



## Case study

**Recognising the significant damage to their local war memorial, Mottram St. Andrew Parish Council decided it was time to repair it and make it a fitting tribute to the fallen once more**



## First World War Memorials Programme

# Finding funding

### Inspiration

Chairman, Bill Pilkington, was inspired to become involved in the restoration of Mottram St. Andrew's memorial when, during Mottram's annual remembrance service, he was asked to recite the names it listed. This sparked curiosity to understand more about the individuals from the parish who died in both World Wars.

### Research

Concerned by the condition of the memorial, the Parish Council, with the help of local villagers, researched the names of those who had died using Ancestry.com, The Commonwealth War Graves Commission and other websites. They also contacted local media to appeal for information and placed an advertisement in the Macclesfield Express which brought results from as far away as Canada.

### Conservation

The parish's interest in researching the commemorated soldiers that led to the repair of the side panels of the memorial, funded by the Parish Council. Once the conservation process began, it became apparent that the entire memorial would require much needed care and attention. A specialist was brought in to complete work on the parchment and the cost was met by a well-timed grant from Cheshire East Council.

### Published

As a result of the dedication of the Parish Council and local volunteers, the research was collated and a 51-page leather-bound book was commissioned, which was funded entirely by donations from the village. The book, which is now located adjacent the memorial, offers context to the names of those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

### Commemorations

Mottram St. Andrew's Parish Council and their enthusiastic team of volunteers completed the research and repair of the memorial in time for the centenary commemorations in 2014, in which the whole community took part.





## TOP TIPS

- ✓ **Make sure you check which grants are available in your local area, you may not be reimbursed for work you have already carried out**
- ✓ **Investigate whether you can obtain funding for your website subscriptions, you'll need the websites for research**
- ✓ **Make sure you recruit as many volunteers as possible; the more the merrier!**

A partnership between Civic Voice, Historic England, Imperial War Museums and War Memorials Trust has been set up to help communities discover, care for and conserve their local First World War memorials. According to research by War Memorials Trust, up to 10,000 war memorials in poor or very bad condition. As the nation commemorates the First World War, we want to change this. Our aim is to ensure as many war memorials as possible are in good condition by the end of 2018.



## What is funding for?

If your local war memorial needs repair or conservation, then funding is available from War Memorials Trust. The charity has grant schemes which can support war memorials of all types and dates with additional one-off government funding for those connected with World War I. If a memorial is eligible; then up to 75% of works undertaken can be funded. In some cases, that's up to a normal maximum of £30,000. Eligible work would include; like for like repairs, stabilisation and structural repairs, cleaning and improving the legibility of names and inscriptions.

Funding cannot pay for new memorials.

### Where?

Funding from War Memorials Trust is available to war memorials across England. For more of details visit their website at: [www.warmemorials.org/apply](http://www.warmemorials.org/apply)

### Can I apply?

Anyone can apply for funding. Remember, if you are not the owner/custodian of the memorial you must provide written proof that you have their permission to undertake the proposed works.

### How do I apply?

The step in applying for funding for your local war memorial is completing a Grants Pre-application form available to download from [www.warmemorials.org/grants/](http://www.warmemorials.org/grants/). War Memorials Trust will assess whether proposed works are eligible for funding through this scheme. If they are, the Trust will then send you a full application form.

## Now it's your turn

For further information or to get involved in the First World War Memorial Programme please contact Civic Voice:

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Or for more information regarding the grant scheme contact War Memorials Trust:

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