

FODC News Bulletin



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STORIES

**Ashes Garden,
Becoming a Charity,
Do you remember the
Chapels in the Cemetery?**

Can you HELP?

**Can you spare some time on a
Saturday Morning every couple
of weekends?**

**We need help to bring back the
Cemetery to its former glory.**

CELEBRATING
150
YEARS

1861 -2011

A Message from the Chairman

"The exciting summer of development at the Cemetery continues to amaze me. The fantastic response to the 150th Anniversary of the cemetery in early June to the unveiling of the sculpture designed by Ashleigh pupil, Hannah Jackson in the Ashes/Memorial garden just had us all in wonder at what we had achieved. Mick Walsh's guidance in the nature garden has resulted in a quite remarkable dry stone bench made from recycled lintels. Children bug hunting, bird box and bird feeder making - involving local pupils and youth groups - and local schools working in the cemetery - all have added value to making the cemetery both busy and just looking that bit better.

Now we have gained Charitable Status (Registered Charity No 1142815), we can apply for grants from Larger Funders. Our new Constitution with approved objectives is now on our website.

There is still much to do - so do encourage your friends and neighbours to join in and help. Thanks to all of you for making a big difference to the Cemetery and to further developments.



JOHN EAST CHAIRMAN FODC



Ashes Memorial Garden



The landscaping of the Ashes Memorial Garden is almost complete. Two memorial wedges have already been purchased by two families.

FODC Volunteers have been busy laying turf and making beds of coloured gravel in the central circle. The central monument is made of grey granite with a red granite rose. The memorial wedges around the central circle and the granite bench with memorial plaques all match the central memorial.

To complete the garden we need to lay more turf and have beds of chippings where ashes can be spread. We badly need some younger volunteers to help us with the heavier work. You can find details of the working party dates on our website or contact the secretary (rosemaryjackson@darwencemetery.org.uk).

If you would like to spread ashes on the garden you will first need to contact the Cemetery Office on 0845 6066612 so that they can keep a record of who is using the garden. They will also be able to organise for you to borrow a special container to make the task of spreading ashes easier. Memorial wedges or plaques can be purchased by contacting Brent Stevenson Memorials on 01254 202019. Leaflets on this service are available at local Funeral Directors or can be downloaded from our website www.darwencemetery.org.uk.



Hannah Jackson & Family



Dates for your diary

Saturday 27th August 2011
Working Party 10am in the
Western Cemetery.

Friday 9th September 2011
Bat Walk at 7.30pm in the
Western Cemetery.

Saturday 10th September 2011
Working Party 10am in the
Western Cemetery.

Wednesday 21st September 2011
Public Meeting at 7pm Venue to
be advised.

Sunday 9th October 2011
World Mental Health Day Eccles
Shorrocks Memorial unveiling
time TBA

Saturday 15th October 2011
Working Party 10am in the
Western Cemetery.

Saturday 29th October 2011
Working Party 10am in the
Western Cemetery.

Sunday 30th September 2011
Halloween Walk in the Cemetery
4pm outside the Lodges.



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