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Commonwealth Cemeteries of World War I

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With the help of the [Commonwealth War Graves Commission](#) (CWGC) we have produced a set of resources to visualise the Commonwealth cemeteries, burial plots and memorials across the globe for those who lost their lives as a result of World War I. For ideas on how to explore this data see Peter Francis' blog [Mapping the Impact of the Great War](#) (<http://ww1centenary.oucs.ox.ac.uk/space-into-place/mapping-the-impact-of-the-great-war/>).

Global Visualisation



This map shows all of the Commonwealth cemeteries,

memorials and other locations worldwide where we have data to indicate there is a World War I burial or memorial, represented by pins. Spin the globe to explore the vast number of countries who commemorate those from the Commonwealth who died in the conflict. You can zoom down to street level if Google Earth holds enough information for that area. Are there any locations that you would like to find out more about? Click on the pin and be taken to the CWGC webpage for that memorial and learn more.

[Watch a video of the map on YouTube](#)

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in Google Earth. You can use your cursor to move around the globe and in many cases zoom down to street level. Click on the pins for links to the CWGC website.

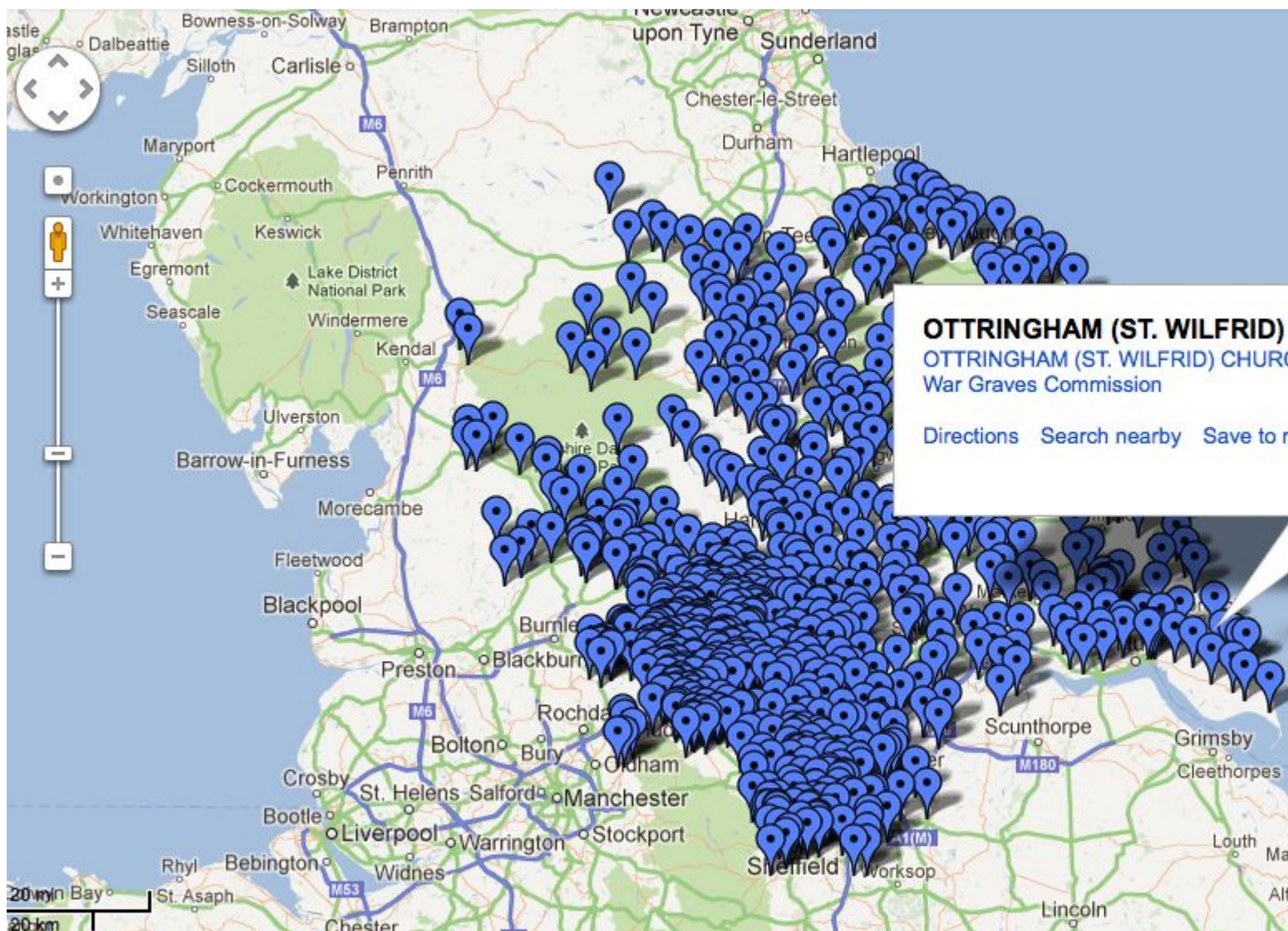
Discover your nearest World War I cemetery / memorial

Our local cemetery finder will tell you where the nearest Commonwealth burial plots, cemeteries and memorials are to you right now. What can this tell you about your local community and World War I?

