

FRIENDS OF WOMBWELL CEMETERY C.I.O.

England & Wales · Charity number 1156569

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2014-04-08

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC THE PRESERVATION, CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT OF THE LAND AND BUILDINGS IN WOMBWELL CEMETERY BARNSELY.TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE HISTORY, CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT IN WOMBWELL CEMETERY BARNSELY.

Activities: The aims are to provide and ensure a cleaner, greener, safer environment for all those making lawful use of the cemetery. This involved the re-introduction of benches, a vandal-proof water system, + 107 sections of perimeter railing-each with a memorial plaque and sponsored by members of the community, plus four gates opened and locked daily by volunteers. Peace Garden from derelict chapel

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Barnsley

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£1,828	£928	-	-
2024-03-31	£2,042	£6,407	-	-
2023-03-31	£1,178	£7,481	-	-
2022-03-31	£24,977	£923	-	-
2021-03-31	£12,737	£6,275	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
KAREN WHITING	Chair	2014-02-11
Ania Pozorski-Sutton		2022-04-23
Chelsey Rigby		2019-08-15
JESSICA WHITING		2014-02-11
Lana Louise May Poll		2018-08-09
Margaret Morgan		2019-08-15
Martin Ormrod		2021-01-28
PAMELA DUTTON		2014-02-11
Thomas Toone		2021-01-28

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1st April 2024 - 31st March 2025
Trustees Annual Report

The Friends of Wombwell Cemetery meet weekly to volunteer. We create a friendly, warm and inviting space for anyone who wishes to attend. This can help with loneliness and isolation. We are also on hand to help with enquiries and problems brought to us. Alongside volunteers who attend weekly, we also have many who help outside the regular meeting times. They help with locking and unlocking the cemetery gates, litter picking, reporting to us any problems that may arise, and the cleaning of benches in the area. This help is much appreciated.

This report begins in April when we held a light lunch event. Homemade soup and a roll, plus drinks, were available for a small donation, and a warm space for those in need. Also this month, we had students from Springwell school volunteer their time, helping with weeding, sweeping and pruning. They helped us for the following six weeks.

In June, we had two new volunteers join us - Lee and Sharleen - who are very enthusiastic and were welcomed to the group. We also purchased a new information stand as the previous was in poor condition.

In September, the Heritage Open Days campaign took place and we held our annual event. This was for two days with displays and refreshments available. The event was very well attended.

In November the remembrance crosses were prepared and placed next to the Barnsley Pals memorial. The Friends include soldiers' names on each cross. Our Remembrance Service took place shortly after with local schools, the York and Lancaster Regiment members, and members of the public in attendance. Our AGM was also held in November.

In December, our annual 'Carol sin the Community Hub' event took place. This was well attended and refreshments were provided.

Throughout the year, the cemetery Community Hub is well used on a regular basis by other organisations. Age UK and Wombwell Ward Alliance hold regular meetings alongside private groups. We are pleased that we can help these groups by providing a meeting space for them.

During the whole of the period covered by this report, the Friends continued to pursue their main aim which is to create and maintain a cleaner, greener, safer cemetery for those having lawful business there.

Friends of Wombwell Cemetery
Accounts from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

Virgin Money

Balance as of 1st April 2024	£9,281.52
Balance as of 31st March 2025	£10,171.69

Cash £0

Yorkshire (Barnsley) Building Society

Balance as of 1st April 2024	£4,900
Balance as of 31st March 2025	£4,900

Fundraising and Donations

Grants

N/A

Donations

Darts Team	£700
Public	£961

Fundraising £147.22

Plaques via Cheque £20

Total Income £1,828.22

Expenditure

Insurance (May 2024)	£191.97
Water Rates (April 2024 - March 2025)	£147.22
National Federation of Cemetery Friends	£20
Business Rates (March 2025)	£568.86

Total Expenditure £928.05

Total Funds Available as of 31st March 2025

<u>Virgin Money</u>	£10,171.69
<u>Yorkshire (Barnsley) Building Society</u>	£4,900
<u>Total</u>	£15,071.69

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During the whole of the period covered by this report, the Friends continued to pursue their main aim, which is to 'create a cleaner, greener, safer cemetery for those having lawful business there'. To begin the start of this period, in May, to try to tackle the ongoing problem of dog fouling, three dog foul bag dispensers were installed, along with extra packs of bags required for the dispensers. We purchased the dispensers during the last period but had delays in installing them.

