

Who we are

The Blackdown Hills War Memorials Project is run by Steve Trick and Andrew Read for the Hemyock History and Archiving Association (HHAA). The HHAA is Hemyock's local history group which meets regularly to hear guest speakers talk on a wide variety of subjects. The HHAA also maintains the Blackdown Archives, a local digitisation project which scans and archives photographs for access via the internet (<http://blackdownarchives.org.uk>).

War Memorials of the Blackdown Hills



About the project

Most war memorials are cherished local landmarks that form the focus of annual Remembrance Day events. Yet many are under threat from theft, vandalism, development and weathering. They enjoy no special protection and there is no comprehensive UK database. In response, The Blackdown Hills War Memorial Project was created to catalogue and map all memorials in the AONB and to raise awareness of states of decay or vandalism. This leaflet presents the map along with our website address where more details on the memorials can be found. Andrew Read and Steven Trick 2013

Useful Information

Local Museums

Upottery Airfield Heritage Centre,
Cherry Hayes Farm, Slough Lane,
Smeatharpe
www.southwestairfields.co.uk

Museum of Somerset, Taunton Castle,
Castle Green, Taunton
www.somerset.gov.uk/museumofsomerset

Dunkeswell Memorial Museum
<http://dmm103105110.btck.co.uk/>
<http://www.aeroflight.co.uk/museums/main/dunkeswell-memorial-museum.htm>

War Memorials: Conservation

National Inventory of War Memorials,
Imperial War Museum
<http://www.ukniwm.org.uk/>

War Memorials Trust

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

War Memorials Online

<http://www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/>

Sunday Telegraph's

Lest We Forget Campaign

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/defence/8872178/Save-our-war-memorials-campaignlaunched.html>

Military / Wartime resources of local interest

Dunkeswell War Stories

<http://www.dunkeswellwarstories.com/>

Somerset Remembers The First World War

<http://somersetremembers.wordpress.com/>

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Blackdown Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty



Smeatharpe Village Hall

This memorial reminds us that not all memorials are outside or associated with churches. It commemorates those who went to fight in the First World War from the local school. It is made from the wood of an old cadet training ship, HMS Britannia.



Pitminster Cross

Pitminster is an iconic memorial on the Blackdown Hills. Situated on Blagdon Hill overlooking the vale of Taunton Deane, it commemorates those who fell from the parish in both World Wars.

Broadhembury Cross

Not all war memorials are to the first and second world wars, here at Broadhembury the memorial is also dedicated to those from the village who fell in the Boer War (1899-1902).



Whitestaunton Cross

This memorial is of note as it is a re-use of a spire from the nearby church. It is a memorial that is a piece of the past, just as the names which adorn it now are. Neither the names nor the memorial should be forgotten.



To find out more visit: blackdownmemorials.wordpress.com