



**CWGC**  
Commonwealth War Graves Commission

# **CWGC signage for war graves in the United Kingdom**

## **About the CWGC**

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission was established by Royal Charter in 1917 as the sole organisation charged with commemorating the Commonwealth forces who died during the two World Wars. We are responsible for the graves and memorials of over 1.7 million casualties in more than 150 countries and territories.

## **CWGC Signage Project**

In the UK we commemorate over 300,000 service men and women in over 12,300 cemeteries, churchyards and burial grounds. In 2014 we embarked on a project, coinciding with the centenary of the First World War, to fit CWGC signs at as many of these locations as possible. The aim of the initiative is to increase awareness of war graves across the UK and to remind the public that they need not travel abroad to find Commonwealth commemorations. We hope that this will not only raise awareness of war graves in the UK, but will also increase visitor numbers to cemeteries, churchyards and church buildings.

CWGC signs can be fitted to walls, gates or railings and care will always be taken to preserve any historic fabric of buildings and structures. The Commission will install and maintain the signs in perpetuity as part of its regular inspection of all war graves in the UK.

**Help us to commemorate the Commonwealth service men and women in your area.**

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