

# Great Gransden Cemetery

## Status report for the 2024 Annual Parish Meeting

The most significant news on the state of the cemetery concerns the footbridge carrying the public footpath from the cemetery to the churchyard. Over the last few years, we have been monitoring the status of the retaining wall upstream of the bridge, on the cemetery side of the brook; whilst there had been seasonal movement, there appeared to be no significant year-on-year change. However, the highways authority decided to tackle the issue, and had the retaining walls on both sides rebuilt in March using funds earmarked for public footpaths improvement, and the work appears to have been very competently performed.

There were 6 burials over the last year, slightly higher than the average of 4 a year; however, given that we obtained an extra 1/4 hectare of land in the previous financial year, it is likely that we have enough space for many decades. The income from cemetery fees - which includes the pre-purchase of plots as well as the interment fees - was £1462, which is coincidentally close to £1507 paid for maintenance of the cemetery. We were fortunate again this year in that there were no trees brought down over the winter, so no costs associated with clearance.

Nigel Day, April 22 2024