

UK POLICE MEMORIAL



UK Police Memorial - Key Stage 2

The National Memorial Arboretum is the UK's site of Remembrance. There are over 400 memorials and over 25,000 trees spread over 150 acres. The UK Police Memorial is one of them.

Why do we remember?

Remembrance is a time when we think about and honour people who have helped to keep our country safe. We remember:

- **Many brave men and women have worked to keep us safe in the past.**
- **We remember them to show respect and say thank you.**
- **Learning about their stories helps us understand why peace is important.**

Activity: Write down why remembrance is important to you.

How do we remember?

We can remember in many different ways from moments of silence, to laying flowers or a wreath, wearing a poppy, visiting a memorial or significant place, planting a tree or plant or attending a remembrance event.

We also remember by listening to and sharing stories, writing letters, creating poems, songs and art works.

Tell us about a time when you have carried out an act of remembrance.



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What is a memorial?

A memorial is something special that helps us honour and remember people who have passed away. There are different types of memorials, such as statues and sculptures, plaques that are flat signs with writing that tell us about a person or event. Some memorials are gardens; peaceful places that have been designed where people can go to think and remember.

Memorials teach future generations about history and help us show respect for those who have helped us.

Memorials are important because they are a place to visit and help us remember and show respect for those who have made a difference.

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All memorials are designed with meaning and symbolism.

The UK Police Memorial looks like a tall doorway with a brass screen. This doorway represents the brave journeys police officers take, sometimes facing dangers they may not return from.

There are leaf-shapes that symbolise the loss of those who are no longer with us.

Over time, the brass the memorial is made from will change colour, but the gold edges will stay bright, shining onto the ground creating shapes and shadows as a reminder of those we remember.

The open grassy area has benches where people can sit quietly or come together for special ceremonies. A leaf-shaped stage is also there for gatherings and remembrance events.

Surrounding the memorial is a circle of trees, creating a peaceful and protective space for people to reflect and honour those who have served.

Can you write down 5 words that you think describe the UK Police Memorial and what it symbolises.

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Remembering those that served and sacrificed their lives.

Police officers are real people, they have families and lives outside of their jobs.

Nicola Hughes (age 23) and Fiona Bone (age 32) were both killed in 2012 in the line of duty protecting people and keeping others safe.

Nicola Hughes

Nicola lived with her mother, and joined the police force in 2009, she had been serving for 3 years.

'Nicola always wanted to make a difference and, in doing so, she made such a big difference to everyone she knew. She cared about everyone and especially her colleagues.'

Her colleagues said: 'She was a chatterbox and was always smiling, even after a night shift when everyone else was a bit grumpy.'

Fiona Bone

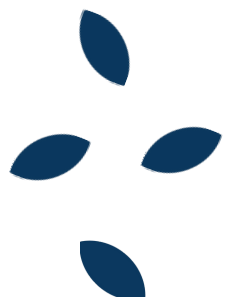
Fiona lived with her partner Clare and 5 year old daughter and had been a police officer for 5 years.

Her family said she 'enjoyed life to the full'.

'Fiona was a lively person, with a trademark smile.'

'She was all about people and the community so I think she'll be a huge loss not only just to her family but to the community which she served.'

What qualities do you think both Nicola and Fiona had to be able to do their job as a police officer?



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Why do you think it is important we learn about different stories of service and sacrifice?

Write a poem, letter or message of thanks to those officers that we remember on the UK Police Memorial, as they have paid the ultimate sacrifice for us to live as freely as we do today.

