

Cemetery Report

Full Parish Council meeting 19th October 2026

The cemetery volunteer working group have been meeting regularly on a Thursday once a month throughout the year. The next meeting is 29th October if anyone is interested in volunteering to help all are welcome.

This year has been very challenging with the number of heatwaves we have endured.

The numerous tasks that have been undertaken so far this year by the group, include but not limited to: -

Tending the new memorial garden box honeysuckle hedge, which is growing well despite the very dry weather.

Litter picking Gravel weeding
Hedge trimming shifting dumped debris
pruning back privet and a dead tree.

Removed barbed wire along border with Hilton house.

Collecting a bag of broken glass vases for the bottle bank.

Coming into winter the volunteers work will continue with: -

Litter picking shifting dumped debris
Wood chip mulching (hopefully there will be a free donated supply)
Wigwam tree protection

Simon has been chipping posts to points to replace barbed wire;
there are bulbs planted along this border.

Derek and Simon are continuing to renovate the inside of the bier house on Wednesday and Thursday.

Saturday 26th September 3 wombles were at the cemetery litter picking.

The Parish Council has been successful in obtaining crocus bulbs this year.

There was also a request that some tools be obtain for use by the cemetery volunteers e.g. a post driver, light border fork and tools for getting weeds out of the gravel.

Cllr Sue French

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