the borough?

A. No, the Council maintains war memorials on Council land.

Q6. Does the borough have responsibility for the maintenance and protection of any war memorial? Has the borough allocated any resources to the care for war memorials under the relevant legislation [including the War Memorials Local Authorities' Powers Act 1923, section 133, the Local Government Act 1948.

. A. Yes, a list of the war memorials maintained by the London Borough of Bexley, as attached.

Q7. What are your views on how information could be better presented on existing or future war memorials in order to be used effectively in education projects or as part of local history?

A. Bexley Council liaises closely with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and the Imperial War Museum. Members of the public are directed to the CWGC website and to Bexley Council's local studies department, at Central Library. Bexley also work closely with local schools and have encouraged visits to cemeteries as an aid to history lessons.

Q8. Are there any other issues, organisations or practices the borough is aware of that may have relevance for this investigation?

A. No.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0208 294 6534, [email : joanne.pardon@bexley.gov.uk 1.

Yours sincerely

Cemeteries Officer.

WAR MEMORIALS IN BEXLEY

THERE ARE ELEVEN WAR MEMORIALS LOCATED WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF BEXLEY.

SIDCUP PLACE, THE GREEN, SIDCUP
FOOTSCRAY, RECTORY LANE, SIDCUP
HURST ROAD, BEXLEY
MANOR HOUSE, CRAYFORD
ST AUGUSTINES, SLADE GREEN
BEXLEYHEATH CEMETERY
OAKLANDS ROAD, BEXLEYHEATH
DANSON PARK
CHRISTCHURCH, VICTORIA ROAD, ERITH
ALLSAINTS, NUXLEY ROAD, ERITH
ST JOHNS, WEST STREET, ERITH

THERE IS ALSO A MEMORIAL DEDICATED TO THE VICTIMS OF A MUNITIONS FACTORY EXPLOSION WHICH OCCURRED IN JANUARY 1924 LOCATED IN ERITH CEMETERY

THE NAMES ON EACH OF THE MEMORIALS ARE LISTED UNDER EACH MEMORIAL HEADING

SIDCUP PLACE
FOOTSCRAY, RECTORY UNE, SIDCUP
HURST ROAD, BEXLEY
MANOR HOUSE, CRAYFORD
ST AUGUSTINES, SLADE GREEN
BEXLNHEATH CEMETERY
OAKLANDS ROAD, BEXLEYHEATH
DANSON PARK, WELLING
CHRISTCHURCH, VICTORIA ROAD, ERITH
ALL SAINTS, NUXLN ROAD, ERITH
ST JOHNS, WEST STREET, ERITH
SLADE GREEN EXPLOSION MEMORIAL, ERITH
CEMETERY

ANYONE WISHING TO HAVE A NAME INCLUDED ON ANY WAR MEMORIAL, CAN DO SO BY SUPPLYING RELEVANT WAR RECORD OR SERVICE DETAILS TO THE CEMETERIES OFFICE OF BEXLEY COUNCIL. THIS INFORMATION WILL BE VERIFIED BY THE BRITISH LEGION, THE COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES COMMISSION OR THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT CONCERNED. ALL PERSONS WHO DIED IN SERVICE TO THEIR COUNTRY IN ANY CONFLICT OR WAR ARE ELIGIBLE TO HAVE THEIR NAME INSCRIBED ON A WAR MEMORIAL.

THERE ARE NO CHARGES FOR THIS SERVICE BY THE COUNCIL.

WMs/036 -London Borough of Brent

Brent Council

London Assembly Review of London's War Memorials

1. Has the Borough any formal record or register of war memorials in the Borough?

I haven't found one yet, if there isn't one I will compile one

2. Is the Borough aware of any instances of loss or damage to war memorials as part of the development process or through the change of use or refurbishment of existing buildings?

British Thomson Houston Co Ltd at St Mary's Churchyard in Neasden Lane, NW10 is being rebuilt in 2009 from its site in Willesden Old Burial Ground to 60 feet away in St Mary's Churchyard and adding an additional bronze plaque to commemorate all Willesden Residents that have lost their lives due to war or conflict. Part of the old burial ground is being developed into a new park

3. Is there any mechanism for identifying a war memorial that might be at risk

Of the memorials that are maintained by the Borough or by the CWGC are maintained and are not in areas that would be at risk from development

4. Does the Borough have any local planning policy or guidance for the protection of war memorials

I haven't found one yet, if there isn't one I will write one

5. Does the borough have any formal grant programme to assist with the maintenance of war memorials

No

6. Does the borough have responsibility for maintenance and protection of any war memorial

Yes please see list on page 2

7. Our views on information could be better presented

The Second World War is quickly diminishing from living memory and therefore important to gain as much information as possible on the detail that affected people on 'every day' issues throughout that period. The Blitz is often referred to in the National Curriculum in our schools and a small publication of how it affected the schools locality could be put to good use, especially in gaining respect for any memorilisation

8. Are there any issues that the borough is aware of that may be of relevance to this investigation

Funding is not easily obtained for restoration work

War Memorials maintained by Brent Council

Civilian War Memorial

Being refurbished in 2009 plus new bronze resin plaques on Portland stone housings to add 226 missing names

Willesden New Cemetery

Franklyn Road, London NW10

Grey Granite Cross of Sacrifice

St Johns Church

High Road, Wembley

British Thomson Houston Co Ltd

St Mary's Churchyard

Neasden Lane, NW10

Being rebuilt in 2009 and adding additional bronze plaque to commemorate all Willesden Residents that have lost their lives due to war or conflict

Tree with metal plaque

Holocaust remembrance planted 28/01/2007

Brent Town Hall

Forty Lane, Wembley

Bus Depot WW1

Barham Park

Harrow Road, Wembley

Prisoner of War and Concentration Camp Internees

Gladstone Park

Dollis Hill Lane, NW2

War Memorials maintained by Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Cross and CWGC graves

Alperton Cemetery

Alperton, HA0

Cross and CWGC graves

Willesden New Cemetery

Franklyn Road, NW10

Memorial, Wall and CWGC graves

Paddington Cemetery

Willesden Lane, NW6

CWGC graves

St Johns Churchyard

High Road, Wembley

War Memorials maintained by Willesden Jewish Cemetery

Jewish Servicemen & Women

Willesden Jewish Cemetery

Beaconsfield Road, NW10

Other War Memorials

None located yet, I'm working on it

Compiled by Bob Langford
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WMs/017 -London Borough of Bromley

From:

Sent: 14 April 2009 10:21

To: Paul Watling

Subject: Review of London's war memorials

Paul,

I have received a letter from Tony Arbour asking a number of questions about Bromley Council's war memorials. Here are my responses to his eight questions.

1. The Council has produced a register of memorials. Details are included in five volumes showing; location, short history, names of fallen and photos. Details of Council maintained memorials are on the Council's website www.bromley.gov.uk
2. I am not aware of any loss or damage to memorials sustained as part of the development process.
3. There is no formal procedure for identifying memorials at risk if they are not maintained by the Council.
4. Policy BE4 seeks to retain street furniture and structures of historic interest.
5. The Council does not provide grants to maintain non public memorials.
6. The Council has responsibility to maintain and protect its nineteen public memorials.
7. Hard copy volumes are available at libraries. An electronic version would be useful.
8. Aware of War Memorials Trust and English Heritage grants.

Planning Strategy & Heritage

WMs/007-London Borough of Enfield

Enfield *Council*

Environment and Street Scene

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Reply to: I

Director of Environment & Street Scene

Address as below

Date: 4 April 2009

Mr T Arbour - . -
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Dear Mr Arbour

London Assembly Planning and Housing Committee - Review of London's War Memorials

I refer to your letter dated 27 March 2009 regarding the above issue which was received on 31 March 2009.

