

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING** 

**REPORT 40/19** 

20 May 2019

The purpose of this paper is to advise Members of the outcome of Historic England's proposal that Ventnor War Memorial to be added to the List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest

#### No. DETAILS

### I) BACKGROUND

- a) The Town Council was informed by Historic England that it has received an application to add the town's War Memorial to the List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest ('The List').
- b) Historic England advised that: Listing helps us to mark a building's significance and celebrate its special architectural and historic interest. It brings specific protection so that its special interest can be properly considered in managing its future. Listing does not mean, however, that no alterations can be made in fact in the vast majority of cases applications to make changes to a listed building are approved.
- c) The Town Council was provided with a copy of Historic England's initial assessment of the War Memorial on Friday 8 February and a copy of it was attached to Report 16/19 for the Town Council meeting of 11 February 2019.

### 2) LISTING

- a) An email dated 7 May from Historic England's South Co-ordinator Phillip Seely informed the Town Council that Ventnor War Memorial has now been listed (List Entry Number 1463041).
- b) A copy of the email is attached to this Report for Members' information.
- c) Also attached is the Listing Notice.

From: Philip.Seely@HistoricEngland.org.uk

To: <u>David Bartlett</u>

**Subject:** Ventnor War Memorial, Isle of Wight: Notification of Designation Decision

**Date:** 07 May 2019 15:55:40

Mr David Bartlett Our Ref: 1456457

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7 May 2019

Dear Mr Bartlett,

Ventnor War Memorial, Park Avenue, Ventnor, Isle of Wight – granted Listed Building Status (List Entry Number: 1463041)

As you will know from our earlier letters, we have been considering adding the above war memorial to the List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest.

We have taken into account all the representations made, and completed our assessment of the war memorial. I am writing to inform you that having considered our recommendation, the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport has decided to add Ventnor War Memorial to the List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest at Grade II.

Please follow the link below to download a copy of our advice report, which gives the principal reasons for this decision. The List entry for this building, together with a map, has now been published on the National Heritage List for England, and will be available for public access from tomorrow. This List can be accessed through our website.

http://services.historicengland.org.uk/webfiles/GetFiles.aspx?av=257B222B-E03B-4F6F-881B-0FED9B9D7145&cn=717C153F-A354-464E-95F7-2EAB9CFB57F4

Listing helps us to mark a building or structure's significance and celebrate its special architectural and historic interest. It brings specific protection so that its special interest can be properly considered in managing its future. Further information about listed buildings and the conservation of war memorials can be found on our website.

The local planning authority will now be preparing the statutory notices required under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest.

Please be aware that the listing war memorial took effect on the day that the List entry was published on the National Heritage List for England.

As of 25 June 2013, the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act (ERRA) has enabled a

number of heritage reforms, including an amendment to the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 that provides two potential ways to be more precise about what is listed. Whether or not the new provisions have been invoked with regard to this building/structure is explained in the Advice Report. A List entry that makes use of these provisions will clarify what attached and curtilage structures are excluded from the listing and/or which interior features definitively lack special interest; however, owners and managers should be aware that other planning and development management constraints might apply to these structures, and should clarify these with the Local Planning Authority. Further information is available on our website at

https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/what-is-designation/listed-buildings/listing-and-the-erra/

If you consider that this decision has been wrongly made you may contact the DCMS within 28 days of the date of this letter to request that the Secretary of State review the decision. An example of a decision made wrongly would be where there was a factual error or an irregularity in the process which affected the outcome. You may also ask the Secretary of State to review the decision if you have any significant evidence relating to the special architectural or historic interest of the war memorial which was not previously considered. Further details of the review criteria and process and how to request a review are contained in the annex to this letter.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any further assistance. More information can also be found on our website at <a href="https://historicengland.org.uk">https://historicengland.org.uk</a>.

Yours sincerely,

Philip Seely Listing Co-ordinator - South

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legislation, subject to any exemptions which apply. Historic England will consult with external parties as necessary prior to releasing information.

### Annex 1

#### **Review Criteria and Process**

A review will only be carried out in the following circumstances:

- (1) there is evidence that the original decision has been made wrongly. Examples would include:
- where there was a factual error, eg. the wrong building was listed; or where there has been some irregularity in the process which has affected the outcome, eg. relevant considerations were not taken into account or irrelevant considerations were taken into account.

(2) there is significant evidence which was not previously considered, relating to the special architectural or historic interest of the building, as set out in the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990. An example would be where new evidence relating to the date of a building has been discovered which might make a material difference to the architectural or historic interest of the building. Having conducted a review, the Secretary of State will either affirm or overturn the original decision. It is important to understand that the original decision will stand until the Secretary of State has made a decision on whether the original decision should be affirmed or overturned. If the original decision is overturned, this will not have retrospective effect.

