

The Department for Culture, Media and Sport, acting on the advice of Historic England, has awarded Kelvedon Hatch's war memorial Listed Building status.

The citation reads: "Kelvedon Hatch War Memorial, remembering those from the parish who fell in the First World War, was erected 1920 and has remained little altered since. Standing in a prominent position at the junction of Ongar Road and School Road, it is a simple yet poignant and dignified memorial.

"Overall, it is considered that the memorial has special architectural and historical interest and meets the criteria for listing."

The architectural interest is as follows: "A simple but well-executed tapered obelisk."

The historic interest is described as "an eloquent witness to the tragic impact of world events on the local community, and the sacrifice it made in the conflicts of the C20."

Kelvedon Hatch Parish Council, which maintains the memorial, applied for it to be listed earlier this year.