I have forwarded your letter to Sue Foster, Director of Place Shaping and Enterprise, who will be able to respond to your request.

Yours sincerely

DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT & STREET SCENE

WMs/053-London Borough of Haringey

Ref ; Review of London's War Memorials

1. The Council does not have a formal record or register of war memorials in the borough. The Council's web site identifies the most significant war memorials situated in Haringey, and for more information advises visiting the UK National Inventory of War Memorials and identifies external web links. The UK National Inventory of War Memorials record of memorials in Haringey includes those in private premises and in churches. The Council's web site also includes the Register of Statutory Listed Buildings, which identifies 6 Grade II listed war memorials within the borough. Haringey's Historic Street Furniture audit can also be viewed on the Council's web site – this includes the most significant monuments which contribute to Haringey's street scene. There are no plans to develop a specific register of war memorials in Haringey.
2. The Council is not aware of instances of specific loss or damage to war memorials. Through the development process, the Council considers proposals that affect war memorials, i.e., Hornsey War Memorial Chapel ; HGY/2004/2133.
3. No specific mechanism exists for risk identification to war memorials in the early stage of planning process. The development control process considers proposals which affect listed monuments, including war memorials. Hornsey War Memorial Chapel was on the English Heritage Register of Buildings at Risk, however restoration works have been completed and it has been restored as a War Memorial Chapel as part of a new health care centre.
4. The Council has generic policies and guidance which is applicable to both statutory and locally listed buildings, which includes listed war memorials, however it has no specific planning policies and guidance for the protection, maintenance of war memorials.
5. The Council has no grant aid programme for war memorials. I am aware that *The War Memorials Trust* runs a grant scheme to assist the repair of war memorials – contribution up to 50% of eligible costs which requires match funding to be secured.
6. The Council has carried out maintenance works the War Memorials at Wood Green opposite Haringey Civic Centre, and at Town Hall Approach in Tottenham where a lighting scheme to enhance the public appreciation of the monuments has been installed.
7. The information regarding war memorials on the Council's web is clear, accessible, and well presented. This is available both as an educational resource and celebrates local history.
8. Relevant war memorial organisations are ; *The UK National Inventory of War Memorials* which maintains the national register of war memorials, and *The War Memorials Trust* - a national charity dedicated to the protection and conservation of war memorial heritage.

Design & Conservation Team

WMs/034-London Borough of Harrow

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Dear Mr Arbour

RE: London Assembly Planning and Housing Committee – Review of London's War Memorials

Thank you for your letter of 27 March in which you asked a series of questions in respect of the above, the answers to which are outlined below and which I hope will assist in your review.

1. Harrow has detailed records of all the borough's listed war memorials. These are in the form of list descriptions, or in the form of an audit document that was undertaken to catalogue all of the borough's historic street furniture in 2007. The audit provides information on the condition of the structure alongside a schedule of maintenance, and provides guidance as to sympathetic methods of repair. The borough also keeps a record of the War Memorials in the public domain alongside the status of the land they stand on. Otherwise, the borough refers to the UK National Inventory of War Memorials which provides detailed searches on those memorials which are in private ownership.
2. The War Memorial Maternity Hospital seems to have been demolished. In addition to this, the club house which housed the First World War Harrow Rifle Club Roll of Honour Book of Remembrance seems to have been demolished, after a fire, in 1957.
3. All historic war memorials, that the Council is responsible for, have been plotted within our GIS system. This is available across the Council and therefore if a proposed development were proposed within the vicinity of a war memorial this should show up in the vetting stages of a planning application. If however a war memorial is in private ownership this is not always apparent.
4. Harrow has no specific planning policy relating to war memorials, but many are protected by virtue of their statutory listed status.
5. The borough does not have a formal grant programme designed to assist in the maintenance of war memorials. Where memorials have been restored by the Council, external funding has been sought and then match funded.
6. The Council is responsible for all of Harrow's listed war memorials, or shares this responsibility with neighbouring boroughs. The borough carries out an inspection of the Memorials just before Remembrance Day.
7. To aid in the interpretation of historic war memorials, small plaques or heritage boards may assist with education projects. For future war memorials, perhaps educational material could become an integral part of the building or structure.
8. Harrow has successfully obtained funding from the War Memorials Trust in the past.

The UK National Inventory of War Memorials has 220 entries for Harrow - many of them commemorate individuals and are found in such places as Harrow school chapel.

Yours sincerely,

Corporate Director, Place Shaping

WMs/009-London Borough of Hillingdon

Mr Tony Arbour
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Ref: J P/M PI6590
1 April 2009

Dear Mr Arbour

**Re: London Assembly Planning and Housing Committee -
Review of London's War Memorials**

Thank you for your letter dated 27th W arch 2009. Philomena Bach, Corporate Director of Environment and Consumer Protection has responsibility for War Memorials. I have forwarded your correspondence to her.

Yours sincerely

**Corporate Director
Planning and Community Services**

WMs/022-London Borough of Lambeth

From:

Sent: 20 April 2009 15:21

To: Paul Watling

Cc:

Subject: WAR MEMORIALS

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London Borough of Lambeth: our disclaimer is at the end of this e-mail.

Dear Paul

I respond to the letter dated 27 March – copy attached for ease of reference

Please accept this email as a formal response to the enquiry – see below:-

---STARTS---

1. Has the borough any formal record or register of war memorials in the borough? If so what does the record consist of? If not are there any plans to develop one?

The location of all war memorials in the borough are known, and included in relevant asset registers for land owned and managed by the borough. Where memorials are listed or in listed public spaces, a record is kept of their age, composition and style.

Lambeth has five war memorials – three dedicated to service personnel and two to civilian war dead – in public parks and open spaces - and they are recorded in the asset register for each site.

2. Is the borough aware of any instances of loss or damage to war memorials as part of the development process or through the changes of use or refurbishment of existing buildings?

Lambeth Parks is not aware of any war memorials within its open spaces which have been affected by development or changes to the management and use of existing buildings or structures; we would normally oppose any developments that adversely impacted on memorials, or seek changes to any developments so as to ensure the memorials were protected or restored.

3. Is there any mechanism for identifying a war memorial that might be at risk or affected by proposals for development at an early stage in the planning process?

Lambeth Parks is consulted on any developments which take place within or adjacent to any of its parks and open spaces; this includes sites which are protected through legal designations (e.g. Metropolitan Open Land), listed or within Conservation Areas. Lambeth Parks will always highlight any issues which may impact upon any heritage features within a given public open space, which includes war memorials, and assists the planning service in either avoiding negative effects on such structures, or seek solutions that enhance their condition and profile.

4. Does the borough have any local planning policy or guidance that specifically relates to the protection, maintenance or accessibility of war memorials?

Lambeth Parks is not aware of any specific local policy or guidance for war memorials; memorials within parks are normally covered by existing policy covering heritage, listed or architectural features or the protection of public open spaces. SEE FURTHER COMMENT BELOW RE PLANNING AND UDP

5. Does the borough have any formal grant application that is designed to assist the maintenance of war memorials in the borough?

Lambeth Parks is not aware of any formal grant application that assists in the actual maintenance of war memorials in the borough. Various grants are available to restore and improve public parks (e.g. Heritage Lottery Fund) but these apply to the whole or parts of a park and not specific for war memorials, but could cover the restoration of a memorial as part of a bigger scheme. Such grants, however, are primarily for capital restoration and do not cover maintenance or revenue costs.

6. Does the borough have responsibility for the maintenance and protection of any war memorials? Has the borough allocated any resources to the care of war memorials under the relevant legislation (including the War Memorials (Local Authorities' Powers) Act 1923, Section 133, the Local Government Act 1948, the Local Government Act 1972)?

