

CASE STUDY



Completed Exterior

Restoration
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Historical Building



Preworks condition



Works in progress

Overview

This imposing memorial takes the form of a massive stone obelisk, with four ships' prows projecting from the apex, inspired by the rostral columns erected to celebrate Roman naval victories. Constructed in Portland stone with bronze plaques, the space honours WWI and WWII conflicts. USL was pleased to work with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, an intergovernmental organisation that works to mark, record and maintain cemeteries at 23,000 locations all over the world.

USL was appointed as Principal Contractor to carry out stone conservation works to Portsmouth Naval Cemetery standing on Southsea Common, overlooking the promenade. We are honoured to work in collaboration with Commonwealth War Graves Commission to repair this special Grade I monument.

Works Undertaken

Project works included;

- Engrave Ashlar course including carefully cutting out all joints and removing selected ashlar stone where identified as damaged.
- Re-fixing newly engraved Portland Whitbed ashlar stone and new lime pointing to match existing.
- USL's inhouse stone mason team hand cut over 36 stone sections.
- Replacement of stone capitals (Eastern Shelter Building). USL re-carved new Portland capital stones as well

as replacing badly weathered copings.



New letter cutting

Client: Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Sector: Monuments

Contract: 8 weeks

Completed: June 2021

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