



NORTH EAST WAR MEMORIALS PROJECT

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2018 marked the culmination of the Great War Commemorations and also marked the thirtieth anniversary of systematic recording of the North East's War Memorials. This early venture developed into the North East War Memorials Project. We cover the area between the rivers Tweed and Tees. So far, 4,845 War Memorials have been listed. We cover all wars, from Otterburn and Flodden, Crimea, South Africa, the Great War and World War II to the conflicts of the present day, Iraq and Afghanistan.

Our website www.newmp.org.uk was set up twelve years ago, with Heritage Lottery funding. Everything we can find on the memorials themselves and other information which has a relevance, is to be found on the website. Our "Every Name a Story" section, for each place, is where we tell the individual stories of those whose names are remembered in our local communities. We also include the stories of those who are not listed, for whatever reason, on the memorials. The 70th Infantry Brigade pages give details of a local TA unit, raised entirely in County Durham in 1939.

www.newmp.org.uk is unique in the country because of the size of the area we cover and the details we provide about our War Memorials. The website is well respected and well used not only by people in our local communities but across the world by people with North East roots.

The basic technology of our website, which in 2006 was cutting edge, is now out of date. The server, the website resides on, crashes on a regular basis. The website has to reside on this particular server due to its age. Our website manager works hard at keeping it going but it is only a matter of time before it ceases to work and all the material and resources built up over the last thirty years disappears.

We need to find **£45,000**, not only to update and keep the bespoke NEWMP website going, but to ensure that it continues to develop and be available to the communities, schools, local, family and military historians of this region and North Easterners across the globe.

We feel confident that you, like us the volunteer members of NEWMP, will believe that our website deserves support from the communities of the North East.

We are asking you, the Town Councils and Councillors of the area, who are so often the custodians of the many outdoor War Memorials, to consider sponsoring the relevant web files pages on www.newmp.org.uk

This financial backing is essential to the continuation of the Project.

Your support will be acknowledged on the website.

Further information from Dorothy Hall, Secretary
dorothy@newmp.org.uk

Could we also request that you update us about any changes, alterations or additions which have been made to your local War Memorials. You can check the information we hold on the web site www.newmp.org.uk and in the relevant Indexes available to download from the Home Page.

We can also hyperlink with your own Website if that is of interest.

Many thanks for your consideration

North East War Memorials Project members

Teesdale District

We are in the process of adding the Over Tees Parishes 2019

Some of the additional information included on our website:

War Memorials (Local Authorities' Powers) Act 1923

How to Research a War Memorial

Why names are missing from Memorials

Sources of quotations used on Memorials