Lambeth does have responsibility for the protection of war memorials under existing planning policy (where it applies to protection of conservation areas or listed structures). In Lambeth's parks, basic maintenance of buildings and structures is covered by a grounds maintenance contract, and this includes war memorials where they exist and are recorded in the asset registers. However, maintenance is focused on keeping such structures clean, presentable, free of litter or debris, with surrounding flower beds planted, the grass cut and shrubs and trees pruned to avoid obscuring the memorial or damaging it. This does not cover actual physical repairs or refurbishment of a war memorial; this would have to be done by a specific capital allocation, based on evidence that the memorial was in danger or need of repair.

Given pressures on existing resources and a need to prioritise issues like public safety, improving access and making sure items such as playgrounds, toilets and sports facilities are operational and available when people need them, allocating specific financial resources to war memorials is, unfortunately, not seen as priority by the majority of park users. Therefore, no actual sum is 'ring fenced' or designated for this purpose at the present time. Nevertheless, the public do want to see memorials being clean and visible, and therefore part of the general maintenance funds for a park where such a feature exists is used to ensure this is the case.

7. What are your views on how information could be better presented on existing or future war memorials in order to be used effectively in education projects or as part of local history?

Certainly more can be done to promote the value of war memorials as a unique resource for local history or education projects, but Lambeth works with 'Park Friends' groups and its Archives and Libraries service to raise the profile of war and other memorials within public open spaces. An example of this is at Kennington Park, where the Friends of Kennington Park not only raised funds for a memorial to commemorate the civilian war dead (the park was the scene of a WWII tragedy where over 100 people were killed when an air raid shelter in the park was hit by a bomb – the park is thus a 'war grave' in its own right), but have also produced an informative book on the tragedy and the memorials in the park, for both civilians and service personnel, which has been promoted widely including to local schools and historical societies. The problem with war memorials is that it is hard to 'take the memorial to schools' or often to 'get schools to the memorial'. Schools and groups cannot often justify bringing pupils to a site if all they will do is look at and read a memorial, even if the memorial is significant and information on it important. There needs to be more done to 'transcribe' the information, so that it can be

seen or sent to schools or other interested parties, ideally via the internet, and some background history to some or many of the names, regiments or places detailed on the memorial. People like to have something behind a name, and it engages and entertains as well as helps teach and learn about world/local history, geography and social history.

8. Are there any other issues, organisations or practices the borough is aware of that may have relevance for this investigation?

War memorials are getting old; some are 80 or so years old, others younger, but pollution, weathering and ground movement is starting to affect inscriptions, colouration and structural integrity. In some cases lettering, whether engraved into the stone or as lead infill, is deteriorating or becoming unreadable. However, it is getting equally difficult to keep memorials in the same condition they were in when first installed, and the costs of restoring or replacing them is becoming significant, especially where they are listed structures (so the restoration has a 'heritage' cost added on) or use stone/materials which are difficult to find, match, replace or repair.

Local authorities are increasingly pressed to allocate limited resources to funding activities or projects that keep the public safe and secure, or provide facilities that they want or expect, and this is very much the case in public parks. There is simply not the money to repair or restore war memorials, and whilst their restoration and upkeep is important and should always be, when resources are diverted from other high profile or core functions to war memorials the public will invariably question why this is being done when their local playground, tennis courts, public toilets or footpaths are in disrepair or need upgrading.

There needs to be some grant scheme available to local authorities to enable them to apply for and fund the restoration and repair of existing war memorials (service and civilian), so that they are not lost, but which also does not force councils to divert money from core functions. Such grants could be funded from the lottery, as is the case with war veterans being able to attend the 2009 Normandy D-Day celebrations, or from funds provided by central government given such structures are part of our heritage and culture, and need to be recognised and supported as such.

9. Other relevant issues

- I have been advised that from a Planning Policy point of view there are no specific policies in the UDP relating to war memorials. Policy 45 (Listed Buildings) would be relevant, however, as it would appear that most war memorials, if not all, are already listed structures. This policy states that the Council will preserve listed buildings for their special architectural or historic interest. Consent for demolition would only be granted in exceptional circumstances.
- Across our 3 cemetery sites we have a further range of public memorials – a Commonwealth War Graves memorial at West Norwood and Lambeth Cemeteries and a further Civilian Memorial at Lambeth Cemetery
- There are other War Memorials that we are aware of in the borough that do not fall within our remit (e.g. they are not on Lambeth Council Land) – such as the Memorial at Waterloo Station - Victory Arch, Waterloo Station 1919-22 by Charles Whiffen
- I assume that this piece of work is being carried out in conjunction with the War memorials Trust and the commonwealth War Graves Commission ?

---ENDS---

Hope this helps – if I can be of any further assistance to you please do not hesitate to contact me
Regards

**Head of Service - Environmental Improvement
Adults and Community Services
London Borough Of Lambeth**

WMs/018-London Borough of Merton

From:

Sent: 16 April 2009 15:24

To: Paul Watling

Subject: Review of London's War Memorials

Dear Paul,

I am writing further to your request for information on the protection afforded to London's war memorials within the borough.

In response to your questions:

- 1: The War Memorials are recorded on our Statutorily Listed. there is no separate record for War Memorials.
- 2: We are not aware of any loss or damage to War Memorials as part of the development process.
- 3: The identification of a Memorial at risk would take place as part of the normal Development Control process, with schemes being referred to the Design and Conservation team for consultation. At this stage, a Memorial at risk would be identified.
- 4: The Borough does not have a specific policy relating to the protection of War Memorials. They are covered by policies relating to listed buildings.
- 5: There is no formal grant programme to assist the maintenance of War Memorials in the borough, however, see response below.
- 6: The borough has responsibility for the maintenance and protection of the War Memorials at Mitcham Cricket Green and Wimbledon Common. Cleaning and repairs are carried out from time to time and are the responsibility of the Greenspaces section of our Culture and Leisure Department.
- 7: An illustrated london wide record of War Memorials on a borough by borough basis would be an interesting and useful resource.
- 8: No

I hope that this is of some help.

Regards

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WMs/027-London Borough of Tower Hamlets

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23rd April 2009

Dear Mr Watling

Review of Londons War Memorials – London Borough of Tower Hamlets

Thank you for the letter from Tony Arbour on the 27th of March 2009 to Steven Halsey, Corporate Director, Communities, Localities and Culture. I have been asked to respond on his behalf.

You are seeking information regarding War Memorials in Tower Hamlets. In the letter a number of questions are set out, I will attempt to answer these in the order posed.

- 1) Presently there is no overall formal record or register of War Memorials in the borough. We, of course, know of those that are listed. Presently we have no confirmed plans to develop one, although the need for a broader register of community heritage assets, including memorials, statuary, public art, and street memorabilia will be an issue addressed within the Boroughs new 'Conservation Strategy', a document currently under formulation. In the longer term, a maintenance strategy for those assets considered to be worthy of preserving, including all War Memorials, will be required. The Commonwealth Wargraves Commission and the UK National Inventory of War Memorials, both hold some records, although I know that these are not complete.
- 2) Where we know about Memorials we always endeavour to protect them from damage and in some instances have permitted or requested that Memorials be relocated.
- 3) There is no formal mechanism for identifying a War Memorial that may be affected by proposals for development at an early stage in the planning process but a site visit, as part of the development decision process will highlight the existence of a Memorial and this will result in the Memorial being protected.