In June, we were invited to an event held annually by the local darts team, who presented our group with a donation of £750. During this month, we also welcomed visitors from America who we helped in finding their family graves.

In July, the defibrillator in the Community Hub required updating, in addition to a new battery and new pads, which were all purchased.

We visited Wentworth Castle Gardens in August as we were invited to renovate a section of the Union Jack Gardens. We also attended an open day at Barnsley Crematorium during this month and helped with serving tea and coffee, as well as sharing information about our group. We also received help from the Environmental Caretaker Team who will be helping us on a regular fortnightly basis cutting grass around the Community Hub and Peace Garden.

We held another craft fair in the Community Hub in September, shortly followed by our Heritage Open Days weekend. Both events were a success and were well attended.

Early October fundraising and donations allowed us to purchase a much-needed headstone for one of the baby memorial areas in the cemetery. A dedication and blessing ceremony took place later in the month. We also held our Annual General Meeting during this month.

In November, our Remembrance Service took place. In attendance were school children, the Royal British Legion, ex-service men and members of the public.

The final event of the year was held in December which was our 'Carols in the Community Hub' event, which is always well attended. Refreshments were served at this event.

During this period, we have had two new volunteers join the group. Unfortunately, however, three members have passed away and will be greatly missed by all. The majority of our volunteering takes place on a Wednesday morning, and during this time we offer a warm space with affordable warm drinks, and a social gathering space for all. Positive comments and feedback which we receive suggests that this is highly valued in Wombwell.

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Accounts from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

Virgin Money

Balance as of 1 st April 2023	£13,666.44
Balance as of 31 st March 2024	£9,281.52

Cash

Nil

Barnsley Building Society

Balance as of 1 st April 2023	£4,900
Balance as of 31 st April 2024	£4,900

Fundraising and Donations

Grants

BMBC	£740
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Donations

Darts Team	£750
Public	£107

Fundraising £435.17

Plaques Via Cheque £10

Total Income (Estimated) £2,042.17

Expenditure

Insurance (August 2023)	£188.77
Water Rates (April 2023 – January 2024)	£113.17
National Federation of Cemetery Friends	£20
Business Rates (April 2023 & March 2024)	£777.15
Baby Memorial (Roberts)	£4,608.00
Peace Garden Memorial (A Sutton)	£700

Expenditure £6,407.09

Total Funds Available as of 31st March 2024

<u>Virgin Money</u>	£9,281.52
<u>Barnsley Building Society</u>	£4,900
<u>Total</u>	£14,181.52

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1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023

Trustees Annual Report

We began this period with our Annual General Meeting, which was held on Saturday 23rd April. It was agreed that all officer positions would remain the same with just one addition of a trustee. This month, we also had a visit from the Girl Guides, who took part in the tree trail who used our leaflet to work from.

In May, a representative from I.A.P.T (Improving Access to Psychological Therapy) visited and gave a very informative talk. We were also approached by another charity if we would support them by allowing them to hold regular coffee mornings. A presentation of Food Hygiene Certificates also took place.

June was Mental Awareness Week, in which local school attended the cemetery attaching cards with comforting phrases in and around the grounds. They took part in the tree trail. Next, our members welcomed Tankersley Church Mothers' Union, and a talk was given to explain all of the things the Friends of Wombwell Cemetery have achieved over the years, including the history of the cemetery, our weekly activities and the groups plans for the future.

To try and tackle the ongoing and increasing problem of dog fouling, it was decided to place an order for three poo bag dispensers which we did in July.

September was a very busy month as the Friends held their first craft fair, supporting local crafters. As this was a very well attended and very enjoyable event, the group have decided to hold more in the future. The weekend after was the Heritage Open Day weekend, taking place on Friday and Saturday from 10am until 4pm. The exhibition was very informative with information boards and displays. Again, this weekend was very well attended.

In November, a first aid course took place, arranged by the South Area Team and funded by Wombwell Ward Alliance. Shortly after, we held our Remembrance Service as usual with a local school and members of the public in attendance. Repairs were also taken out on the Community Hub roof in November.

In December, after a two year break due to the coronavirus, our Carols in the Community Hub event resumed and was enjoyed and attended by many as this had been greatly missed by the community.

In the new year, as the Hub is a little quieter, it was closed for three weeks for decorating and a deep clean.

To conclude the report, in February, one of the two baby memorials situated in the cemetery had new Indian Stone paving laid in preparation for a new stone later in the year.

