



UK POLICE MEMORIAL

News from The UK Police Memorial

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As we approach the Christmas season we look forward to spending time with our family and friends. Sadly for some this year there will be an empty seat at the table of those who went out to work to police our cities, towns and villages and never came home. As recent events have shown we continue to owe our Police service a considerable debt of gratitude in keeping us safe and protecting us from harm.

As a supporter of the UK Police Memorial you already know the importance of helping us to establish

a memorial at the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire to honour and commemorate those officers and staff who have paid the ultimate price.

We are now within touching distance of reaching our £4.5million target, with just £500,000 left to raise. May I take this opportunity to thank you for your support for the UK Police Memorial and to wish you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and a peaceful and happy New Year.

Sir Hugh Orde,
Chair of Trustees

Build of UK Police Memorial to start in 2020

Approval has been given by Trustees to start construction of the new UK Police Memorial at the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire.

Sir Hugh Orde, Chair of Trustees, said “I am delighted to announce that we have finally secured enough money to start the build thanks to the support of the Government, the Police service, staff associations, businesses, plus personal donations from individuals and the public. We still need to raise a further £500,000 to deliver the project in its entirety, but the funds secured so far will allow us to start construction whilst we will carry on with further fundraising activity.”



Site clearance at the Arboretum will commence in the early part of next year, with the construction process being completed during 2020 and the dedication of the memorial and its opening to the public in the Spring of 2021.

Further fundraising will now continue in order to pay for the second phase of development that will include the inscription of the names of fallen police officers on the memorial walls and an education programme for school and colleges that tells the story of the vital role the Police service plays in society.



Digital Memorial Goes Live

The names of over 4,200 police officers and police staff who have died on duty since the introduction of the Bow Street Runners in 1749 will be commemorated on the new digital memorial launched in partnership with Twitter UK.

Sir Hugh Orde, Chair of Trustees said “When we set out on this ambitious project in 2015, the Trust not only wanted to create a physical memorial, but also wanted to create a memorial fit for the modern age.

A memorial that was not only accessible to the 300,000 visitors a year who visit the Arboretum, but a memorial that is accessible to a global audience.”

Daily the Trust will publish the names and photographs of officers and staff whose anniversaries fall on that day with a short citation of how they died.

The screenshot displays the UK Police Memorial website. At the top, it says 'UK POLICE MEMORIAL'. A welcome message reads: 'Welcome to the Digital UK Police Memorial. More than 4,000 men and women have given their lives in the service of their communities while wearing the uniform of a watchman, beadle, parish constable or police officer. The formation of the Bow Street Runners in 1749 was the start of modern policing but the earliest record of death on duty dates back to 1547. This Digital Memorial remembers and memorialises all these officers. Please click here to learn more about our vision.' Below this is a section for 'Ratcliff Highway Murders' with a historical illustration and text: 'The Ratcliff Highway murders (sometimes Ratcliffe Highway murders) were two vicious attacks on two separate families that resulted in seven fatalities. The two attacks occurred within twelve days in December 1811, in homes half a mile apart near Wapping in London.' A button 'LEARN MORE ABOUT POLICE HISTORY' is visible. On the right, a 'Police Roll of Honour Trust' section lists names and dates: Vassili Bogomoletz (14 years ago), John Brown (56 years ago), William Grout (77 years ago), John Stevenson (78 years ago), and John Burr (90 years ago). A button 'REMEMBER THE FALLEN' is at the bottom. Below the main content, there is a Twitter-style post from the UK Police Memorial with text: '#OnThisDay we #Remember five members of the #Policefamily who lost their lives in the service of their communities while on duty. Their #CourageAndSacrifice is never forgotten https://bcn.to/fpC&rbtp;'. Today's thoughts are for 11 members of the #Policefamily who lost their lives #OnThisDay over the years. Their #CourageAndSacrifice is not forgotten https://bcn.to/fns&rbtp;. The oldest of the six deaths on duty we #Remember happened #OnThisDay 162 years ago in 1857 when @CityPolice Det Sgt Charles Thain was fatally shot by the prisoner he was escorting by ship from Hamburg. #CourageAndSacrifice never forgotten https://bcn.to/fns&rbtp;. To the right is a video for David Phillips, Sir John Murphy - Former Chief Constable of Merseyside Police - talks about David, the impact of his death on his colleagues and family. Buttons 'WATCH VIDEO' and 'READ DAVID'S STORY' are present. At the bottom, 'Explore the UK Police Memorial' offers filters: 'Fallen officers ON THIS DAY', 'Fallen officers BY FORCE', and 'Fallen officers BY RANK'. A search bar asks to 'Search for a fallen officer' with a text input 'Type the officer's name' and a microphone icon. A 'Support Us' section asks for reflection on the courage of police and offers a gift to honor their sacrifice. A button 'SUPPORT OUR VISION' is at the bottom right.

The on this day section has been created with the support of the Police Roll of Honour Trust who have supplied us with data and information. Enhanced tributes that tell the personal stories of those behind the badge have also been produced in a unique partnership with Liverpool John Moores University journalism course.

You can view the new Police Digital Memorial at by visiting <https://digital.ukpolicememorial.org>

Public and the police come together to pay tribute to our policing heroes

Over the last 12 months the public and the policing family has come together to raise substantial funds for the UK Police Memorial.



Over £4 million has been given to the project by generous benefactors, businesses, forces, Police and Crime Commissioners, Federation Branch Boards and the National Association of Retired Police Officers (NARPO). Just as we thought that we would have to postpone construction for a year, because of a lack of funds, two philanthropists made substantial donations to ensure building can start in 2020.

This is the first major charitable project for the Police which has received such extraordinary generosity from the general public. People and organisations from all over the UK have given donations both large and small and have exceeded contributions made by the

Government and the Police service combined. This is a wonderful testament to the value placed on the bravery, dedication and service of our police officers by a grateful nation.

We have also been humbled by the individual acts of support from officers and staff who have organised individual sponsored events including parachute jumps and sponsored walks.

At the start of the year the Editor of Police Professional, Paul Lander, completed 100 triathlon over 100 days running 600 miles, cycling 2,500 miles and swimming 10 miles during which he raised a considerable amount of money.



The Trust would like to thank all of those who have supported the UK Police Memorial and made donations and continue to do so. But we still need your help to complete our digital tribute programme to tell the stories of the fallen and to ensure that the physical memorial has the funding to be maintained.

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