

How to identify condition

WAR MEMORIALS ONLINE

War memorials in 'Very bad' condition

Please note war memorial details are not always given as we are aware the condition image may not be up to date. Images are provided as examples.

The memorial:

- Memorial is not maintained and materials are significantly damaged/ deteriorated/ discoloured
- Materials are unstable and dangerous and at risk of causing damage or injury
- There is a need for urgent action and regular monitoring is required
- Repeated instances of antisocial issues, the memorial may have been damaged or vandalised numerous times
- Inscriptions are nearly or completely faded or obscured through definition loss, missing lettering or vegetative growth

Stone

- There are missing elements and damage caused by soot or pollution
- There is staining from any metal elements

Metal

- Metal elements are damaged and incomplete, dented/ corroded
- They are not firmly attached to the surface of the memorial and are breaking away

Glass

- Glass is broken or damaged in several areas
- Windows are not secure and there is damage to the surrounding mortar

Timber

- Timber is cracked or damaged in several areas
- Elements of timber are missing

The surrounding area:

- There are access restrictions
- The site is unstable and hazardous
- The site is unmaintained, associated vegetation is not managed
- Surrounding paving is cracked or moving
- Surrounding gates/walls/railings suffer from missing mortar and peeling paint



War Memorial 1 is unstable and there is significant damage to the materials © WMT, 2012



War Memorial 2 has a damaged plaque which is half missing © Angela van der Horst, 2014



War Memorial 3's lettering is illegible © WMT, 2010

Memorials in 'Very bad' condition before WMT grants

Further information on the projects on this page, including photographs of repaired memorials, is available on WMT's grants showcase, www.warmemorials.org/search-grants; Kirkby (WM906), Black Merchant Seamen (WM2349) and Sanderstead (WM5233)



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