

# Malmesbury



## War memorial is ready for Remembrance Day

Families of servicemen killed in action will be able to take part in the Remembrance Day ceremony at Malmesbury War Memorial after all.

The memorial, which was damaged by a lorry three weeks ago, was repaired on Monday.

A spokesman for the Environment Agency said masonry work was carried out on the damaged pillar and bars were placed around it while the mortar set.

"The war memorial should be ready in plenty of time for the service on November 11," he said.

Derek Tilney, the chairman of the town branch of the Royal British Legion, had feared repairs would not be completed in time, but he said this week he was satisfied with the work.

He said he had been impressed with the speed at which repairs had been done.

"We did not want to put a time limit on it because it was difficult to assess the extent of the damage but they have done a very good job," he said.

The memorial consists of two pillars at the entrance to St Aldhelm's Mead, and carries the names of all the servicemen from the town who died in the Second World War.

Mr Tilney said two families would be laying wreaths at the memorial on November 11

He said the family of Flight Sergeant Reg Bailey, who was killed on June 21 1944, after being awarded a Distinguished Flying Medal, would be present.

The family of two brothers, Arthur and William Woodward, killed in Libya and Normandy respectively, during the Second World War, were also expected to attend.

A Remembrance service will also be held as usual in Malmesbury Abbey.

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