

# Monument to the Women of WWII

THE WOMEN OF WORLD WAR II

The image shows a large, dark granite monument set against a backdrop of a classical building with many windows. The monument features a relief sculpture of a group of women in military uniforms, some wearing berets and carrying equipment. Below the sculpture, the words "THE WOMEN OF WORLD WAR II" are inscribed in gold lettering. The scene is captured from a low angle, with a few people walking on the sidewalk in the foreground.

# Statue unveiled

The Monument to the Women of World War II was unveiled by HRM The Queen on the 9<sup>th</sup> July 2005. It was made by John W. Mills and the statue sits right in front of Whitehall in London. The design shows an air raid warden, sheltering children.



John W. Mills



HRM The Queen

# The National Heritage Memorial

The National Heritage Memorial is a fundraising trust founded by Octavia Hill, Sir Robert Hunter and Hardwicke Rawnsley. It gave £934,115 to costs, but Baroness Boothroyd raised £800,000 after playing on *“Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?”*



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# Statue details

The statue currently stands at 6.7 meters high, 4.9 metres long and 1.8 metres wide. The original idea to build it came from Major David McNally Robertson in 1997. It stands on a roundabout right in front of Whitehall, which is close to Trafalgar Square, Westminster Abbey and the Houses of Parliament.

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# Vandalism

The memorial was vandalised after the Conservative party gained power after the election in May 2015. Red graffiti paint was sprayed over parts of the Monument to the Women of WWII. David Cameron (PM at the time) and No.10 Downing Street called the act “despicable”. 17 people were arrested outside Whitehall.



David Cameron  
(Former PM)

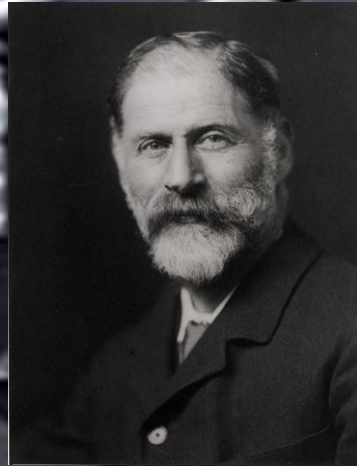


Vandalised statue

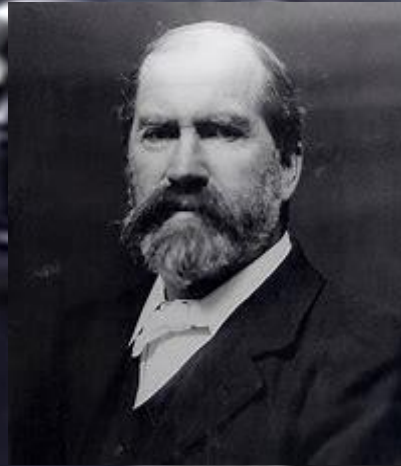
# People involved



Octavia Hill



Sir Robert Hunter



Hardwicke Rawnsley



Baroness Boothroyd



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