



The 40ft tree was uprooted in Pembroke Dock Military Cemetery

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# War graves damage after latest storm hits



The uprooted tree caused damage to headstone in Pembroke Dock Military Cemetery

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**PEMBROKESHIRE** was battered by yet another storm over the weekend, as Storm Clodagh battered the county with strong winds and driving rain.

The Cleddau Bridge was once again closed to all vehicles as winds of up to 70mph blew in from the Atlantic.

In Fishguard, the Stena Line Europe ferry was forced to delay a sailing due to the severe sea conditions on Sunday.

The military cemetery in Pembroke Dock was the scene of serious damage as the strong winds uprooted a 40ft conifer tree, causing it to fall on headstones.

Pembroke town councillor David Boswell spoke to the *Western Telegraph* and said: "It's very sad, but that's Mother Nature. All we can do is repair the damage."

Cllr Boswell added: "I think the headstone damaged belongs to a Private Ryan, so that will need saving."

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) confirmed they will be temporarily closing the site and the area around the fallen tree to allow it to be removed and the turf area reinstated.

"Our regional supervisor will be on site today [Wednesday]," said a CWGC spokesman, "meeting with site representatives to assess damage to headstones and organise action as appropriate."

"We will restore the graves as soon as we can."



Lorries were left queuing as the Cleddau Bridge was closed to all vehicles