

**Friends of Wombwell Cemetery | C.I.O Charity no 1156569**

**1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

**Trustees Annual Report**

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.

**Friends of Wombwell Cemetery**  
**Accounts from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

**Virgin Money**

|                                           |            |
|-------------------------------------------|------------|
| Balance as of 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2023  | £13,666.44 |
| Balance as of 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2024 | £9,281.52  |

**Cash**

Nil

**Barnsley Building Society**

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| Balance as of 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2023  | £4,900 |
| Balance as of 31 <sup>st</sup> April 2024 | £4,900 |

**Fundraising and Donations**

**Grants**

|      |      |
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| BMBC | £740 |
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**Donations**

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| Darts Team | £750 |
| Public     | £107 |

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| <b><u>Fundraising</u></b> | £435.17 |
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| <b><u>Plaques Via Cheque</u></b> | £10 |
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| <b><u>Total Income (Estimated)</u></b> | £2,042.17 |
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**Expenditure**

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| 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      |

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| <b><u>Expenditure</u></b> | £6,407.09 |
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**Total Funds Available as of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

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