

FRIENDS OF DARWEN CEMETERY

SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER



What has the cemetery got to offer your school.

Friends of Darwen Cemetery are a small group of volunteers who came together three years ago and formed a charity to help restore the cemetery to its former glory. We are passionate about the heritage of our town's forefathers who shaped our community.

So as the weather finally warms up, the SATS are out the way, we start to think about using our local environment to enhance the learning of our pupils, and this is where Friends of Darwen Cemetery can help. We now have a small group of volunteers who can take pupils around the Cemetery and bring it to life. The gravestones tell Darwen's history as effectively as any history book.

We have a list of themes that we think would be useful for schools. We are open to more suggestions. If you wish discuss bringing pupils to the cemetery, please do not hesitate to contact me at dianedavies@darwencemetery.org.uk

Themes

History

What can the cemetery reveal about the Victorians?

The impact of War on the town and its families.

RE/Art

Memorials – What do they tell us about attitude to death now and in the past.

How has gravestone design changed over the years?

Science

Explore minibeasts and their environment.
What other animals use the cemetery as their habitat?

Basic gardening skills and knowledge of how plants grow., including how to use tools effectively and safely.

Please note these volunteers are NOT CRB cleared so you will need to make sure there are enough staff to supervise.

Upcoming Events

Working Parties

Regular working parties are held on Saturday mornings between 10am and 1pm. We keep the cemetery as neat and tidy as we can. We are fortunate to have a small group of volunteers who do this valuable job BUT we would be very grateful for any extra help. We have jobs for all ages and abilities. It is usually a fun morning and a very worthwhile way to help your community.

Please could you publish the dates of the working parties on your schools newsletters?

Saturday 1st, 15th, 29th June 2013

Saturday 13th, 27th July 2013

Saturday 10th, 24th August 2013

All children MUST be accompanied by an adult for Health & Safety reasons.

New President

We are pleased to announce our new President Col Steven Davies who supports us in our wish to maintain the cemetery in a fit and proper state befitting its purpose. He also supports our wish to include the wider community and make the cemetery relevant to a modern generation. Darwen has a very proud history and the gravestones tell that story. Come and be part of that history and part of the future.

Date for your Diary



Friday 8th Nov 2013

Remembrance Day Service at Darwen Cemetery. This event is becoming more popular each year.

Please could you advertise these events on your schools newsletters and websites.

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