



# AIRFIELD MEMORIAL MARKERS PROGRAMME

Airfields of Britain Conservation Trust: information and memorial marker technical specifications

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## // About the charity

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Since 1909 when Britain's airfields first appeared, they have proven vital assets. Once critical in the defence of the nation, many are now disused. However, although no longer operational for aviation purposes, these are places of immense historical and social interest which we believe should be preserved. Unfortunately, a large number of our airfields are being left to ruin or are under threat of demolition.

The Airfields of Britain Conservation Trust (ABCT), the first national charity of its kind in the UK, exists to help reverse this trend. Britain's former airfields deserve recognition as heritage sites and therefore we are:

- erecting markers at former airfields
- helping to save airfields and/or their historic buildings from closure or destruction
- assisting in various educational projects by providing a range of information for people of all ages, from schoolchildren to postgraduate students to interested local historians
- working with veterans or family members looking for specialist help
- providing technical knowledge to companies and organisations considering alternative use of the land which preserves the integrity of the airfield

Airfields are tremendously atmospheric places steeped in history.

We need your support to retain these truly fascinating sites for posterity.

## // Aims and objectives

To advance the education of the public in the history of British airfields and in particular but not exclusively by:

- the establishment and support of museums and interpretation centres
- the preservation of the historical details and records of airfields
- the erection of memorials at sites of national and historical importance
- to promote research for the benefit of the public



// Westcott Control Tower, 2012

# // ABCT memorial markers

The charity has been erecting memorial markers across Britain since 2009. Places commemorated by ABCT include some of the great names in airfield history. We aim to erect approx. 400 memorial markers by 2030:

- | Farnborough and Leysdown, the UK's first airfields, associated with aviation pioneers
- | Scotland's first airfield, Lanark
- | Leavesden, now home to the Warner Bros. Studios, where parts of the Harry Potter films were shot



// Examples of ABCT memorial markers: Installation at Ayr II (above), Hatfield (top right), our proposed additional memorial marker plaque for 2015 to be used on existing structures (right)

