

## Grave Maintenance Scheme

- The existing headstone and kerbs are not part of this work but we will advise you if we feel other work is necessary and provide you with names of good local masons for a quotation.
- The memorial can also be insured against vandalism and other damage, this again is valued by a local mason. On average it would be starting from approximately £71 for 5 years cover.
- If you are interested in the scheme and require further details then contact Jayne Myers on:

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[jaynemyers@darwencemetery.org.uk](mailto:jaynemyers@darwencemetery.org.uk)

Please quote the grave plot reference number on all correspondence. The plot number can be obtained from the Blackburn with Darwen Cemetery Office.

**This scheme is approved by  
Blackburn with Darwen Council.**

## Friends of Darwen Cemetery

The Friends of Darwen Cemetery was established in 2010 as a voluntary and charitable body for the benefit of the town of Darwen.



### The Friends aim to:

- Provide a forum for Darwen Cemetery visitors to participate in discussions and activities.
- Preserve and improve Darwen Cemetery.
- Promote the historical, environmental and cultural significance.
- Investigate the biodiversity potential for cemeteries.
- Communicate its work to elected members, other agencies and groups and members of the community.
- Encourage community participation in its work, especially by the youth of the town.

In you want to help the Friends then contact:

[info@darwencemetery.org.uk](mailto:info@darwencemetery.org.uk)

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## The Friends of Darwen Cemetery offer a grave space maintenance service that consists of:

- A one-off clearance
- An annual maintenance



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### One-off Clearance Scheme

- The Friends will undertake heavy work to ensure the grave space is left in an easy to maintain state.
- The top 5cm of soil will be removed and the grave space will be covered in a high quality heavy duty weed control membrane and the area will then be covered to a depth of 5cm with white stone chippings.
- The cost will depend on how much work is required to prepare the grave space and the materials used.
- The Friends can only prepare a grave space where the gravestone is securely fixed and the area is safe for our volunteers.



### Annual Maintenance Scheme

- Once the gravesite has been prepared, as outlined above, the Friends will then maintain the grave space. The Friends will rake the stone chippings four times a year and ensure the site is kept weed free.



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### The Schemes:

- With the one-off scheme you will be provided with an image of the site prior to the work being undertaken and you will also receive an image after the work has been completed.
- With the annual maintenance scheme you will be provided with an image following each raking.

**These schemes do not include any planting.**

### The Costs:

- The cost of the one-off clearance scheme will depend upon the amount of work required and we will provide you with an estimate of the cost prior to any work being undertaken.
- The annual maintenance scheme will cost £20.00 per year.