

# Cemetery report, April 2023

The repairs to the retaining wall at the side of the brook (cemetery side) that were recommended by a consultant engineer – that is, replacing the capping stones – have been commissioned but not yet performed; the PC is chasing this. Meanwhile, we continue to monitor the wall for excessive movement. As previously reported, the boundary dwarf privet hedge round the Memorial Garden needs attention; some replacement hedging has been promised, but needs to be planted.

There was no new tree damage over the winter, and the fallen timber left by the damage the previous winter has been cleared away. The grass cutting within the cemetery was again excellent last year, at a cost of £1320 inc. VAT.

It has been made clear to the Church Authorities that the PC do not permit burying two people in the same plot, one above another, and the vicar has agreed to ensure that all seeking to bury their loved ones in our cemetery are aware of this rule. We continue to allow the purchase of adjoining plots where wanted.

We have been approached to see if we would allow the placing of a memorial bench in the cemetery, and permission has been granted on this occasion, once agreement has been reached on its placement and on responsibility for maintenance. Fees for plots, etc remain unchanged, and the revenue last year was £500 - mainly arising from interment fees and approval of memorials, as only one plot was purchased during this period.