

FRIENDS OF CHAPEL STREET CEMETERY

England & Wales · Charity number 1201823

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2023-02-03

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE, FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT TO PRESERVE, MAINTAIN AND DEVELOP CHAPEL STREET CEMETERY FOR ALL OR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES: 1. TO PROMOTE THE USE OF THE CEMETERY AS A PUBLIC BURIAL GROUND; 2. TO SECURE THE REPAIR RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION OF THE CEMETERY, ITS MONUMENTS AND BUILDINGS AND OTHER ARTEFACTS AND THEIR SETTING AS A PLACE OF HISTORIC AND OTHER INTEREST AND BEAUTY FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT; AND 3. TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC OF THE LOCAL SIGNIFICANCE AND SOCIAL, INDUSTRIAL HISTORY OF THE LOCAL AREA AND ALSO THE BIODIVERSITY ASPECTS WITHIN IT.

Activities: This charity consists of a group of volunteers that are restoring a Victorian cemetery by repairing graves, making safe access to individual graves, planting flowers and providing a welcoming and peaceful place for the public to enjoy. The cemetery is in the village of Eccleshill, Bradford, West Yorkshire.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Animals, Environment/conservation/heritage, Recreation, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Bradford City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£4,134	£4,030	-	-
2024-03-31	£9,082	£4,174	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Philip Charles Thackray	Chair	2023-02-03
Anthony John Fox		2023-02-03
Carol Thompson		2023-02-03
Eileen Watson		2023-02-03
Karen Dawn Peace		2025-08-04
Norah Anne Thackray		2023-02-03
Shirley Holdsworth		2023-02-03

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Chapel Street, Eccleshill, Bradford
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The Trustees are pleased to present their second year's annual report together with its annual accounts for the year ending 31/03/25.

The Trustees aims are to restore, repair and preserve the cemetery in a way that allows families and the general public to pay their respects to the people buried in the cemetery and to promote it as a place of historic interest and a beautiful open space for the public benefit.

Our volunteer work sessions have taken place throughout the year on at least two half-days per week. On behalf of the Trustees, I would like to give a big "Thank You" to all the volunteers for their hard work, for turning up in all weathers and for the progress achieved this year. Without their continued help the cemetery would not be looking so well cared for and welcoming.

Work has progressed steadily throughout the year with most of the graves now uncovered, a task that will be completed by the end of 2025.

We have received enormous help from a local grave digger and his team who volunteered to repair monuments and uplift some of our fallen headstones, making a safer environment for visitors. He also instructed one of our volunteers on how to restore the lettering on some of the headstones and monuments, making the inscriptions visibly easier to read.

We also welcomed four new volunteers who brought new skills to the group.

- A retired dry-stone-waller who erected a large feature wall to the rear of the cemetery in place of the one that had completely collapsed.
- A newly retired builder and two accomplices have built a 50m collapsed wall which runs adjacent to a public walkway and was in urgent need of restoration. This is now completed - a project we never thought would happen and we have received many positive comments from passers-by. Work on an inner wall is now in progress, one of which when finished, will provide support to the bottom of the embankment.

We have had some hedging plants donated by the Woodland Trust, which in time will provide shelter and a natural habitat for birds, pollinators, other insects and small mammals.

Bradford was chosen to host the Leeds International Piano Competition for 2024 and in recognition to this event, old pianos were used as planters and displayed in various locations in Bradford. We were privileged to have been chosen to take one of these pianos at the end of the competition and after adding more flowering plants, it has been on display in the cemetery for the past six months – a fitting end to its life.

We were extremely honoured to have received a visit from the Lord Mayor of Bradford, Councillor Beverley Mullaney and other dignitaries to mark the completion of the restoration of a very large monument which was in danger of collapse. We also had a visit from the High Sheriff of Yorkshire, Professor Adeeba Malik CBE DL, who laid a stone to mark the finishing of a newly repaired internal wall. Bradford's local newspaper, the Telegraph & Argos, reported both events online and a full-page write-up in the newspaper.

Our fundraising activities for the year included tombolas and a two-week-long 'Pop Up Shop' in conjunction with the Eccleshill Community Association (registered Charity 1152847). Donations came in from the general public and groups that held fundraising events on our behalf. A small grant was given by Bradford Metropolitan Council which went towards maintenance costs.

We have had a steady flow of visitors during the year, an increase from the year before - some just having a stroll around and some searching for long lost relatives.

The Trustees and Volunteers are looking forward to another successful year.