- 4) Tower Hamlets has no specific guidance regarding the protection, maintenance and accessibility of war memorials. We do however provide general historic buildings and conservation advice which is applicable. Also, within the current Interim Planning Guidance, there is a broad policy regarding the protection and enhancement of the historic environment, which could be applied to War Memorials (CP49g). The specific issue of War Memorials should be one which is covered within the Local Development Framework, Development Plan Documents during their preparation.
- 5) The Council has no grant programme that is specifically targetted to assist the maintenance of War Memorials within the Borough but their repair has previously been assisted using the Borough's Historic Buildings Grant Scheme. The Borough has also funded the addition of previously uncommemorated soldiers names to existing Memorials when requested.
- 6) Tower Hamlets does not have responsibility for the maintenance of all War Memorials, some are in private ownership and some elsewhere such as in Trinity Square and within Tower Hamlets Cemetary Park are within the ownership of the Wargraves Commission. Elsewhere, where they sit within the public realm, we have responsibility and have undertaken repair.
- 7) It would probably be helpful if an inventory of the Borough's War Memorials, and their ownership, were to be prepared and available on the Tower Hamlets website. A leaflet listing the Memorials and focussed on issues raised by the National Curriculum might be prepared. I shall investigate this matter.
- 8) The Royal British Legion is a useful contact for War Memorials, and their repair.

I hope this is helpful but if I can be of any further assistance please do hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Development Design and Conservation Officer

WMs/057-Marion Honeyborne

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RECEIVED 16/5/09

Dear Mr. Walker

SECRETARIAT

Re. Letter in Evening Gazette - 3/4/09
(from TONY ARBOUR - A.M. re War
Memorials "their where events &
CONDITIONS, with your name to CONTACT.
A few months ago I visited (on the
London "Green Building" weekend) -
The Elizabethan Manor House, on
THE GREEN, SOUTHALL, MIDDLESEX
(PART of the London Borough of Ealing)
OUTSIDE the House - on the main road
There is a fine war memorial. I
believe to be the 1st & 2nd world
wars. I examined it all but there
appear to be NO NAMES on it at all
& it is so UNUSUAL I think they have
been removed by vandals.
I reported the matter a couple of
weeks later to the Assistant of our
Council Leader - here in Ealing -
(GASON STACOPY) & a few weeks later

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to COUNCILLOR GURCHURAN SINGH
of EAZING COUNCIL AS I believe the
WAR Memorial to be "in his patch".

I hope one or the other has done
something about it but do NOT
want to harass them by asking.

I wonder if you would be kind
enough to check on the missing
Names + to find out if the matter
has been reported to any official
body by either of the people I
have informed. I have a feeling
that in keeping with the wording left
on the war memorial - the actual
plaques that should have been on
the 4 sides inscribed with the war
dead were made of copper.

Thank you for your help + interest
in these valuable records of our
history + respect for those who gave
their lives + should be remembered
with our gratitude

Yours sincerely

WMs/046-Merchant Taylors School

Dear Mr. Arbour,

Merchant Taylors' School War memorials

Many thanks for your letter dated 27th March about the review of London's war memorials. The Head Master passed the enquiry to me since I act as archivist. There are indeed several war memorials at this school, although I am not sure whether we come within the remit of the London Assembly survey since (despite our postal address of Northwood, Middlesex) the School lies entirely within Hertfordshire albeit just across the county boundary). The school was once located in London (Charterhouse Square) and the Boer War and Great War memorials were brought from there, although I suspect that this is irrelevant to the aim of the survey.

I should be grateful for an acknowledgement of this, but will not be in school again until 21st April when I could assist further if you wish.

Yours sincerely,

WMs/011-Miss A P Tucker

19 April 2009.
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Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter in the Recorder, April, regarding War Memorials, I enclose a photograph of a plaque. Although no names are on it, it does record an incident in **WW 1**. It is on the wall of the large hall at the Bryant St Centre, which is in Bryant St, Stratford. It does get cleaned occasionally. Is this something you are looking for?

A memorial I do know that has names on it is in Greengate St, Plaistow, E.13, just past the recreation ground. It commemorates those who died who worked at the bus garage, which used to be on this spot. It looks in good order. I haven't physically looked at it lately, only as I pass on a bus.

I hope this is helpful for you. If you need any more info, the Library at 3 The Grove, Stratford, has an Archives & Local Studies Section. Tele No. 0208 430 688 1.

Yours faithfully

WMs/012-Mr Ben Hanton

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March 6th, 2009

Council Ref PFM/pa

Dear Editor,

War memorial falling apart East Ham Town Hall E6

Some time ago I sent a letter to Sir Robin Wales about the condition of the memorial in East Ham town hall falling apart.

This memorial in the reception area of the town hall is falling apart, and this is an eyesore to all that see the memorial.

Myself being ex-service like many more feel so ashamed when looking at this memorial to our fallen who served their country, should not have to take so long to repair.

When one think of all the other repairs done in Newham, and this memorial still stand broken.

I was informed by head of design service's that the memorial have already sought quotations from appropriate contractors, these people have the skills to deal with this specialist work.

Having information from Newham Council the work on the memorial will take place as reported by Peter Adarns head of design services.

A long time has passed and still no repairs have taken place, and because of the long wait I do think Newham Council should now start to have the memorial repaired.

May I point out that I am not the only ex-service person to see the memorial in this bad condition.

Please Sir Robin Wales with the help of Newham Council get the memorial
(2)
repaired as it should not take all this time to be repaired.
Yours Sincerely

Mr Ben Hanton

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20" August 2008

Dear Mr Hanton

Re: Town Hall War Memorial

I refer to your letter to the Mayor, Sir Robin Wales, regarding the War Memorial in the Reception area of the Town Hall.

We are indeed aware of the condition of this memorial and have already sought quotations from appropriate contractors with the skills to deal with this specialist work. As soon as these have been received and assessed I can assure you that works will be carried out to bring the memorial back to a good condition.

Yours sincerely,

For Head of Design Services

WMs/015-Mrs Carol Eve

From:

To: www.warmemorials@london.gov.uk

Sent: Wednesday, 8 April, 2009 3:14:08 PM

Subject:

dear mr walker. i live in canvey island, but i saw your letter in the newham recorder. my fathers brother was on a memorial in silvertown, his name was mr fred reeve, it stood the memorial at a factory which closed down. my father died 6yrs ago, and he used to visit it each year, but the past 3yrs we have been unable to find it as it had been removed from the site. my fathers other brother tried to find out where it has gone, and wether it will be re sited any where else but got know where. so are you able to help us find it, as we would like to visit it in the future as it is most upsetting when it has disappeared and are not told where it has gone. i can be contacted at
yours sincerley mrs carol eve.

WMs/029-Mrs P Winbourne

Dear Mr Walker

RE Memorials

With reference to your letter about memorials
in the Neucham Recorder, Wednesday 8th April

I have noticed when travelling to
Liverpool Street Station from Stratford
that on the left hand side of the track
under some arches there are what appears
to me to be several memorials of which you
may not be aware.

They appear to be in desperate need of
some restoration as they seem to have
been neglected for a long time and
were hidden by vegetation which has
now been cut down exposing them

I should imagine you would have
to obtain permission from the Railway
authorities to gain access to these as it
would be necessary to walk along the
track to inspect them, as it would be
a pity if they turn out to be of some
historic value, and were just left to
fall into disrepair.

Hoping that you and your team
are able to do something

Yours sincerely

WMs/031-Mrs Phyllis Coward

SECRETARIAT

Re your letter in Tottenham
Journal regarding war memorials:
I live near High Cross and am
upset when I see the war
memorial outside Tottenham
Town Hall. I lost my young
brother age 21 who was lost at
sea in 1943 on motor torpedo boats.
It seems neglected with grass
growing in the paving stones
around it etc. It would be
nice on Remembrance Sunday
to see it looking nice and
I have even pulled grass up
myself, but as I am now
arthritis and cannot do so
any more.

