How to identify condition

WAR MEMORIALS Online

War memorials in 'Good' condition

Freestanding war memorials

The memorial:

- Materials are stable and appear to be well maintained
- There are no deep cracks or missing mortar from the joints
- No obvious damage/deterioration
- No access restrictions
- · No damage caused by vandalism or graffiti
- · Lettering is well defined and easily read
- For stone, there are no missing elements, it has not been damaged by soot or pollution
- Metal elements are firmly attached to surface, not dented and are not visibly corroded (metal corrosion would normally appear as orange for iron and blue/green for bronze, brass and copper)
- No staining from metal elements (as above)

The surrounding area:

- Surrounding area is clear of litter, tidy, well maintained and associated vegetation is actively managed
- If applicable, surrounding gates, wall or railings are complete with no peeling paint/missing mortar
- · Any paving is secure, it is neither moving or cracked



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Non-freestanding war memorials

- Lettering is clearly legible
- Memorial is on display for the public to view
- Plaques are firmly attached to their supporting wall
- No instances of vandalism or graffiti
- For external memorials, no corrosion or deterioration due to weathering
- For internal memorials, no damage caused by damp

Timber

- Paintwork is complete, there is no cracking or missing areas
- No rotting elements

Metal

- Surface is even and has not been subject to over-cleaning
- It is free from corrosive deposits (as detailed overleaf)

Stone

• There is no damage to the stone and no missing elements

Glass

- Is not broken or missing
- Leading is complete and window is not bowing
- There is no evidence of inappropriate works, for example the window being embedded into the building with cement
- Surrounding stone and mortar is complete with no obvious damage or deterioration
- Support or guards on the window are well designed and do not detract from its appearance



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