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FROM 01/04/24 TO 31/03/25

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>UNRESTRICTED</u>	<u>RESTRICTED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
DONATIONS	2588.50		2588.50
GIVING SITE	747.48		747.48
FUNDRAISE	532.15		532.13
SALE	65.60		65.60
GRANT		200.00	200.00
	£ 3933.73	200.00	4133.73
<u>PURCHASES</u>			
GRAVEYARD PROJECT	445.80		445.80
GARDEN MATERIALS	55.72	65.86	121.58
MATERIALS	310.28	58.35	368.63
EQUIPMENT	58.92		58.92
INSURANCE	79.89	75.79	155.68
SUBSCRIPTION	10.00		10.00
TRANSFER		2800.00	2800.00
STATIONERY	9.00		9.00
DONATIONS	25.00		25.00
VOLUNTEER COSTS	10.00		10.00
MISCELLANEOUS	25.00		25.00
	£ 1029.61	3000.00	4029.61
TOTAL	2904.12	-2800.00	104.12
OPENING BALANCE 01/04/25			5742.94
BANK BALANCE 31/03/25			£ 5847.06

CASH

RECEIPTS

DONATIONS	1034.96
FUNDRAISE	105.00
SALE	4.81
	£ 1144.77

PURCHASES

GARDEN MATERIALS	154.14
MATERIALS	59.04
REFRESHMENTS	29.81
VOLUNTEER COSTS	169.65
MAINTENANCE	750.00
REPAIRS	10.74
PETROL	20.99
STATIONERY/	16.67
POSTAGE	

	£	1211.04
TOTAL		(66.27)
OPENING BALANCE 01/04/		170.03
BALANCE AT 31/03/25	£	<u>103.76</u>

SAVINGS ACCOUNT METRO BANK

RECEIPTS

10/21/24	2800.00
11/01/24 INTEREST	0.80
12/01/24 “	2.19
01/01/25 “	2.05
02/01/25 “	2.03
03/01/25 “	1.83
BALANCE AT 31/03/25	£ 2808.90

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We commemorated the 200th anniversary of the opening of the cemetery last October and an open day was held in celebration. The event was well attended by 50-60 people, residents, friends, church officials from the United Reform Church and two past Lord Mayors of Bradford. The Rev J Kissack gave a short speech before the “Blessing” of the cemetery. A sundial was unveiled to mark the occasion. Whilst some visitors ventured off to explore the cemetery others enjoyed a cup of tea and home-made cakes. In all it was a very successful event, many visitors not knowing what to expect were astonished at the amount of work the “Friends” had achieved in such a short time.

An opportunity arose for us to purchase the cemetery as without ownership any control over the future of the cemetery was in jeopardy. In order to pay for the legal fees, we opened a Go Fund Me account and the response and generosity from local residents, friends and organisations enabled us to go ahead with the purchase of the cemetery. A massive thank you to all those who donated.

On the 15th March 2024 the “Friends of Chapel Street Cemetery” became the new owners of the cemetery and the Trustees are looking forward to a brighter and secure future to progress their aims and ideas.

Fund raising has continued throughout the year from tombola and table top sales at the local community centre to selling knitted animals containing a chocolate egg or sweets. We also received a grant from the Bradford Council Authority towards maintenance costs.

At our last Trustees meeting we decided on the amount to be held for our Charities Reserve Fund. This would be the surplus money that was collected by public donations for the payment of the legal costs relating to the purchase of the cemetery. This money will only be used if an emergency occurs or if the Charity has insufficient funds available to fulfil required expenditures for the coming year as per our Reserves Policy.

The Trustees have many ideas for the next year of which is applying to the Heritage Lottery for funding. We are hopeful that by 2025 all graves will have been uncovered and tidied with markers placed on those with no names.

Philip Thackray

Chairman

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FROM 03/02/23 TO 31/03/24

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>UNRESTRICTED</u>	<u>RESTRICTED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
DONATIONS	1732		1732
DONATIONS		3983	3983
GO FUND ME		1642	1642
SALES	250		250
FUND RAISE	790		790
GRANT		495	495
C.W.G.C.	40		40
SUNDRIES -REFUND	150		150
	2962	6120	9082
<u>PURCHASES</u>			
MATERIALS	141	495	636
CONSULTANCY	150		150
PRINTING	137		137
LEGAL		2824	2824
SUBSCRIPTION	10		10
INSURANCE	157		157
OTHER EXPENSES	259		259
CEMETERY		1	1
	854	3320	4174
TOTAL	2108	2800	4908
OPENING BALANCE 03/02/23			834
BANK BALANCE AT 31/03/24		£	<u>5742</u>

CASH

RECEIPTS

DONATIONS	121
FUND RAISE	117
	238

PURCHASES

MATERIALS	68
	68

TOTAL	170
OPENING BALANCE 03/02/23	-
BALANCE AT 31/03/24	<u>170</u>