

Cemetery Report 2018/2019

Trees

Tree works were carried out in February 2019: Lime pruned away from the Lych gate, 4 Beech trees crown raised over the foot path, 22 Lime trees had suckers and epicormic shoots removed. 1 Ash tree was felled, after advice from tree contractor.

However, there is still a large amount of fallen branches due to the high winds we have been experiencing.

Cemetery Extension

As reported in the annual report 2017/2018 we are still progressing with the purchase of the land for the extension to the current cemetery, as I am sure you are aware if you have applied for planning permission, this can take an inordinately long time, we will keep you updated.

General Information

Interments: 14 of which 4 were Ashes. **Purchased:** 9 Exclusive Rights of Burial, including 4 pre-purchase of plots for future use (ERB) **Memorials:** 9 Headstones + 2 Tablets, Inscriptions added to 5 existing memorials.

The repairs have been carried out to the low wall as mentioned in last year's report.

Since my last report the Parish Council have been approached by Mr Antony Alcock concerning the setting up of a working party to help maintain the cemetery, we are grateful for his assistance, so far Mr Alcock has cleaned and weather treated the benches, cleared fallen branches, this is a never-ending task and removed the graffiti also mentioned in last year's report from the Lych gate.

We have also received help from Mr Tony Ayers who kindly pruned the Roses in the memorial rose garden, on his advice we have ordered 6 new rose bushes, when they are delivered, he has kindly agreed to plant them for us.

Paths

There has unfortunately been some damage to 2 of the kerb stones and a corner post on the cemetery paths, these two events are not related, but we are in the process of arranging to have them replaced.

Summary

I would like to thank Ann Marie Nice once again for her continuing efforts with the cemetery bins. Mr Antony Alcock for all his hard work in the cemetery and also to Mr Ayers for his help with the Rose garden, finally, my thanks to the Parish Clerk for her continued help and support.