

Case Name: Hampton Hill War Memorial

Case Number: 1429407

Background

Hampton Hill War Memorial is being assessed for listing as part of Historic England's 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	List Entry Number	Name	Heritage Category	HE Recommendation
1	1430841	Hampton Hill War Memorial	Listing	Add to List

Visits

Date	Visit Type
none	No Visit / Data from other sources

Context

The memorial is situated in the churchyard of the Grade II-listed Church of St James, Hampton Hill. There are no known threats to the memorial.

Assessment

CONSULTATION

The owner, the Parochial Church Council (PCC), the local authority, the Historic Environment Record (HER) and War Memorials Trust were invited to comment on the factual details of the case as part of the consultation process. The PCC provided historical information that is reflected in the proposed List entry. The HER had no comment to make. No other responses were received.

DISCUSSION

War memorials attract considerable public interest and will warrant serious consideration for designating, especially during the centenary of the First World War. The Historic England Listing Selection Guide for Commemorative Structures (April 2011) states that, unless compromised by alteration or of little design interest, there is a presumption in favour of listing all war memorials.

This is a tall and striking example of the cross type of war memorial, raised at the centre of the churchyard of the Grade II-listed Church of St James and visible from all points within the churchyard. It commemorates those local servicemen who died during both the First and also the Second World War. Overall, it is considered that the memorial has special architectural and historical interest and meets the criteria for listing.

We have considered whether powers of exclusion under s.1 (5A) of the 1990 Act are appropriate, and consider that they are not.

CONCLUSION

After examining all the records and other relevant information and having carefully considered the architectural and historic interest of this case, the criteria for listing are fulfilled. Hampton Hill War Memorial is therefore recommended for listing in Grade II.

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION DECISION

Hampton Hill War Memorial, which stands in the churchyard of the Church of St James, is recommended for listing at Grade II for the following principal reasons:

- * Historic interest: as an eloquent witness to the tragic impact of world events on the local community and the sacrifice it made in the conflicts of C20;
- * Design: a tall and striking memorial cross in the medieval style;
- * Group value: with the Church of St James (Grade II).

Countersigning comments:

This memorial meets the criteria for listing.

PAS

10 November 2015

Annex 1**List Entry****List Entry Summary**

This building is listed under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 as amended for its special architectural or historic interest.

Name: Hampton Hill War Memorial

List Entry Number: 1430841

Location

The churchyard of St James' Church, Park Road, Hampton Hill, London, TW12 1DQ

The building may lie within the boundary of more than one authority.

County	District	District Type	Parish
Greater London Authority	Richmond upon Thames	London Borough	Non Civil Parish

National Park: Not applicable to this List entry.

Grade: II

Date first listed:

Date of most recent amendment:

Legacy System Information

The contents of this record have been generated from a legacy data system.

Legacy System: Not applicable to this List entry.

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Asset Groupings

This List entry does not comprise part of an Asset Grouping. Asset Groupings are not part of the official record but are added later for information.

List Entry Description**Summary of Building**

First World War memorial, 1920, with later additions for the Second World War.

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History

In 1916 a proposal was made to mark those "resident in, or connected with, Hampton Hill, who have fallen, or may fall, in the War". Following the war's end, the decision was taken to erect a war memorial in the churchyard in commemoration of the 124 local servicemen who fell during the First World War. A local war memorial committee sought subscriptions to defray the cost. The memorial was designed by PM Andrews and was unveiled on 26 May 1920. Following the Second World War, 29 further names were added to the base of the war memorial.

Details

The memorial comprises a tall stone Latin cross standing in the churchyard of the church of St James (Grade II). At the intersection of the cross head is a crowned sword, carved in relief. Roses are carved onto four sides of the octagonal cross shaft, which rises from a small octagonal plinth. That stands on a two-staged base.

The upper stage of the base is formed of four broad pilasters on which panels record, in metal lettering, the names of those who died during the First World War. The lower, octagonal, stage is carved with a general dedicatory inscription and floral designs. On the lower stage there are four separate panels which record the names of those who died during the Second World War.

The principal dedication on the base reads: THEIR NAME LIVETH/ FOR EVER MORE/ THESE DIED THE/ DEATH OF HONOUR/ FOR GOD KING/ AND COUNTRY IN/ THE GREAT WAR/ 1914-1919.

The memorial is surrounded by the original low bollards carrying a chain.

Selected Sources

Websites

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Map

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