WMs/030-Mrs R Jenkins

Dear Sir
I'm writing in reply to your letter in the WOOD GREEN Journal regarding War Memorials.
For years I have been trying to get something done to the War Memorial in Wood Green on Jolly Butchers Hill. It is ruined in dirt that needs to be done professionally, and also what saddens me most is the names of the dead have been covered with black paint which I assume so that they would not have to clean the original brasties saving money. I have written many letters also contacted my local LAB/DEB M.P. who was unable to help.
I have lived in the Borough 85yrs

WMs/016-National Archive of Memorial Inscriptions

----- Original Message -----

From:

To: paul.watling@lonon.gov.uk

Sent: Saturday, April 11, 2009 11:32 AM

Subject: London's War Memorials - reply from National Archive of Memorial Inscriptions

Thank you for your letter, dated 27 March.

I am pleased that you are undertaking this work, but sorry that I am unable to assist you, as our remit does not extend to war memorials. There are two reasons which have informed this decision.

Firstly, we have a massive task in recording memorial inscriptions from gravestones in religious and secular burial grounds - there are some 4.5 million of these in England and Wales still unrecorded in any way. These are vulnerable to decay and destruction, and need to be recorded before they are lost for ever. There are already several organisations whose purpose is specifically to care for war memorials.

Secondly, one of the main purposes of NAOMI is to assist family historians by enabling them to access the 3.5 million inscriptions on individual gravestones, which have been recorded and which frequently provide unique information which does not exist elsewhere, particularly relating to family relationships. War memorials do not contribute in this way.

Please do not assume that we are not sympathetic to your work - it is important and valuable, just as ours is.

With best wishes

Director, NAOMI

WMs/066-National Association of Memorial Masons

-----Original Message-----

From: (NAMM)

Sent: 02 April 2009 11:17

To: Paul Watling

Subject: Review of London's War Memorials

Dear Mr Watling

We have received a letter from Tony Arbour (addressed to our Immediate Past President, Mrs Penny Lymn-Rose) regarding the review of London's war memorials.

The National Association of Memorial Masons (NAMM) is a trade association, which was established over 100 years ago. Unfortunately we are unable to answer the questions raised in the letter as we do not directly deal with war memorials nor hold such information at this office. Some of our members may have or are involved in the repair or cleaning of war memorials.

As a trade association we have had contact or joint initiatives with the Ministry of Justice, the City of London and the Commonwealth War Graves Commission but after looking at the linked information mentioned in the letter, I think these bodies will have already been contacted by yourselves for their response.

I am sorry that we are unable to help further.

Web: www.namm.org.uk

WMs/049-Peter Deed

St. Michael's Church (next to Sainsburys) NW1

I have observed that the War Memorial in the front grounds of St. Michael's is in a bad way. The top of it is very dirty, I guess from air and traffic pollution. Also some of the lettering is becoming obscured. It is in grave need of restoration. I understand that an act of Parliament 1926 was passed putting responsibility for upkeep of War Memorials over to local councils. I have contacted The London Borough of Camden on several occasions and have had negative response. I hope you may have better results. I will be looking forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,
Peter Deed

WMs/023-Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors

From:

Sent: 20 April 2009 16:58

To: Paul Watling

Subject: FW: London Assembly Planning and Housing Committee - Review of London's war memorials

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Dear sir,

I am the Chairman of the RICS Conservation Forum Board and was forwarded a copy of the email concerning the above.

In response to the questions posed I can respond that we have had very little involvement with war memorials, if any, as the Conservation Forum. As individual Surveyors I have no doubt some will have come across some of the issues but as a Group we have not.

Although not directly helpful I hope this is of interest.

With regards,

WMs/062-Royal Norwegian Embassy

-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: 12 June 2009 11:25

To: Paul Watling

Subject: Review of London's War Memorials

Dear Mr Watling,

Thank you for your letter of 27.03.09 to Mr Iversen about the above subject. With apologies for this lateness, I am replying to your e-mail address.

1. **NORWEGIAN WAR MEMORIAL IN HYDE PARK**

Erected in 1978, this is a large piece of pre-Cambrian granite mounted on three smaller stones. It was presented by the navy and merchant fleet. The inscription reads 'You gave us a safe haven in our common struggle for freedom and peace'. See http://photos.igougo.com/pictures-photos-p339884-Norwegian_War_Memorial.html

2. No

3. No

4. No

5. Include information in guide books and registers of various kinds, distribute information to schools/history teachers

6. **GREEN PLAQUE**

In 2005, a commemorative green plaque was erected by Westminster City Council at Kingston House North, Prince's Gate, Kensington Road, SW7, to mark the location of the offices of the Norwegian government-in-exile during the occupation of Norway in World War II - see picture in the attachment. Maintained by Westminster City Council.

- **AND BLUE PLAQUE**

Also in 2005, a blue plaque was erected by English Heritage in commemoration of King Haakon VII, who led the Norwegian government-in-exile from 10 Palace Green between 1940 and 1945. See also: <http://www.norway.org.uk/history/royalvisit/news2710/blueplaque.htm>. Maintained by English Heritage.

I hope this information is what you are looking for.

Yours sincerely,

Information Officer

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WMs/003-RPS Planning and Development Ltd

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Dear Mr Arbour

STATE OF LONDON'S WAR MEMORIALS

I saw mentioned in the professional press, at the weekend, the report of a meeting of the London Assembly's planning and housing committee at which the Business Management and Administration Committee was recommended to appoint you to carry-out a review of war memorials in London.

On checking the London Assembly's web site this morning I noticed that the actual committee meeting took place on 2nd December and so am uncertain as to how far the review will have progressed in the past 7 weeks.

War memorials have been a professional interest of mine for the past 20 years in that I have been employed not only to carry out surveys of memorials with a view to making recommendations to the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport for the listing of the best examples, but also for clients seeking to establish new memorials - for example, the Civilians Remembered war memorial just across the river from City Hall in Wapping. In addition as part of the survey of existing war memorials for listing, I was responsible for persuading a local planning authority to establish a grant scheme for their repair and restoration and for administering that scheme. I have therefore first-hand experience of schemes for the repair of specific war memorials including that at Isleworth.

Should my knowledge and experience of work in this field be of use in the review of London's war memorials that you have been charged to carry out, I would be pleased to offer any offer assistance

Yours in reply

Director - Historic Environment

WMs/032-Russian Consulate

Dear Sir

Thank you for your letter dated 27 March 2009 concerning war memorials in London and our contribution to them.

I'd like to inform you that there is the Soviet memorial in London, in Harmsworth Park near the Imperial War Museum. This monument was installed by British organization SOVIET MEMORIAL, TRUST which is responsible for maintenance of the monument.

Russian military delegation take part in annual wreath-laying ceremony.

Sincerely

Major-General

Defence Attache

to the Embassy of the Russian Federation

in the United Kingdom of the Great Britain and Northern Ireland

WMs/043/054-St Olave's School

Mr Paul Watling
Scrutiny Manager
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15th May, 2009.

Dear Paul,

Further to our email correspondence please find below the answers to your questions regarding the review of London's war memorials.

1. The School contains a War Memorial which is sited in the Great Hall. It was originally erected in the Great Hall at the building in Tooley Street, London SE1 but moved to the new buildings in Orpington in March 1968. A War Memorial fund was launched in December 1918 with an appeal for funds sent to Old Olavians and Friends of the School by the then Headmaster, Mr W G Rushbrooke. It was agreed by the committee that the memorial would take the form of *'a bronze statue of St. Olaf, representing not the old Viking but those youthful sons of St. Olave's who had answered their country's call. The foundation on which the figure would stand would be so constructed that it would contain the roll of honour and letters or documents connected therewith, which could thus be safely preserved. A background of marble would set off the figure, and the memorial would be placed in the south west corner of the Hall.'* Mr. Reynolds-Stephens, sculptor, was commissioned. The unveiling of the War Memorial took place on July 21st 1922 by Major General Sir Frederick B Maurice.

The Rolls of Honour are now kept in the safe at the present School but there is a power point presentation on our website, www.saintolaves.net, About Us, Chaplaincy and scroll down to The Olavian Fallen.

