



Adopt a Grave Scheme – Health & Safety Guidelines

Prior to any visits to the cemetery, school groups or voluntary youth organisations etc should carry out own risk assessments.

Please note you are not allowed to clean the headstone in any way (this is the responsibility of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission) but please report to FODC anything that you feel needs attention.

Points to note before visiting the grave

1. No child should tend a grave without adult supervision.
2. When leaving the main footpaths please be aware that the ground is uneven and check curb stones and hidden obstacles that you may trip on.
3. Some monuments or grave stones are led down for safety reasons please take care around them and be aware of other headstones that may be unstable that may pose a danger.
4. On **every** visit prior to carrying out any work make a visual check of the ground around the grave, check for broken glass, needles etc. **Do not** remove any needles but report immediately to members of staff at Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council Tel 01254 - 585083 or Friends of Darwen Cemetery by email. info@darwencemetery.org.uk
5. Please wear appropriate clothing including stout boots or shoes and only work if the terrain and weather is appropriate.
6. Do take photograph of the grave before and after and please send it to the coordinator.
7. Warn other visitors that you may see while tending your adopted grave to take care and do encourage them to become a Friends of Darwen Cemetery.