

War Memorials Trust's ideas for the Heritage badge: Alternative A



On this sheet you will learn:

- How you might be able to use a war memorial project to help you achieve Alternative A of your Heritage Activity Badge.

Requirements

To achieve Alternative A you must: "Over an agreed period be involved with others in a project that helps preserve some aspect of local or national history."

You could do this with a **war memorial** project like the ones listed below. You might choose to do one of these or combine them to create depth and variety – this may be a useful option if you want to get your whole Patrol or Troop involved, so people can try out different **activities** and use their individual **skills**.

War memorial maintenance

- This can involve removing litter from around the memorial, clearing weeds, and general gardening of the surrounding land. This would need to be a regular commitment for the duration of your badge work.
- You can see an **example** of work of this sort that other young people have done on our Project Showcase at www.learnaboutwarmemorials.org/youth-groups/showcase/restoration-of-stone-cross-war-memorial.
- See our 'War memorial maintenance' project sheet at www.learnaboutwarmemorials.org/youth-groups/projects for more information.

In Memoriam 2014

- This aims to protect war memorials with **metal** elements from theft by marking them with a forensic liquid called **SmartWater**.
- By getting involved you could be helping

to **prevent** vandalism and metal theft from war memorials.

- There is more information about the project and how you can get involved in our 'In Memoriam 2014' project sheet.

War Memorials Online

- War Memorials Online is a website that aims to build a **complete** picture of the **whereabouts, type** and **condition** of war memorials in the UK. Your group could add records of war memorials to the site or update existing records with better information or **photographs**.
- After you have added your local war memorial to War Memorials Online, you could then get involved in carrying out a regular **maintenance** check on the memorial using some of the ideas we have suggested above. In doing so you would be continuing to make sure the memorial is cared for and **protected** for **future** generations.
- There is more information about War Memorials Online on our 'War Memorials Online' project sheet.

Support other local projects

- As the **centenary** of the First World War (2014-2018) approaches it is likely that some people in the wider **community** will be planning war memorial projects of their own which you could help with in some way.
- More information on how to get involved can be found in our 'Working with the community' project sheet.

Summary

- The Heritage badge requires you to do a **project** that helps preserve an aspect of history.
- Detailed information on what you could do can be found in our project sheets at www.learnaboutwarmemorials.org/youth-groups/projects.