The Memorial Panels were added to the existing War Memorial to commemorate those who gave their lives in the Second World War and were unveiled on Sunday, 19th November 1950 by General Sir Bernard Paget GCB, DSO.

2. The Memorial is maintained by the School and access is restricted to the pupils and staff although Old Olavians have visited by appointment. The School holds a Remembrance Service on 11th November each year and OOs are represented and one member will lay a wreath on their behalf.

I have attached photographs to this email and hope the above answers your questions. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there if any further information you require.

Yours sincerely,

Att.: Pictures

WMs/056-South African High Commission

-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: 19 May 2009 09:29

To: Paul Watling

Subject: London War Memorials

Mr Watling,

Your letter dated 27 March 2009 refers.

Please be informed that the South African High Commission does not have any memorial dedicated to the country. The SA HC makes its financial contribution towards war memorials, which is managed by your government.

As regards communication and awareness raising, aside from the website and emails that could be sent, perhaps one could consider simple cost effective pamphlets or booklets that depict the historical sites and war memorials pictorially.

Best regards

WMs/063-Streatham Society Local History Group

-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: 05 April 2009 22:32

To: Paul Watling

Subject: war memorials

29 March 2009

To: Mr Tony Arbour

London Assembly

email: Paul.watling@london.gov.uk

Dear Mr Arbour,

Your letter concerning the Review of London War Memorials has been passed to me for reply as I am a member of the Streatham Society Local History Group who has undertaken some research into the various War Memorials in our town. In response to the questions raised in your letter I would advise as follows:

1. I hold in my archive details of various war memorials in Streatham together with listings of the names inscribed on them. I also have photographs of some of the memorials where public access is available.

2. The recent occurrence of the loss of a Streatham War Memorial occurred when the old Streatham Bus Garage was demolished although I have been advised that the war memorial which was situated there has subsequently been erected at the Norwood Bus Garage.

3. We have contacted Lambeth Council concerning the Streatham War Memorial at the junction of Streatham High Road and Streatham Common North when it has been the subject of graffiti or other vandalism or damage.

4. The most obvious group would be the Royal British Legion although there may be a role here for extending the remit of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Also, in view of the increasing interest in family history research, perhaps the Federation of Family History Societies could have a role to play in recording and preserving memorials.

5. There are a number of web sites relating to war memorials as well as various publications such as *At the Going Down of the Sun* by Derek Boorman. In my personal opinion the best way of raising the profile and awareness of war memorials is by them being placed at the centre of commemorations on Remembrance Sunday which is the case here in Streatham.

6. I would have thought a dedicated web site on which all the war memorials are detailed with photographs and lists of any inscriptions or names thereon would be the best option. Perhaps such a project could be organised by the Imperial War Museum with lottery funding.

Yours sincerely,

WMs/033-Royal British Legion (RBL) Elm Park Branch

28 April 2009

Dear Mr Watling

Review of London's War Memorials

I refer to your letter of 27 March which has been copied to this branch by the North East Metropolitan County Office of the Royal British Legion.

The area covered by this branch is Elm Park and Rainham in the London Borough of Havering and the answers to your questionnaire as regards this area are as follows -

1. No. Although the branch does have a small memorial (without any names inscribed on it) within its own grounds at the above address and we are of course fully aware of its condition and ownership.

2. No.

3. No.

4. There are numerous ex-services organisations with branches in, or covering members in, the Havering area but we are not in a position to say whether they can assist in the care of memorials. We understand the Friends of RAF Hornchurch have an interest in the memorial situated in the grounds of the R J Mitchell School in South End Road on the site of the former RAF station.

5. No.

6. War memorials could undoubtedly be made more effective as an educational medium to record both national and local history. They could be positioned better to attract more attention and make them more available; and they could be made more informative by including some narrative and graphics regarding local sacrifices within the context of the national struggle. The possibilities are only limited by the finance available to achieve the objective.

7. No.

Yours sincerely

WMs/039-RBL North East County Metropolitan Branch

-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: 30 April 2009 13:54

To: Paul Watling

Subject: Review of Lono's war memorials

I am County Secretary of the North East County Metropolitan Region of the Royal British Legion.

We received a copy of your office's letter dated 27th March re the above and I sent a copy out to all the Legion branches in our area.

I have received one reply from our Branch in Buckhurst Hill, Essex. I don't know whether this would be of interest to you. If yes, maybe I could fax a copy to you as time is running out.

I would mention that our local authority, The London Borough of Waltham Forest, have spent some time and money on renovating some of our Memorials.

WMs/061-RBL City Hall Branch

----- Original Message -----

From: >

To: Tony Arbour

Sent: Tue Nov 25 16:24:09 2008

Subject: War Memorials

Mr Arbour,

I was intrigued to read in the agenda for the next meeting of the Planning and Housing Committee that you are to be nominated as rapporteur on this subject. As you may be aware, as the former County Hall Branch of the Royal British Legion, which has had some quite complex problems regarding the First World War Memorials in that building, access to which has been denied to us on a formal basis by the Japanese owners since an intensive media and television campaign on the anniversary of the end of the Japanese war. We do have an ongoing concern about a number of other memorials, in particular that of the Middlesex County Council in the Middlesex Guildhall which is being converted to be the Supreme Court building and we liaise with certain of the organisations named in your Committee report.

That report is not entirely accurate in the reference to County Hall. Although we are refused any formal access to the very extensive memorial there, there is nothing to stop any member of the public from walking around the top of the Ceremonial Staircase in the Main Building of the County Hall and looking at the panels with the names of the dead of the London County Council and the Metropolitan Asylums Board together with the remains of the much smaller memorial panel to the much larger number of dead in the Second world War. These were commemorated in the Roll of Honour which belongs in the listed structure of the Representative War Memorial in the Memorial Room at the former headquarters of the London Fire Brigade. It is only taken out for the Remembrance Service in the City Hall after which I have to return it. Since the Brigade no longer uses that room for normal business, it is a very sad location and we shall be seeking to persuade the Department to de-list the book and to allow it to be placed in the Memorial, for which it was designed, at City Hall .

The situation which has grown up in recent years where memorials are increasingly being lost, due largely to re-development or to MoD selling off sites such as the Duke of York's Headquarters where my unit's monument seems to have disappeared, is indefensible and if there is any assistance which we can give you in your task, please do not hesitate to ask.

We did speak briefly after the recent Remembrance Service about your questions to Mayor Livingstone about flying the Union flag at City Hall. He did respond that this was going to be done but also referred to a large ceremonial version of the GLC flag and added that because of its size, it was going to have to be reduced before it could be flown. This was, I am sure, the flag which I lowered on Westminster Pier at the same time as that on the Members Terrace of County Hall was lowered by the then Chairman, Tony Banks. I presented the flag to Mr Livingstone some years later, in a ceremony at Southwark Cathedral, as a token of thanks for the support given to the Branch by GLA. It would be good to see it flown once more at the seat of London Government.

Chairman

City Hall Branch

Royal British Legion

WMs/065-UK National Inventory of War Memorials

Meeting with United Kingdom National Inventory of War Memorials (UKNIWM),

52 Walnut Tree Walk, London, 29 January 2009

Present: Jane Furlong, Project Co-ordinator, UKNIWM
Tony Arbour AM, Rapporteur on War Memorials
Stephen Greek, Research and Support Officer (Conservative Group)
Paul Watling, Scrutiny Manager
Dale Langford, Committee Administrator

13. Tony Arbour opened the meeting by explaining that the aim of the investigation was not to duplicate anything that has already been done, but to add value by identifying who is responsible for war memorials in London, and who should be notified if one is at risk.

