



Frodsham Town Council

War Memorial

Maintenance Plan

1 Introduction

- 1.1. Frodsham's War Memorial, built in the 1921, is highly valued by the people of Frodsham as a monument to the town's 126 heroes who fought for our country and fell during the two World Wars. The Memorial is a Grade II listed structure.
- 1.2. Age & weathering had affected the Memorial adversely and it was in need of face-lift. In 2009, Frodsham Town Council (FTC) approached the English Heritage & the Wolfson Foundation for help and secured a grant that was instrumental in its extensive renovation.
- 1.3. FTC is committed to the care of the Memorial. To this end, the Council will adhere to the Maintenance Plan defined below (based on guidance from the War Memorials Trust).

2 The Law

- 2.1. War Memorials are subject to the War Memorials (Local Authorities' Powers) Act 1923 and subsequent amendments. The provisions of the Act enable local councils to take on responsibility for a war memorial, or to add names to it.
- 2.2. As a listed structure, our War Memorial is also subject to 'listed building consent'.
- 2.3. The acquisition of land for building of the War Memorial was conditional on retention and maintenance of "*open space for the permanent use & enjoyment of the people of Frodsham*".

3 Maintenance Plan

- 3.1. The Plan is vital to ensure that problems can be avoided through preventative measures and any problems that occur are identified early for remedial action to be taken.
- 3.2. *Setting the Baseline:* The Memorial will be inspected and an accurate record of its current state will be made. The Record will consist of:
 - i Photographs,
 - ii Details of inscriptions/names, and
 - iii Description of structure and current state, including any outstanding issues.
- 3.3. *Assessment:* Inspections will be normally be carried out by a Working Group (appointed by the Council) on an annual basis, starting with July 2010. The inspection report (see attached Condition Survey form) will be supported by photographs if problems are found, and include details of:
 - i General condition of the structure (including details of any damage or deterioration)
 - ii Safety & Security (including assessment of risk of theft and/or vandalism)
- 3.4. *Maintenance:* A specialist conservator will be employed to carry out any necessary works (grants for 'security measures' are available from the War Memorial Trust).
- 3.5. *Need for Advice & Guidance:* FTC will seek advice/guidance from the Cheshire West & Chester Conservation Officer and the War Memorial Trust on preservation & conservation of our Memorial as necessary.
- 3.6. *Notice of Damage:* Residents and other visitors will be encouraged to report any damage they see to the Council Office via the Council's Website and Noticeboard.
- 3.7. *Informing the Visitor:* An Information Board will be erected in the vicinity of the Memorial.
- 3.8. *Insurance:* The Memorial is not covered by FTC's current insurance arrangements. It is recommended that the Council insures the Memorial against damage [R1]

4 Notification to External Organisations

- 4.1. It will be ensured that the following are aware of the War Memorial:
 - i Local Police and Crime Prevention Officer:
 - ii Cheshire West & Chester Conservation Officer (for inclusion in the Cheshire Historic Environment Record); and
 - iii UK National Inventory of War Memorials (to ensure that there is a secure second source of information)

Useful Contacts

War Memorial Trust

42a Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 0RE

Tel: 020 7233 7356 (Conservation advice/grants)

020 7834 0200 (Administration/membership/fundraising/press)

Email: info@warmemorials.org

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

UK National Inventory of War Memorials

C/o Imperial War Museum

Lambeth Road, London SE1 6HZ,

Tel: 020 7207 9851

Email: memorials@iwm.org.uk

Website: www.ukniwm.org.uk



**Frodsham Town Council
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Condition Survey**

Date of Survey	
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Observations				
Does the war memorial appear to be structurally unstable?				
Good	Acceptable	Poor		
Are there any deep cracks or open joints?				
Good	Acceptable	Poor		
Are there are letters missing or have the inscriptions become difficult to read?				
Good	Acceptable	Poor		
Condition of stone:				
Badly weathered	Covered in soot/pollution/dirt	Missing areas		
Stained with copper corrosion	Other surface deposits	Severe cracking		
Condition of Metal				
Corroded	Detaching from surface	Missing areas		
Condition of Wood				
Loss of paint	Severe cracking	Missing areas		
Further Comments (including comments on fence/railings):				

Signed: _____

Name: _____