

War Memorials

As part of the centenary of the First World War, Historic England (HE) embarked upon a 5 year project in 2014 to add 2500 war memorials to the Statutory List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest (the list). War memorials provide us with an enduring link to those who gave their lives in the First World War. The project will commemorate the role of the communities across the country during the conflict.

Some memorials in South Norfolk have already been added to the list, but we are conscious that there are many others which have yet to be assessed which are of value to the community and your social history and as such may be eligible for listing..

It is possible for Parish Councils, other groups in the community, or individuals, to put forward a memorial in their village for consideration directly to HE using their web site and on line application form:

<https://historicengland.org.uk/whats-new/listing/war-memorials-listing-project/>

You will need to register to get a “heritage passport” and provide certain information but the process is straightforward and should be less complicated with a war memorial than with other types of building.

The listing of a memorial need not be a restriction to any proposals to repair the structure. In fact it could help with funding that is available from the War Memorials Trust;

<http://www.warmemorials.org/grants/>.

If you have any queries please contact Steve Beckett as below, but otherwise I hope you will be able to assist HE with their programme.

Yours sincerely,

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