

# The Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC)

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission is responsible for commemorating, in perpetuity, those members of the Commonwealth forces who died during the two world wars







Menin Gate Memorial



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# 12,000

PEOPLE BURIED AT THE COMMISSION'S  
LARGEST CEMETERY – TYNE COT  
IN BELGIUM



# 4

AT OCRACOKE  
ISLAND – THE  
SMALLEST

# 1,300

STAFF

EMPLOYED  
BY CWGC,  
INCLUDING

# 850

GARDENERS



# 710

HECTARES

OF GROUND CONTROLLED  
BY CWGC, WHICH COVERS  
AN AREA EQUIVALENT TO  
994 FOOTBALL PITCHES



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## CWGC in the United Kingdom

- Over 320,000 Commonwealth war dead are commemorated in the UK.
- They are located in over 13,000 different locations
- Numerically, the UK is second only to France in terms of numbers of world war commemorations
- CWGC employs 110 staff to manage this work, split into 7 regions
  1. East (1542 sites)
  2. Ireland (1095)
  3. North (2622)
  4. Scotland (1284)
  5. South East (1734)
  6. South West (1108)
  7. West (3801)



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CWGC commitments in the UK can range from large scale memorials.....



Plymouth Naval Memorial

Runnymede Memorial



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...to large military cemeteries.....



Brookwood Military Cemetery

Shorncliffe Military Cemetery



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...to maintained military plots.....



Coventry (London Road) Cemetery

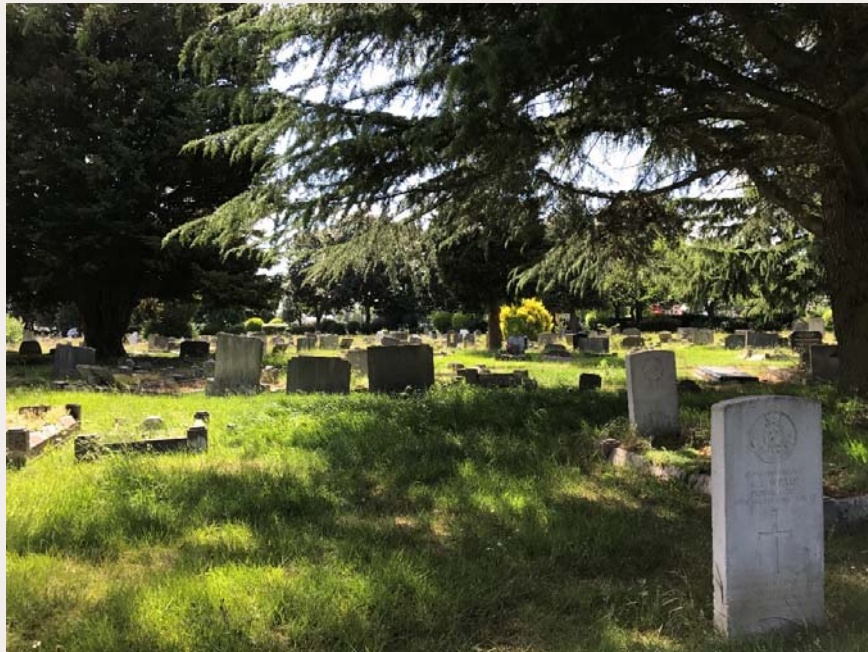
Belfast City Cemetery



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...to scattered graves in municipal and local authority cemeteries.....



Twickenham (Powder Mill Lane) Borough Cemetery

Old Windsor Cemetery



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...and individual graves in local churchyards.



Balmaghie Parish Churchyard, Orkney

Shireshead (St. Paul) Churchyard



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Within 10 miles of this location there are 33 cemeteries or churchyards containing CWGC war graves -

amounting to some 464 casualties:



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## Improvements to the physical structure and maintenance: e.g. Arnos Vale Cemetery, Bristol



### Work required

- Stone Repair
- Repointing
- Stone Replacement
- Roof Replacement
- Waterproofing
- Replacement
- Drain Chute Alteration



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# Installation of Visitor Information Panels (VIP's) and Cemetery Entrance Signs (CES's)



Oxford (Botley) Cemetery



Newcastle (St. Andrews and Jesmond) Cemetery



Pembroke Dock (Llanion) Cemetery





## Living Memory Project

Living Memory project – run in 2016 to encourage members of the public to visit war graves in the UK.



Tunbridge Wells Cemetery



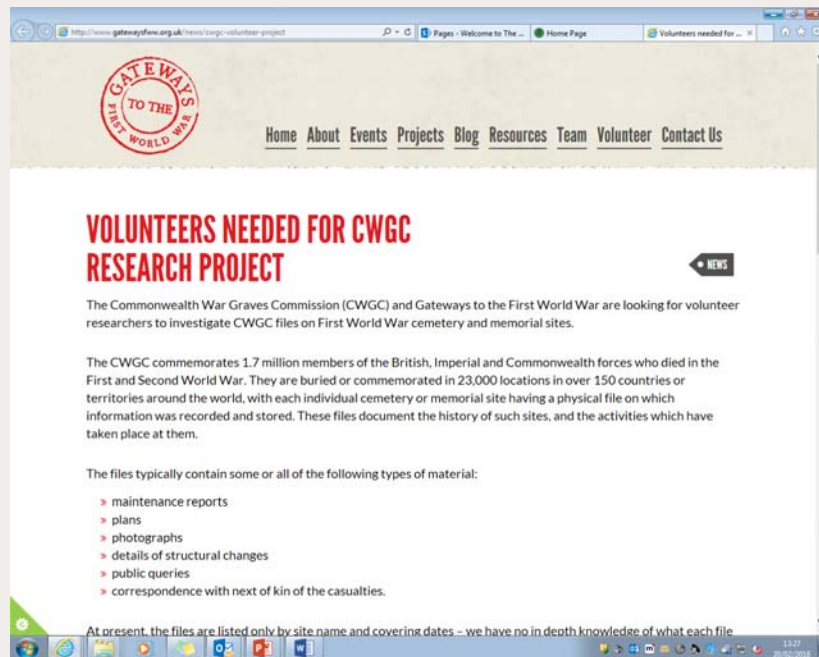
Gainsborough Cemetery



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Research projects– the CWGC archive holds records concerning every cemetery and memorial site where Commonwealth war casualties are buried and encourages members of the public to use this material.



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