We are also appreciative of a retired gentleman who attends the cemetery on a weekly basis to clean the steel benches. Wombwell Ward Alliance meetings also now take place in the Hub on a regular basis.

During the whole period covered by this report, the Friends continued to pursue their main aim, which is to 'create and maintain a cleaner, greener, safer cemetery for those having lawful business there.'

Friends of Wombwell Cemetery
Annual Accounts from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

HSBC Account

Balance as of 1 st April 2022	£190.70
Bank Charges	£5.00
Balance as of 31 st March 2023*	£0.00
HSBC Account no 22100290 (1 st April 2022)	£7.93
HSBC Account no 22100290 (31 st March 2023)	£0.00

*Account closed and monies of £193.63 transferred to Virgin Money on 4th May 2022.

HSBC Balance as of 31 st March 2023	£0.00
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Barnsley Building Society

Balance as of 1 st April 2022	£4,900
Balance as of 31 st March 2023	£4,900

Virgin Money (Yorkshire Bank)

Balance as of 1 st April 2022	£19,775.69
Balance as of 31 st March 2022	£13,666.44

Cash

Cash held as of 1 st April 2022	£102.52
Cash held as of 31 st March 2023	£0.00

Fundraising and Donations

From BMBC (Hub rental)	£50.00
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Donations

From Dart's Club	£600.00
Various	£30.00

Fundraising	£497.80
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<u>Total Income</u>	£1,177.80
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Monies transferred from HSBC	£193.63
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Expenditure

Buildings & Maintenance

Wybone	£719.89
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M Wilson (Baby Memorial)	£3,600.00
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C Sampson (Roof Repairs)	£752.00
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Painting and Decorating	£2,000.00
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Bills

Zurich Insurance	£259.99
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Water Rates	£128.80
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National Federation of Cemetery Friends Membership	£20.00
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<u>Total Expenditure</u>	£7,480.68
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Total Funds Available as of 31st March 2023

Barnsley Building Society	£4,900
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Virgin Money	£13,666.44
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Cash	£0.00
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<u>Total</u>	£18,566.44
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Trustees' Annual Report

At the start of this period we were still in lockdown as a result of COVID-19. Two weeks in, we finally saw the restrictions lifted. Although the lockdown period was a very difficult time, getting back to normal would also be challenging. Volunteers began with a thorough tidy up, working in groups which was allowed again, and getting more done as a result of teamwork rather than working individually. We remained cautious with volunteering at first to keep protecting our members, but we did begin to receive small donations for second-hand books as the first steps to building our fundraising pot up during our closure.

In June, we invited visitors from another cemetery in the area. They were also wanting to renovate a chapel as we have, so they came to talk to us to see what we had achieved in our chapel which is now known as the Community Hub.

In July, the group agreed to purchase two pieces of marble for plaques in the Peace Garden as space was running low.

In September for two days was the Heritage Open Day weekend. A steady flow of visitors attended. Limited people were allowed inside but luckily it was warm and sunny, which allowed us to serve refreshments outside.

A talk was given in October to a local group explaining all of the things the Friends of Wombwell Cemetery have achieved over the years, including the history of the cemetery, our weekly activities, and the group's plans for the future.

Shortly after, in November, the Remembrance period came around, so we held our Remembrance Service as usual with a local school and members of the public in attendance.

Unfortunately, in December, our Carols in the Community Hub event was cancelled due to the uncertainty of the coronavirus flare up that had occurred. It was decided to be cautious and to keep everyone safe by cancelling the event this time. We did still sell our Christmas wreaths however, which helped greatly with fundraising and raised £325.

To conclude events for this report, in March, fourteen people from various community groups attended a level 2 'Food Safety in Catering' course which was held in the Community Hub. This was funded by the Wombwell Ward Alliance. Two members from the Friends of Wombwell Cemetery attended and completed the course.

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Friends of Wombwell Cemetery
Statement of Accounts from 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022

HSBC Account

Balance as of 1st April 2021	£210.70
Bank Charges	£20.00
Balance as of 31st March 2022	£190.70

HSBC Account 2

Balance as of 1st April 2021	£7.93
Balance as of 31st March 2022	£7.93

Barnsley Building Society

Balance as of 1st April 2021	£4,900
Balance as of 31st March 2022	£4,900

Virgin Money (formerly Yorkshire Bank)