Instructions: visit our [local cemetery finder](#). You may be asked to 'Share your location' (do so!). You will then be shown your nearest cemeteries or memorials within a 10, 50 and 100 km radius. If you are having problems viewing these check that your browser is up to date, and if you are using an iPhone your browser locations settings are on (Settings | location services | then set safari to be "on").

UK Counties

It is easy to view the Commonwealth burial plots, cemeteries and memorials in the UK using our county KML layers. Using the list below, download the files for the counties you are interested in then open them in Google Earth. Alternatively you can view these on a Google Map.



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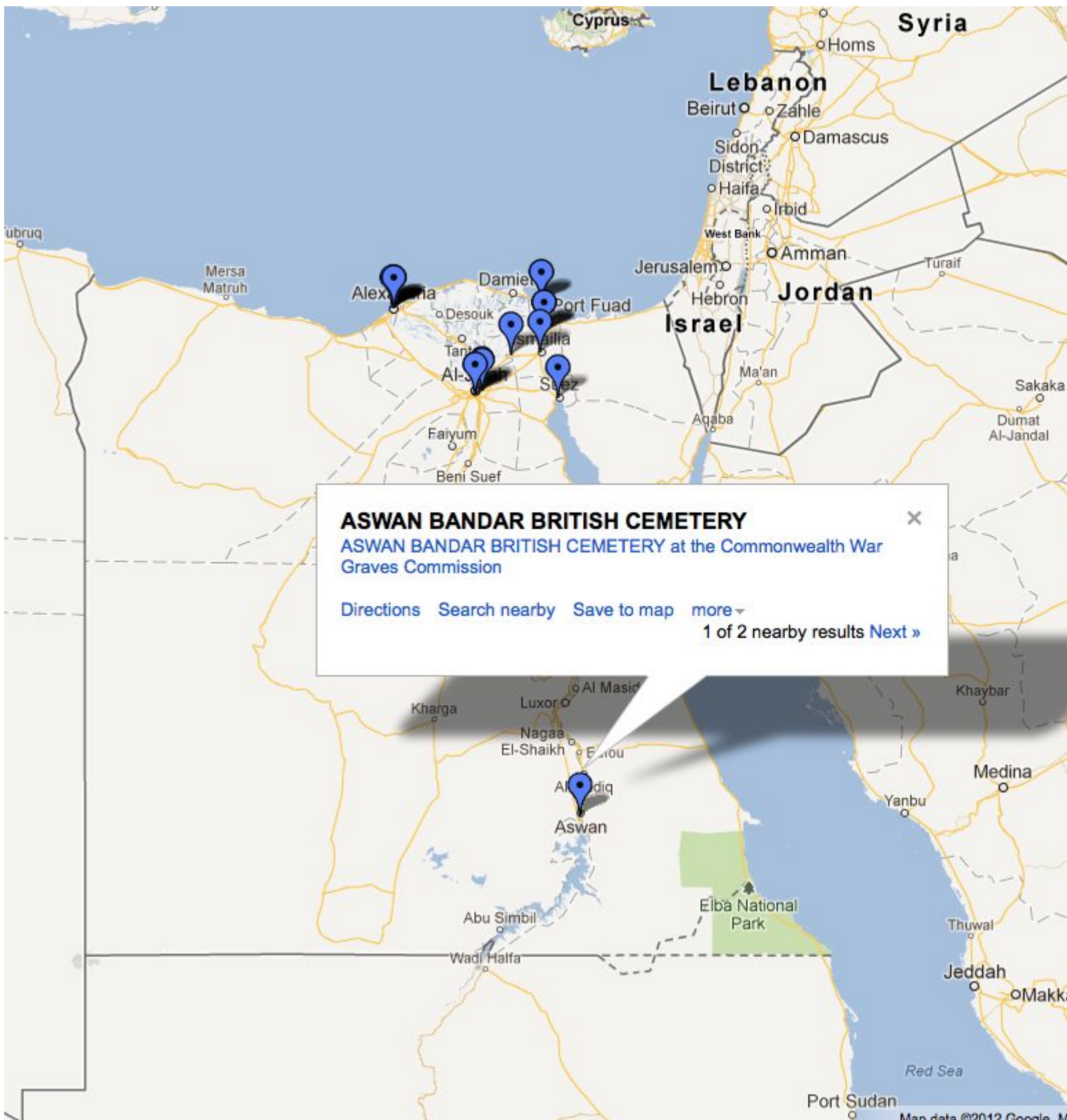
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