

FRIENDS OF CHAPEL STREET CEMETERY

Chapel Street, Eccleshill, Bradford
Charity Reg. 1201823

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 Completion 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