

Case Name: Suffolk War Memorials: Palgrave War Memorial

Case Number: 1452865

Background

Historic England is considering Palgrave 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 |
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| 1 | 1470229 | Palgrave War Memorial | Listing | Add to List |

Visits

| Date | Visit Type |
|------|------------------------------------|
| none | No Visit / Data from other sources |

Context

Between 2014 and 2018 Historic England delivered a First World War Commemoration project. War memorials are among the most tangible and precious reminders of the sacrifices made by communities during the First World War, and the government was committed to seeing all the nation's memorials placed in a good state of repair by 2018. As part of this, Historic England, acting on behalf of the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, has resolved to increase the number of memorials which are listed. This advice addresses just one of the cases which were part of the project but were not assessed during that time.

The memorial is within the Palgrave Conservation Area. This part of the conservation area is characterised by the Grade I listed Church of St Peter, churchyard, green space (where a Grade II listed K6 telephone box is sited) and Grade II listed timber framed houses south of the Lion Road. There are two memorials listed individually at Grade II in the churchyard. The early C16 Guildhall opposite the church is listed at Grade II*. The war memorial enhances the conservation area through its aesthetic and historic interest.

There is no planning threat to the memorial.

Assessment

CONSULTATION

The owner, local authority, parish council and War Memorials Trust were invited to comment on the factual details of the case as part of the consultation process. Comments were received from the Rector

on behalf of the owner, who said that the memorial is much valued by the local community and is the focus for Remembrance Day celebrations. The parish council responded saying they had no further comments.

DISCUSSION

War memorials attract considerable public interest and will warrant serious consideration for designating, especially following the 2018 centenary of the First World War. Principles of Selection for Listed Buildings (DCMS, November 2018), sets out how the Secretary of State determines whether a building or structure is of special interest and merits listing. The Historic England Listing Selection Guide for Commemorative Structures (December 2017) 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 good example of a rough-hewn granite cross with relief-carved decoration. Standing in the churchyard of the Grade I-listed Church of St Peter, the cross commemorates the loss of local men in conflicts of international historic significance. The scale, quality and location of the memorial speak of the importance placed on it by the local community. Overall, the memorial is considered to be of special architectural and historical interest and it therefore fully merits listing at Grade II.

In recommending the extent of designation, we have considered whether powers of exclusion under s1 (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. The Palgrave war memorial is recommended for listing at Grade II.

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION DECISION

Palgrave War Memorial is recommended for listing at Grade II for the following principal reasons:

Architectural Interest:

- * as a good example of a carved Celtic cross.

Historic Interest:

- * as an eloquent witness to the tragic impacts of world events on this community, and the sacrifices it made in the conflicts of the C20.

Group value:

- * with the Church of St Peter (Grade I), the K6 telephone kiosk and other churchyard memorials (all Grade II).

Countersigning comments:

AGREED. Palgrave War Memorial should be listed at Grade II.

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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: Palgrave War Memorial

List Entry Number: 1470229

Location

St Peter's Churchyard, Lion Road, Palgrave, Suffolk, IP22 1AN

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

| County | District | District Type | Parish |
|---------|-------------|--------------------|----------|
| Suffolk | Mid Suffolk | District Authority | Palgrave |

National Park: Not applicable to this List entry.

Grade: II

Date first listed:

Date of most recent amendment:

Legacy System Information

This section only relates to older records, created before the introduction of the National Heritage List for England in 2011.

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**

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History

The aftermath of the First World War saw the biggest single wave of public commemoration ever with tens of thousands of memorials erected across England. This was the result of both the huge impact on communities of the loss of three quarters of a million British lives, and also the official policy of not repatriating the dead: therefore the memorials provided the main focus of the grief felt at this great loss. One such memorial was raised at Palgrave as a permanent testament to the sacrifice made by the 15 members of the local community who lost their lives in the First World War. The names of the seven parishioners who fell during the Second World War were subsequently added to the memorial.

The cross is located in a prominent position south of the Grade I listed Church of St Peter, between the porch and tower. It is in sight of the main gate in the churchyard wall to Lion Road. The memorial cross was supplied by Messrs Maile and Son of London and the flint base was built by Mr Ruffels of Palgrave. The memorial was unveiled on 21 March 1920 by Lieutenant Walter Clarke and dedicated by the Reverend E Lloyd Savory, Rector of Palgrave. The total cost of the memorial was around £130 which was raised by public subscription.

Details

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MATERIALS: Granite

DESCRIPTION: The memorial is a 2.4m high Celtic cross. The cross has a circular boss to its centre. Its arms are decorated with knotwork in carved relief. The cross is supported by a tapered shaft on a plinth of two stages. The plinth sits on a square base, below which is a square platform of flint rubble.

The main inscription on the south face reads:

(on cross shaft) IN/ LOVING/ MEMORY/ OF/

(on the upper stage of the plinth) (15 NAMES)/

(on the lower stage of the plinth) WHO LAID DOWN THEIR LIVES IN THE GREAT WAR/ 1914-1918

An additional inscription on the west face reads:

(on cross shaft) IN/ LOVING/ MEMORY/ OF/

(on the upper stage of the plinth) (7 NAMES)/

(on the lower stage of the plinth) WHO LAID DOWN THEIR LIVES IN THE WORLD WAR/ 1939-1945

Selected Sources**Websites**

Imperial War Museum War Memorials Register Online, accessed 2 April 2020 from
<https://www.iwm.org.uk/memorials/item/memorial/4810>

Photograph from geograph, accessed 2 April 2020 from <https://www.geograph.org.uk/photo/3603767>

Photograph from geograph, accessed 2 April 2020 from <https://www.geograph.org.uk/photo/3603774>

Photograph from geograph, accessed 2 April 2020 from <https://www.geograph.org.uk/photo/3603776>

Other

Article in The Diss Express, Friday 26 March 1920: 'Palgrave. Dedication of Memorial Cross'.

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