

War Memorials Trust's ideas for the Culture Badge

On this sheet you will learn:

- How you could use a war memorial project to help you complete some of the requirements of the Culture Badge.

Requirements

For this badge you must complete **five** clauses from a list. At least two of these must come from the 'Local' section, some of which you might be able to complete with a war memorial project.

1. Visit a place of historical interest, such as a museum, famous building or archaeological site, with your Patrol. Make a presentation about your visit to the rest of the unit.

- You could visit a local war memorial. There might be more than one so you could **compare** different ones.
- War Memorials Trust's activity and information sheets and project suggestions will give you ideas of what to **look** for during your visit. Visit www.learnaboutwarmemorials.org/youth-groups/general/11-18. You could focus on the **design** and the **location** of the memorial, find out more about the **people** named on it or record its **condition**. If there are lots of you in your Patrol you can find out about a different aspect of the memorial each.
- You could consider how your unit can help **look after** the war memorial. Many war memorials need maintenance to ensure that their role as a link to past events is maintained. There are various ways in which you could help with this. Find out more by looking at the project suggestions on our website.

2. With your Patrol, make up a local neighbourhood trail, with a quiz or scavenger hunt, for the other Patrols in your unit.

- This is something you could include a

local war memorial in, alongside other elements of your local area.

- You and your Patrol will need to visit local **landmarks**, including the war memorial, which will form part of the quiz or trail. You will then need to ensure that your trail or quiz contains **questions** and activities that help other Patrols in your unit **discover** more about the war memorial. This could include questions about what **type** of memorial it is, what **inscriptions** it has and the memorial's history (which they may need to do research to be able to answer).

3. Interview a member of your community who can tell you about life in your area. Record the interview on tape or video.

- This could include finding out about a war memorial.
- You might be able to find out historical **information** about it or the **people** commemorated on it. Although the First World War is now virtually beyond living memory, **descendants** of the fallen may still live locally and might be able to tell you about them and what their life was like. If the memorial is a more recent creation, you might find out about when it was **unveiled** and the local people that were involved at that time.
- **Always** discuss your plans for an interview with your unit leader so that they know who you are planning to speak to and if necessary can help you approach someone appropriate.

Summary

- You might be able to complete part of your Culture badge by finding out about a local war memorial and teaching the rest of your Patrol about it.