

**MEMORIAL OF MAJOR JOHN CARTWRIGHT
in the Churchyard of St Mary-at-Finchley**

NOTIFICATION OF INTENTION TO CARRY OUT WORKS TO MONUMENT

Monument name: CARTWIGHT MEMORIAL

This is a grade II listed building – an obelisk erected in 1835 to commemorate Major John Cartwright (1740-1824) who was a leading Radical of the period 1775-1824 and was known by the title of the 'Father of Reform'. He founded the Society for Constitutional Information and published numerous works advocating Universal Suffrage.

Unfortunately, after years of neglect, this monument is now on the Historic England *Heritage at Risk Register*. There are particular concerns about further rapid deterioration of the obelisk and the stability of the vault on which it stands.

Historic England, the government's advisor on the historic environment, has been aware of the deterioration of this memorial over a number of years and in partnership with Barnet Council, who maintain the churchyard, and St Mary-at-Finchley has sought to find the best way to preserve it.

St Mary-at-Finchley is now looking to ensure that the necessary investigations preparatory to conservation works are carried out in line with the report prepared by Odgers Conservation. We are working with Historic England to arrest the decline of this monument and, ideally, to restore it. A detailed survey is urgently needed before a full programme of restoration can be planned.

We have yet to establish if there are any living legal owners of the memorial in order to gain written permission to carry out the full restoration works. If no such contact is made by 24th November 2017, efforts will be made to carry out the full restoration works at the earliest possible date thereafter.

If you do have a legal interest in this memorial, please contact the Parish Administrator (26 Hendon Lane London N3 1TR or telephone 02082483818) as soon as possible.

Many thanks.



The Revd Philip Davison
Rector of St Mary-at-Finchley

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