

# Case Name: Harden War Memorial

## Case Number: 1431555

### Background

Historic England has been asked to assess this war memorial for listing.

### 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	1432219	Harden War Memorial	Listing	Add to List

### Visits

Date	Visit Type
08 December 2015	Full inspection

### Context

The war memorial is not considered to be under threat and in 2014 an exhibition was held by the local parish council commemorating those who fought during the First World War, some of whom were killed and are recorded on the memorial. It is not located within a conservation area.

### Assessment

#### CONSULTATION

The Parish Council, the owner, the local authority, the Historic Environment Record Officer (HER and War Memorials Trust) were all consulted. The parish council responded to say that they considered the consultation report to be accurate and the war memorial is a key part of the social and historic environment of the village, and that it has group value with other listed buildings in the village.

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 war memorial, with an elegant columnar wayside-cross design, is a prominent and visible feature within the village of Harden; its associated paved platform, gate piers, ramped flanking walls, and rear retaining wall also forming an integral part of the memorial's design and its immediate setting. The memorial stands as an evocative and physical tribute to commemorate the sacrifice of those who died for their country during the First and Second World Wars. The poignant duplication of a number of surnames on the memorial's base also serves to underline the extreme loss of the community's individual families; an unfortunately common occurrence shared with other parishes around the country.

With clear historic interest in commemorating the fallen of the parish it is considered that Harden War Memorial meets the criteria for listing. Consequently, it is recommended it be listed at Grade II. In addition to its own intrinsic special interest the war memorial also has additional group value with the neighbouring Harden Congregational Church, which is listed at Grade II.

In recommending the extent of designation 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. Harden War Memorial is therefore recommended for listing at Grade II.

## REASONS FOR DESIGNATION DECISION

Harden War Memorial, unveiled in 1920, 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 this local community, and the sacrifice it has made in the conflicts of the C20;
- \* Design interest: it is a good example of a wayside-cross war memorial with an elegant columnar design;
- \* Group value: it has strong group value with the neighbouring Grade II listed Harden Congregational Church to the east across Wilsden Road.

## Countersigning comments:

Agreed. This is a good quality memorial in its own memorial landscape which should be added to the List at Grade II.

V. Fiorato, 10th March 2016

**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:** Harden War Memorial

**List Entry Number:** 1432219

**Location**

The junction of Wilsden Road and Harden Road, Harden, Bingley, West Yorkshire

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

County	District	District Type	Parish
	Bradford	Metropolitan Authority	Harden

**National Park:** Not applicable to this List entry.

**Grade:** II

**Date first listed:**

**Date of most recent amendment:**

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**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.

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**List Entry Description****Summary of Building**

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### **History**

Harden War Memorial was unveiled on 9 October 1920 by Brigadier-General Sir George Armytage Bart C B, and dedicated by Revd R Garrad, vicar of Bingley. The names of those who fell during the Second World War were added later.

### **Details**

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The war memorial takes the form of a wayside cross and is located to the east of St Saviour's Church on a prominent corner site of raised ground at the junction of Harden Road, Wilsden Road and Keighley Road. The memorial is set upon a stone-flagged platform accessed by a central flight of three steps and flanked by sandstone ashlar gate piers with flat-topped pyramidal caps (the original ball finials depicted in an historic photograph have been removed), and high ramped walls of coursed millstone grit blocks with segmental copings. A low, stepped millstone-grit retaining wall forms the backdrop to the memorial and platform. The memorial consists of a shaped hexagonal base surmounted by a Tuscan column and a cross. The base is inscribed with 'REMEMBER' to the front face with '1914' to the left and '1919' to the right. The rear three faces are inscribed '1939 - 1945'. The memorial is set upon a 2-stepped hexagonal plinth; the top step of which bears the names of the Fallen. The 21 names of those killed during the First World War are arranged in alphabetical order on the three front faces, whilst the 13 names of those killed during the Second World War are located on the three rear faces of the plinth.

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### **Selected Sources**

**Map**

**National Grid Reference:** SE0858738327



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