

WEST MOORS FALLEN OF WORLD WAR 1



This project started as a way to provide background information to the Scouts and Cubs the fallen of WW1 shown on the West Moors War Memorial on The Petwyn. It has become a way to enhance the "Poppies on the Petwyn" display in 2025.

The various sources used to compile this information are accurate in so far as the original documentation was created without error and in good faith.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC hereafter) provides dates of death, the unit in which the person served, location of their memorial; and sometimes details of family, including parents, siblings and spouse, with place of abode which may be of the parents or spouse. Since the establishment of the CWGC sites around the world and the relocation of remains together with provision and inscription of headstones took place over several years after the end of WW1 in 1918 the location of abode may well refer to the latest address rather than that which can be identified in the 1911 Census or in the West Moors Residents Profile put together by Pete Holden as part of a Centenary project.

The West Moors War Memorial was unveiled on the 26 September 1920 and was built by masons Messrs Alsford. It originally stood at the junction of Station Road and Pinehurst Road and commemorated 11 local servicemen who died during the First World War.

The memorial was moved in June 1971 to place it in a more prominent position at the centre of the village. At this time it was restored and the names of the 20 fallen of the Second World War were added.

The Scouts will be following two trails around the village, pausing where we know families of the fallen lived before, during or after the war, to hear more about their circumstances. We will also think about those who went to war but returned but may have suffered physical or mental injuries as a result of their service. They will visit the two graves situated in West Moors to lay poppies in remembrance.

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Internet search engines and family history sites add extra details to verify the information is correct. News articles and memories of descendants add personal details and social commentary.

The links for many of these sources are listed below

Reference Sources

CWGC <https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/>

Ancestry <https://www.ancestry.co.uk/>

Find My Past <https://www.findmypast.co.uk/>

Free BMD <https://www.freebmd.org.uk>

Find A Grave <https://www.findagrave.com/>

Parish History - St Mary's Parish Church West Moors - A Church Near You

War Memorial West Moors - West Moors - TracesOfWar.com

WM War Memorial Details and Sources.pdf

The National Archives

RAF Commands <https://www.rafcommands.com/>

RAF and Commonwealth Air Forces War Dead (Courtesy CWGC)

Family History - Royal Navy and Naval History.Net

Historic England <https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1452426?section=official-list-entry>

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This project will continue to search out more details so if you know a story behind the men or women of West Moors who gave their lives that we might live or who fought bravely and returned, no doubt scarred by their experiences, then please do get in touch. I will be happy to add your memories so that we do not forget.

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