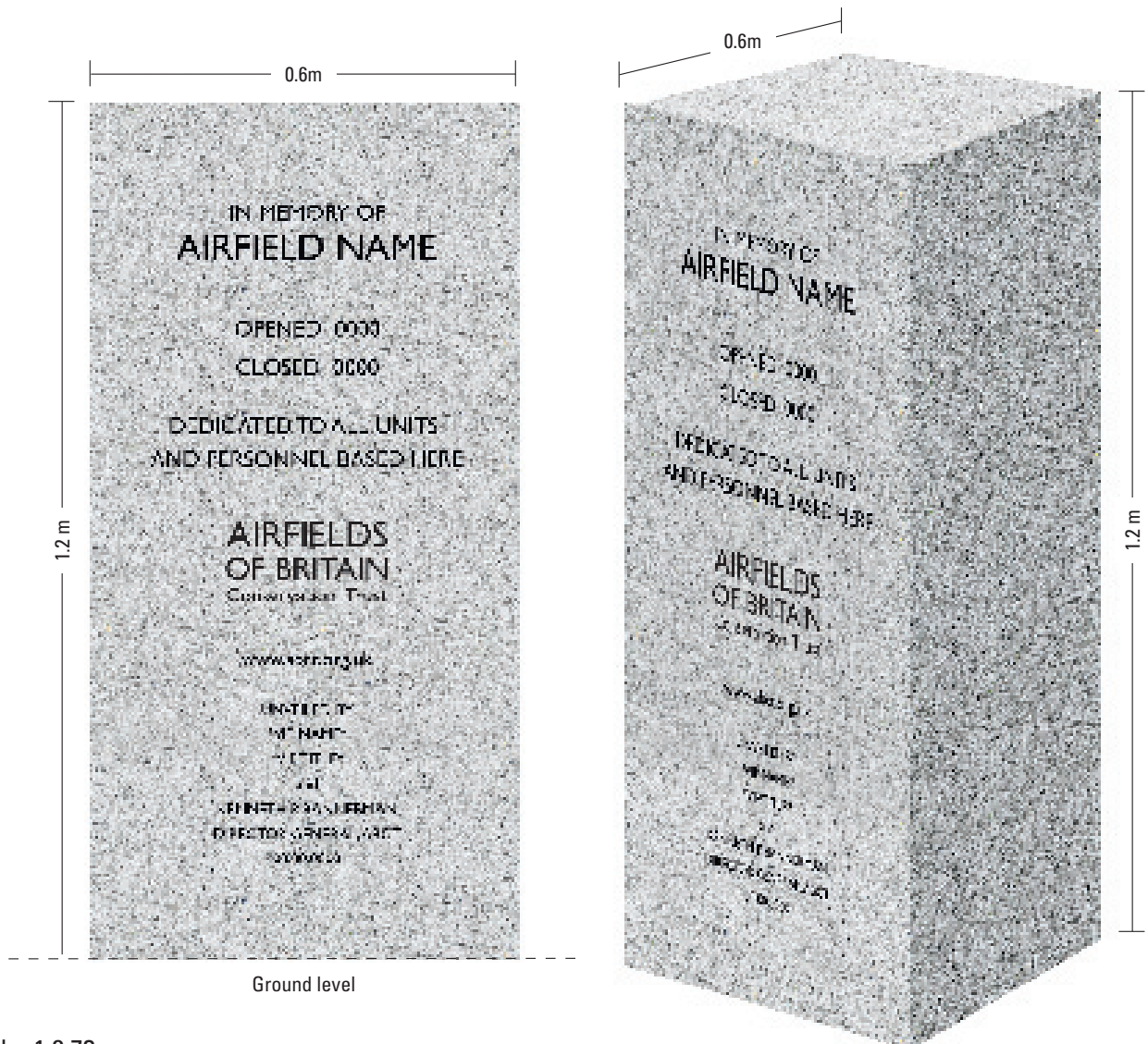
# // Standard memorial design

## Construction and Foundations

- memorial markers made of top quality granite
- weight: approximately 1.4 tons
- negligible foundations required
- generally do not require planning permission owing to their size
- only a tiny piece of redundant/unused ground at the airfield itself needed: no obstruction caused
- already received highly favourable feedback from the general public

## Costs

ABCT pays for the memorial marker and associated costs, though donations from other sources are always welcome. Please contact us if you are able to help.



Scale: 1:8.73

# // ABCT memorial marker events



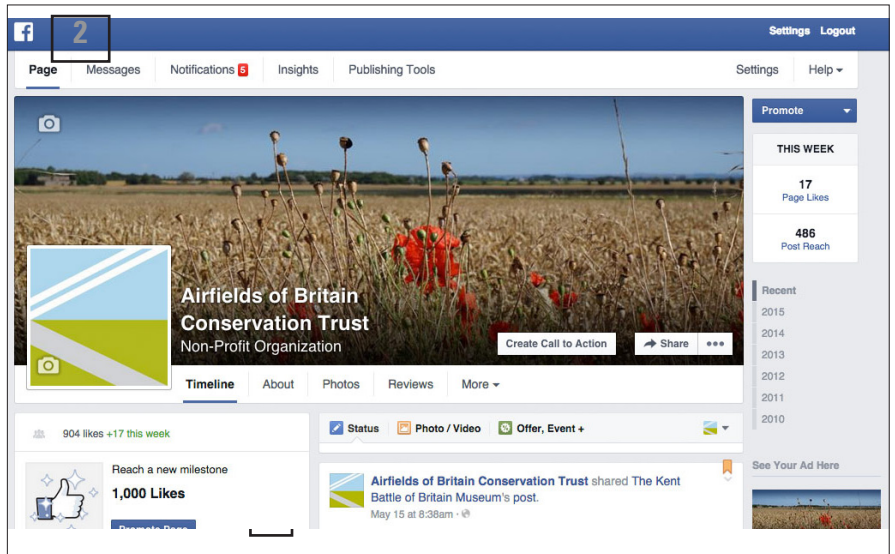
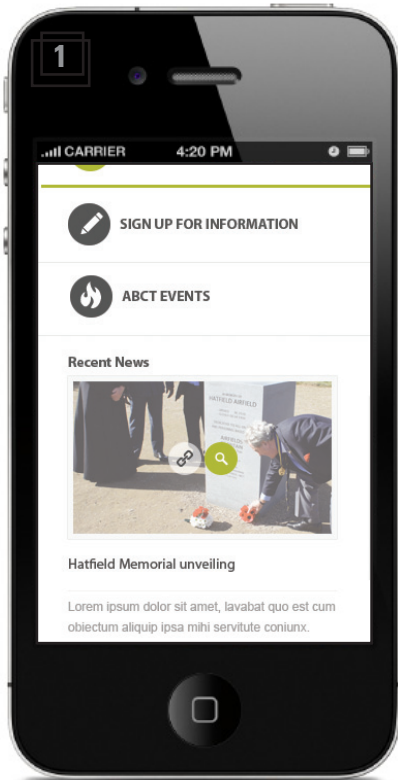
1) ABCT Patron Air Marshal Sir Ian Macfadyen KCVO CB OBE and special guests at Podington 2) Kenneth Bannerman, ABCT Director General, at Swannington 3) Michael Forster MBE and his wife from the King's Lynn & District Royal British Legion at Matlaske 4) The Duchess of Bedford and members of the Royal British Legion Riders at Woburn Park 5) Mr Keith Flower and Mr Terry Lancaster, who both worked at the Leavesden Rolls-Royce factory for more than 40 years each 6) Rt Hon John Bercow MP unveiling our memorial at Westcott

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1) ABCT unveiling at Hamble with the ATA 2) Ayre II in Scotland 3) Members of the Royal British Legion at Carnaby 4) A Royal British Legion Rider at Calshot 5) ABCT unveiling at Binbrook.

# // Event marketing materials



// Examples of promotional tools for our events (flypasts and flyovers are subject to weather conditions and funding).



- 1) ABCT website and social media
- 2) Social Media
- 3) Flypasts and flyovers
- 4) ABCT memorial poster

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