

Fw: Brigg War Memorial

From: Clerk Brigg Town Council <[REDACTED]>

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Subject: Fwd: Brigg War Memorial

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Good morning

Please see the attached email from WMT.

This, I feel, may sway your decision on the listed building consent application.

Should it be refused then at least we will have an explanation to the many people who have requested that it's cleaned.

Thanks

Kerry

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Subject:RE: Brigg War Memorial

Date:Mon, 9 Feb 2026 16:56:02 +0000

From:WMT Conservation [REDACTED]

To:Clerk Brigg Town Council [REDACTED]

Our ref: WMO/207070

Dear Kerry,

Thank you for your email regarding Brigg war memorial, see www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/memorial/207070.

War Memorials Trust advises that cleaning should only take place for one of the following reasons:

- where the surface build up is damaging the fabric by chemical action.
- where there is so much dirt on the memorial that it must be removed in order to assess the extent of the necessary work.
- where the dirt is making the inscriptions difficult to read.

Our reasoning for this is two-fold. Firstly, War Memorials Trust advises that the intention of cleaning should be to keep the memorial in a stable condition which allows it to perform its commemorative function. The purpose of cleaning should not be to create a pristine 'like new' appearance because most war memorials are historic monuments, and that age should be reflected in their appearance.

Secondly, the process of cleaning will over time cause damage to the fabric of the war memorial. Every time a war memorial is cleaned it will remove part of the surface of the stone. Not only will this increase the likelihood of the stone decaying, but it will also create a surface where dirt is more likely to settle and thus increase the need for cleaning.

In this instance, we believe that even cleaning with a conservation approved steam cleaner such as DOFF could result in unnecessary damage to the stone fabric as the purpose for cleaning would not be conservation focused. Instead, we would recommend that the condition of the war memorial is monitored and that cleaning takes place at a later date.

For further information we recommend reading our helpsheet [Cleaning stone with water](http://www.warmemorials.org/hshstoneclean/) which can be accessed at www.warmemorials.org/hshstoneclean/ and Historic England's [The Conservation, Repair and Management of War Memorials](https://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/conservation-repair-management-war-memorials/) which can be downloaded from <https://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/conservation-repair-management-war-memorials/>.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes

Sam

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-----Original Message-----

From: Clerk Brigg Town Council [REDACTED]

Sent: 03 February 2026 10:20

To: WMT Conservation [REDACTED]

Subject: Brigg War Memorial

Good morning

Brigg Town Council, who are custodians of the Brigg War Memorial, have applied for listed building consent to have the war memorial cleaned, It is in a high traffic area and parts are becoming very dirty and affected by pollution and covered in Moss. Please see the attached photos.

I met with the conservation officer and planning officer from North Lincolnshire Council, who asked that I contact you.

I am requesting that you could offer a supporting document that I can add to our listed building consent application.

The memorial, if listed building consent is granted, will be cleaned using a DOF method by the Victoria Cross Trust. I also enclose their information.

The only areas to be cleaned are the lions, the steps, the horizontal plinths above the names and the "flame" at the top of the memorial. The gilded names are perfectly visible as are the encriptions in the stone so these will not be touched.

Kind regards

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