

£2million funding boost will protect the UK's war memorials

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We'll support communities to conserve historic memorials with new government funding, announced this Remembrance Sunday.

Image



Our grants prevent exceptional heritage, like these medals awarded to fallen Second World War Squadron Leader Arthur Scarf, from being lost or forgotten. Credit: RAF Museum.

Over the past 45 years we've been saving the UK's most outstanding heritage as a memorial to people who have given their lives for the UK.

With this funding we'll build on that work by supporting communities to conserve and restore their local war memorials ensuring these historic memorials can continue to serve as places for remembrance and shared learning

War memorials stand as permanent reminders of the sacrifice made by servicemen and women in conflicts past and present. They play a key role in acts of remembrance across the UK. This funding will ensure these important structures remain protected for future generations to remember and learn about our shared history

Working in partnership

Simon Thurley, Chair of the National Heritage Memorial Fund, said: “As we mark Remembrance Sunday, we welcome the news of this funding. Since 1980, the Memorial Fund’s purpose has been to create a timeless collection of heritage as a memorial for those who have given their lives for the UK so it is very fitting that we can now play a role in conserving local war memorials.

“We look forward to working in partnership with the War Memorials Trust, and other partners across the UK to protect war memorials which hold a special place in the heart of communities across the UK.”

About the programme

We will be announcing more detail about the programme, including timelines and information about eligibility and grant awards in 2026.

In the meantime, [discover some of the treasured heritage we’ve already helped preserve](#) in honour of those who have given their lives for the UK.

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The National Heritage Memorial Fund was founded in 1980 as a memorial to those who have given their lives for the UK

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Armistice Day (November 11 1918), an oil painting by renowned Irish wartime artist John Lavery, depicts Armistice celebrations that took place at Wellington Arch in London in 1918