# How to request a review of a listing decision

Reviews are carried out by the Department of Digital, Culture, Media and Sport and review requests should be made on the Department's 'Listing Review Request Form'. The Form is accompanied by Guidance to assist you in making a review request. Both the Form and the Guidance can be downloaded from the 'Reviews of Listing Decisions' page of the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport's website at:

https://www.gov.uk/how-to-challenge-our-decision-to-list-or-not-list-a-building

If you are unable to access the website please contact: The Listing Review Officer
Heritage Protection Branch Culture Team
Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport 4th Floor 100 Parliament Street London SW1A 2BQ

Review requests should normally be made within 28 days of the date of this letter. Requests made beyond this period may be considered in exceptional circumstances.



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Case Name: Ventnor War Memorial

**Case Number:** 1456457

# Background

Ventnor War Memorial is being assessed for listing by Historic England as part of our First World War Commemoration project.

# Asset(s) under Assessment

Facts about the asset(s) can be found in the Annex(es) to this report.

Annex	Name	Heritage Category
1	Ventnor War Memorial	Listing

### **Visits**

None: Data from other sources.

#### Annex 1

The factual details are being assessed as the basis for a proposed addition to The National Heritage List for England.

### **Factual Details**

Name: Ventnor War Memorial

### Location

Ventnor War Memorial, Park Avenue, Ventnor, Isle of Wight, PO38 1LE

There is no County, District, Parish information for this application/case.

### **History**

The concept of commemorating war dead did not develop to any great extent until towards the end of the C19. Prior to then memorials were rare and were mainly dedicated to individual officers, or sometimes regiments. The first large-scale erection of war memorials dedicated to the ordinary soldier followed the Second Boer War of 1899-1902, which was the first major war following reforms to the British Army which led to regiments being recruited from local communities and with volunteer soldiers. However, it was the aftermath of the First World War that was the great age of memorial building, both as a result of the huge impact the loss of three quarters of a million British lives had on communities and the official policy of not repatriating the dead, which meant that the memorials provided the main focus of the grief felt at this great loss.

The Ventnor memorial was designed by Stephen Canning Day and built by his firm, Daniel Day and Sons of Bonchurch. It was unveiled on 12 October 1920 by HRH Princess Beatrice and dedicated by the Reverend E Abbey Tindall. An additional plaque was dedicated on 30 April 1950 by Vice Admiral ARM Bridge commemorating 32 servicemen and 16 civilians, 11 of whom were women, who died in the Second World War.

#### **Details**

First World War memorial of 1920 designed by designed by Stephen Canning Day, with additions after the Second World War.

MATERIALS: Ventnor ragstone and Welsh slate.

DESCRIPTION: Ventnor War Memorial is located on Park Avenue at the northern edge of Ventnor Park. It takes the form of a ragstone cenotaph set on a plinth flanked by tapered buttresses. The memorial stands on a three-stepped platform. On the north face is a carved stone wreath with OUR/ GLORIOUS/ DEAD incised underneath. Beneath this a recessed slate panel which bears the inscription TO THE GLORY OF GOD./ IN GRATEFUL REMEMBRANCE OF THE MEN OF VENTNOR/ WHO FELL IN THE GREAT WAR 1914 – 1918/ (NAMES). A slate plaque on the south face of the memorial reads IN GRATEFUL REMEMBRANCE OF/ THE MEN AND WOMEN OF VENTNOR/ WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE GREAT WAR 1939 – 45/ THE SERVICES/ (NAMES)/ CIVILIANS/ (NAMES).

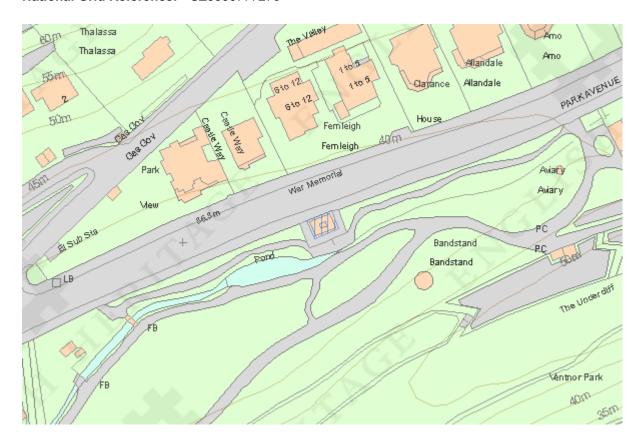
### **Selected Sources**

#### Websites

IWM: Ventnor Memorial, accessed 8 February 2019 from http://www.iwm.org.uk/memorials/item/memorial/21871 Ventnor – Borough War Memorial, accessed 8 February 2019 from http://www.isle-of-wight-memorials.org.uk/towns/ventnorwm.htm War Memorials Online: Ventnor, accessed 8 February 2019 from https://www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/memorial/102219

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