UKNIWM's work on war memorials

14. Jane Furlong introduced UKNIWM and explained that it originally started from an art history project. It is located at the Imperial War Museum and is independently funded from donations and grants. It covers all kinds of memorials as far back as the 10th Century and more recent conflicts and terrorist attacks, like the Bali bombings and the 7 July 2005 attacks in London.
15. UKNIWM has two staff, six office volunteers and one hundred and sixty field workers. The network of field workers has been built up through word of mouth, by publishing articles in local history magazines and writing to everyone who was active as a field worker, targeting areas where mapping showed a need for more volunteers.
16. UKNIWM currently has some backlog of data to enter onto its database, but that is slowly being reduced. There are details for 5,300 war memorials in London and 600 memorials were waiting to be input. Nationally there are probably 100,000 war memorials, of which around 60,000 have been recorded. These could be a plaque on a wall, a book of remembrance or many other things. Some 60 per cent of memorials are probably inside churches although these are still at risk. The plan was to get volunteers trained in remote inputting in order to computerise as much of the data as possible, including lists of names.
17. Channel Four's *Lost Generation* series had paid for 850,000 names from the First World War to be input, but this number would be substantially less than the total number commemorated, especially as some names can be on as many as seven different memorials. Inputting all the names will be a huge job, and the numbers quoted relate just to the First World War.
18. There was potentially some duplication already going on, with lots of different interest groups involved in war memorials. For example, roll-of-honour.com does a lot of work collaboratively with UKNIWM, but they also operate a website that duplicates some of UKNIWM's work without being so comprehensive.
19. UKNIWM targets areas of the country with few members/volunteers. It writes articles for local history publications and attempts to expand the roles of volunteers.

Issues affecting war memorials

20. UKNIWM was trying to find out as much as possible about the background and history of the memorials on the database, but some archive material was very hard to find. Some memorials had been established by formal committees which kept detailed records, but many others didn't. There is the problem of ownership in perpetuity. There was often an expectation that 'the community' would look after the memorial into the future.
21. Recording of the names on memorials is important for a number of reasons. Some memorials are at risk of being stolen; in Plymouth, bronze tablets from a memorial on the Hoe had been stolen, presumably for their value as scrap metal. Stone memorials can suffer from weathering, which gradually wears away the names. Regular condition checks once a year can verify that, for example, the names are still readable, but a full survey every five to ten years would be ideal. The majority of memorials do have a list of names recorded and often photographic material, but the quality of information held varies enormously.
22. With recording by volunteers it really is not possible to verify everything, so there has to be a high degree of trust in the accuracy of information provided. Keeping records up to date can also be an issue, as some memorials have moved since they were first recorded 20 years earlier. There is also some reliance on people knowing about the UKNIWM and informing them when memorials are moved.
23. It is difficult to ascertain accurate locations of memorials that have been lost, but there is still some information in local press archives and local knowledge.

Possible role for the London Assembly's investigation

24. UKNIWM thought that the investigation could raise awareness of what memorials there are in London and expressed a hope that it could lead to people adopting a war memorial near them. There is also some scope for war memorials to be recognised as being relevant to, and incorporated into, the planning process to protect them. Once part of the planning process it is easier to flag up potential problems with future development proposals.
25. An example was demonstrated where Bromley Council had thoroughly surveyed all war memorials in the borough about ten years earlier. The work had taken four years to complete and the memorials had then be mapped, put onto a database and on the planning register. The material gathered filled five large volumes, although it did not cover ownership of the memorials. UKNIWM were not aware of this being done anywhere else, but they considered that a similar scheme across London would be 'fantastic'.
26. The UKNIWM is aware that the Isle of Man Government has set up a sub-committee to look into war memorials to create an accurate picture of war memorials on the island, with the aim of enhancing their protection.
27. What is needed is a regular check on the condition of memorials to get warnings on slippage or the erosion of names. A five yearly check should be adequate and the War Memorials Trust provides advice on preservation.

28. It is probably eight years since UKNIWM had last contacted all the local history groups, so any big mail-out could remind the organisations what UKNIWM is, what it does, and what information it already has. Any new information or updates on memorials already on the database would also be welcome.

Further information required

- Examples of memorials that have been destroyed – e.g. the example used for hard core
- Details UKIWM asks for when it contacts groups for information/raises awareness of the project

WMs/044-US Embassy

-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: 01 May 2009 16:27

To: Paul Watling

Subject: Review of London's War Memorials

Good afternoon Mr. Watling,

The London Assembly Planning and Housing Committee's request for the above subject has just recently been passed to the Defense Attaché Office for response. Regretfully, we will not be able to make today's deadline for a response. I am still in consultation with the American Battle Monuments Commission to provide their input and our response must also be reviewed by the Embassy and the Defense Attaché. I anticipate being able to provide a written response early next week.

Respectfully submitted,

This e-mail is **UNCLASSIFIED** based on the definitions provided in E.O. 12958.

WMs/001-War Memorials Trust

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War Memorials Trust



13 January 2008

Dear Mr Arbour,

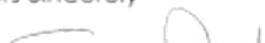
War Memorials Trust is aware that recently the GLA decided, through the Planning and Housing Committee, to undertake a review of war memorials in London. In relation to this we are writing to all London Assembly Members to ensure you are aware of War Memorials Trust and our work. You may already know about the Trust possibly through former GLA Assembly Member Meg Hillier MP is amongst our Trustees.

We hope that the review may lead to increased interest in war memorials in the capital. It is also likely to lead to people contacting you with concerns and enquiries about war memorials. War Memorials Trust may be able to help. War Memorials Trust provides advice and guidance on any war memorial issue. The charity also administers grant schemes that can provide financial assistance for the repair and conservation of war memorials. The Trust's Conservation Officer and Assistant are conservation experts specialising in the war memorial field. Please do not hesitate to seek our assistance with any war memorial matters or redirect enquiries to us. Our contact details are

War Memorials Trust
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Email: info@warmemorials.org or conservation@warmemorials.org
www.warmemorials.org

The charity was registered in 1997 and since then has become a focal point for war memorial issues. Its Small Grants Scheme offers grants to support repair and conservation. It began in 1998 with the scheme spending £3,000; last year offers exceeded £90,000. War Memorials Trust administers schemes in conjunction with English Heritage and Historic Scotland. Further details about the charity, which relies entirely on voluntary funding to undertake its work, can be found at our website including details of projects helped in London which are shown on our grants showcase.

Yours Sincerely



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Planning and Housing Committee – Rapporteurship on War Memorials

Meeting with War Memorials Trust,

4 Lower Belgrave Street, London, 2 April 2009

Present: Frances Moreton, Trust Manager, War Memorials Trust
Joanna Saunderson, Conservation Officer, War Memorials Trust
Tony Arbour AM, Rapporteur on War Memorials
Stephen Greek, Research and Support Officer (Conservative Group)
Paul Watling, Scrutiny Manager
Michael Walker, Administration Officer
Katy Shaw, Committee Team Leader

29. Tony Arbour opened the meeting by explaining that the aim of the investigation was not to duplicate anything that has already been done, but to add value by feeding into the planning process issues such as by identifying who is responsible for war memorials in London, and who should be notified if one is at risk.

War Memorial Trust's work on war memorials

30. Frances Moreton briefly described the Trust's origins in 1997 and explained that as a young organisation its remit was still developing. Joanna Saunderson set out the Trust's main roles as being to manage three grant schemes and offer advice to planners and to the public.
31. The Trust works with the UK National Inventory of War Memorials (UKNIWM) and tries to make sure the work of the two bodies remains separate. The Trust only steps in if there is a problem with a war memorial.
32. The Trust would like to do more to educate people about the Trust, its work and remit. It is currently funded by voluntary contributions, amounting to about £300,000 per year. There about 1,500 members who pay subscriptions. In fundraising, the Trust approaches potential donors to give money to benefit a particular region or county and then that money is restricted those areas.
33. The Trust receives £35,000 from English Heritage towards the costs of four full-time staff, grants administration and producing leaflets. The grants go mainly to charities and individuals looking after war memorials.
34. Demand for the small grants scheme is growing, with awards over the last four years increasing from £17,000 in 2005/06 to £90,000 in 2008/09. In 2008/09 the Trust received 1,100 new cases/enquiries, up from 950 the previous year. These can vary from a short email response to months of work. The Trust does not receive many grant applications for the London area. The Trust has taken on an additional conservation officer and hopes to be able to deal with more cases.
35. Grant awards are at 50 per cent of costs and go up to £2,500, with the English Heritage grant scheme that the Trust administers offering up to £10,000. The English Heritage grants do not just go towards larger memorials, but memorials like small crosses have also benefited from funding.

