

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

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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

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Yorkshire (Barnsley) Building Society £4,900

Total £15,071.69