Balance as of 1st April 2021	£7,981.17
Balance as of 31st March 2022	£19,775.69

Cash

Cash held as of 1st April 2021	£170.10
Cash held as of 31st March 2022	£102.52

**Fundraising and Donations
Grants**

From BMBC	£12,098
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Fundraising	£957.15
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Donations	£127.12
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Total	£13,182.27
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Expenditure

Zurich Insurance	£257
Scottish Water	£113.27
National Association of Cemetery Friends	£20
BMBC Business Rates	£532.48

Total Expenditure	£922.75
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Total Funds Available as of 31st March 2021

HSBC	£198.63
Barnsley Building Society	£4,900
Virgin Money (formerly Yorkshire Bank)	£19,775.69
Cash	£102.52
Total	£24,976.84

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Written Account

The period covered by this report became very difficult due to the onset of the COVID-19 virus outbreak. Volunteering, events, and fundraising had to be cancelled. The Friends made every effort to pursue their main aim which is to 'create a cleaner, greener, safer cemetery for those having lawful business there', even though this became very challenging at times.

Notices were pinned on our doors and around the cemetery explaining that we had to close, but if we needed to be contacted then this could be done via social media such as Facebook, Twitter, and our website.

Volunteers taking their exercise period for the day did this by walking alone around the cemetery. The first thing which was noticed was an increase in litter, bottles, cans, and masks being dropped and not placed in the numerous litter bins available around the cemetery. Dog fouling increased and volunteers had the unpleasant task of cleaning up after dog owners, much of which was on graves. An increase in crime in general became apparent, so this, along with the dog fouling, was reported to the appropriate authorities.

In July, although our Community Hub remained closed, we were approached by the South Area Team who asked if the Hub could be used as a base for struggling families to collect fruit and vegetable boxes. These were funded by FareShare and Wombwell Ward Alliance. A risk assessment was completed, track and trace forms were available and completed, and social distancing posters were displayed. We were provided with a hand sanitiser dispenser which was funded by the Wombwell Ward Alliance and placed at the door to be used on arrival before entering the facility. The fruit and vegetable boxes were given out once in July and twice in August.

The situation became a little better in September and we were allowed to hold our Heritage Open Day events which were held over the weekend of 11th and 12th September 2020. Limited visitors were allowed inside the Community Hub at one time to view the displays. A few displays were also placed outside, and seating was provided. Luckily the weather stayed warm and dry for the event. The event was a huge success and was enjoyed by all. Our event was featured in The Guardian Online, was a featured case study on the Heritage Open Days website, also making the HODs 2021 New Year's Honours list.

In December, the Community Hub became a collection base again for handing out Christmas holiday activity packs for children. This was also the case in March for Easter holiday activity packs. All packs were funded by the Wombwell Ward Alliance and organised by the South Area Team.

To conclude the report for this year, the Friends of Wombwell Cemetery submitted online entries to various awards. The group achieved three certificates in total which were 'Recognition from Yorkshire in Bloom 2020', 'Yorkshire in

Bloom Neighbourhood Digital Award of Achievement 2021', and 'More Than Just A Cemetery, Best of Yorkshire 2021 Certificate of Excellence and Covid Resilience Award' from Yorkshire in Bloom.

Friends of Wombwell Cemetery

Statement of Accounts from 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021

HSBC Account

Balance as of 1 st April 2020	£5,810.70
Balance as of 31 st March 2021	£ 210.70
HSBC Account no 22100290 (1 st April 2020)	£ 7.93
HSBC Account no 22100290 (31 st March 2021)	£ 7.93

Barnsley Building Society

Balance as of 1 st April 2020	£4,900.00
Balance as of 31 st March 2021	£4,900.00

Yorkshire Bank

Balance as of 1 st April 2020	£7,918.39
Balance as of 31 st March 2021	£7,981.17

Cash

Cash held as of 1 st April 2020	£ 0.00
Cash held as of 31 st March 2021	£ 170.10

Fund Raising and Donations

General fund raising and donations	£293.00
Donation (Helen Wood)	£ 20.00
Neighbourhood Watch	£ 62.78
Total	£ 375.78

Expenditure

£1,700.00 Monies owing to BMBC from 2020

£3,900.00	M A Wilson (Baby Memorial Work)	
122.90	Scottish Water	£
20.00	Nat Fed Cemeteries	£
532.48	Business Rates (BMBC)	£
	Total	
£6,275.38		

Total Funds Available as of 31st March 2021

HSBC	£
218.63	
Barnsley Building Society	
£4,900.00	
Yorkshire Bank	
£7,448.69	
Cash	£
170.10	
Total	
£12,737.42	