36. The Trust sees the main threats to war memorials as being lack of information about ownership or the current custodian of war memorials and people's willingness to become a custodian. The Trust approaches different people or organisations depending on the location. For example, the local parish or town council might be approached about a memorial on a village green, or the vicar may be approached about a memorial in a church.
37. The Trust can encourage people to take care of their memorial, but with the grant covering only 50 per cent of costs, the custodian needs to find money themselves, which can be difficult for busy people with other priorities.
38. There are issues sometimes with well-intentioned local people undertaking repairs in an inappropriate way, without the knowledge of the Trust – such as by using bleach or patio cleaner on a memorial. The Trust emphasises that its advice is free, so it encourages people to call to get help and advice.
39. In the event of a war memorial being at risk from development, the Trust has sometimes opposed development proposals and there have been occasions where such a memorial has been listed. The Trust does not support the relocation of memorials unless it prevents loss of damage.
40. The Trust receives a lot of calls about closing of churches and redundancy of other buildings. The Trust does try to encourage other suitable buildings to take on memorials in those circumstances. There have been cases of memorials being removed from buildings and sold off on ebay.
41. There has also been a big problem with vandalism and theft of metals, especially bronze. The Trust has prepared some guidance on that issue which it will be publishing shortly, including tips to make a thorough record of the memorial and steps that can be taken to prevent damage.
42. The Trust believes that some local authorities do not know what war memorials there are in their area. Bromley was a very good example of a borough which has recorded what there is. A dense urban areas, London boroughs' conservation officers have high workloads, so war memorials can end up as a lower priority. The Trust does not always get a response when it contacts conservation officers. Ideally it would like to be included as a statutory consultee, which the Victorian Society, Georgian Group, Twentieth Century Society and Save Britain's Heritage already are.
43. As most war memorials are not listed, boroughs would not automatically find out about anything happening to one. The Trust would like war memorials to be listed to at least Grade II, and indeed English Heritage has listed about 95 per cent of the memorials that the Trust has asked them to, amounting to more than 100 over the last ten years. The Trust's 110 volunteers are encouraged to get involved in listing of memorials. Out of about 30,000 war memorials in England, 1,795 are listed, mostly at Grade II. Grade II in London particularly gives memorials a higher level of protection than if not listed.
44. The Trust believes that the ideal situation would be for a user-friendly database of all the memorials in London with voluntary information about the custodian and owner. The way the UKNIWM website is set up at present is not especially helpful to the way the Trust work. It can currently take several phone calls to find out who in a particular council is responsible.
45. There is still an issue about people recognising what are war memorials; there have been some instances of memorials being put up for sale on ebay. Ebay have been very good about removing them from sale if they are asked to do so, but some of the sellers continue to insist that what they are selling is not a war memorial. An example might be a former war memorial prize from a school.

46. The Trust sees limits to what can be achieved by interested and enthusiastic amateurs, such as by schools adopting memorials. The Trust is not against adoption as a concept, but are cautious about the scope for widespread protection and maintenance using that mechanism.
47. The Trust had sought funding for a joint education programme with the UKNIWM costing £300,000 over three years, but had been unsuccessful. The Trust has therefore decided to focus its limited resources on professionals, such as providing information for custodians and their contractors.
48. A lot of the interest in war memorials arises from people doing research into family history, while there are still people alive who lived during the Second World War. The most interest in war memorials relate to the First and Second World Wars, although there have been some grants given for the Boer War and Crimean War. The Trust does not give funding for new memorials, but it does give advice.
49. The Trust was asked how it believed the London Assembly could help. It was suggested that the Assembly could highlight to London boroughs how budgeting for regular maintenance and conservation of war memorials, such as pointing and grouting, was far more cost effective than having to carry out repair work. The Mayor could also be asked to include in the London Plan a statement that boroughs should pay regard to the need to protect war memorials in this way.
50. The Trust was reluctant 'name and shame' any local authorities which were not looking after their war memorials as much as others, as it was important to maintain good relationships.
51. The Trust gave some examples of war memorial issues in London:
 - Stockwell Clock Tower is suffering from weathering and poor maintenance; Lambeth Council say it will cost £30,000 to restore the tower;
 - The Royal Artillery Memorial is in poor condition and Westminster Council has not yet responded to contact from the Trust;
 - The Waterloo station plaque is surrounded by advertising, which the Trust has drawn to the attention of the station manager;
 - The Polish War Memorial in Hillingdon is looked after very well by the Polish Air Force Association, but the charitable trust is due to close in 2012; War Memorials Trust will take over oversight from then.
52. There is an issue with a number of veterans' organisations which are starting to close down. The Burma Star Association has been working with the UKNIWM to keep a record of all their memorials.

WMs/035-Wembley History Society

-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: 29 April 2009 18:56

To: Paul Watling

Subject: Review of London's war memorials

Dear Mr Watling,

I have been asked to respond to Mr Arbour's letter of 27 March to Mrs Pam Carter, Hon. Sec. of the Wembley History Society.

The answers to the questions are:

1. The Wembley History Society does not maintain its own records of war memorials as one of our members volunteers for the UK National Inventory of War Memorials (UKNIWM) and it is felt to be more sensible to submit information to UKNIWM instead.

2. Of the 122 LB of Brent memorials only 56 relate to the former borough of Wembley and the current locations of some of those are uncertain owing to the demolition of buildings with which they are connected. A further four memorials are known about, but with insufficient information at present to make a record, and no doubt there will have been others, some of which may be lost, which will require further research to identify.

3. I do not recollect any involvement of the Society with the L B of Brent on the question of war memorials. Brent rescued the Metropolitan Electric Tramways First World War memorial from the former Stonebridge Park bus garage and resited it, with an anachronistic dedication to the people of Brent, in Sudbury.

4 & 5. The members of the Society have been made aware of war memorials and the existence of the UKNIWM both in the Society's *Bulletin*, and in short talks. If a conservation issue came to the Society, I would refer it to War Memorials Trust. An article about war memorials was published in the local press and included a contact telephone number, but no inquiries have been received over many months.

6. Although a number of teachers were involved in the early days of the Society from its foundation in 1952, I am not aware that any are members currently, and have the impression that local history is not of interest to the teachers of the area.

7. No.

Yours truly,

WMs/005-Westminster School

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email:

1 6th April 2009
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Dear Mr Watling,

War Memorial

The Head Master has asked me to thank the London Assembly for their letter of 27th March 2009 about your review of London's War Memorials. In answer to your questions, I offer the following:

1. Yes. The memorial is to Old Westminsters who died in the Crimean War. It is located in Broad Sanctuary opposite the west door to Westminster Abbey. You can't miss it!
2. Maintenance falls to the School with support from the Old Westminsters. It is in a public place so open for all to admire.
3. No.
4. No, but if the Council would like to assist in funding restoration of the inscriptions this would be gratefully received.
5. No.
6. No.
7. As one who loves to look at war memorials, it would be wonderful if there were a website or book listing all London's war memorials with brief details of what they commemorate. It would be very easy then for teachers to link their teaching of history to memorials across the capital.
8. No.

Yours sincerely

Bursar