

The Role of Volunteers in Cemetery Care and Restoration

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Speaker Programme

THE ROLE OF VOLUNTEERS IN CEMETERY CARE AND RESTORATION

There will be fourteen 30 minute slots divided into 4 sub theme groups:

- 1) The Different Cases
- 2) Best Practice – Overcoming Problems
- 3) Best Practice – The Way Forward
- 4) Establishing a Framework for the Future

THE DIFFERENT CASES

Dr Julie Rugg – The UK Case

Placing the UK situation into context within Europe, explaining the rise of UK voluntary groups and the different organisational set ups.

Olaf Ihlefeldt – The German Case

Looking at the particular circumstances of voluntary work in German cemeteries and the problems and advantages that have arisen.

Ray Bateson – The Irish Case

Looking at the particular circumstances of voluntary work in Ireland and the problems and advantages that have arisen.

BEST PRACTICE – OVERCOMING PROBLEMS

Dr Henry Will – From Clearance to a Designed Landscape

Explaining how Ford Park Cemetery was cleared, 500 trees planted and effective grounds maintenance standards achieved.



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John Moffat – Flaybrick : From Vandalism to Vision

Showing the scale and severity of the memorial damage. Explaining how stopping the vandalism was achieved and outlining the plans for one of the largest and most innovative chapel restorations in Europe.

Lynda Kitching – Becket Street : From Hostility to Partnership

Explaining how Leeds Council were persuaded to work with the Friends of Becket Street towards bringing a neglected crime black spot back into the community.

BEST PRACTICE – THE WAY FORWARD

Dr Richard Keesing – Going it Alone

How the York Cemetery Trust have gone from being a friends group to fully managing a working cemetery.

Richard Smith MBE – Successful Fund Raising

How the Friends of Arnos Vale went from not being allowed onsite to achieving control of the cemetery and raising 6.2 million euros for restoration work.

Jeff Hart – Successful Project Management

How the Friends of Nunhead managed the 1.7 million euro restoration of the Non Conformist Chapel.

Jean Pateman MBE – From Neglect to Europa Nostra award

How the Friends of Highgate achieved the conservation of the Lebanon Circle.

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ESTABLISHING A FRAMEWORK FOR THE FUTURE

Jim Lester – The Council Perspective

How Wirral Council is a leading council in developing and co-operating with Friends groups, not just Flaybrick. Problems and advantages of working with volunteers outlined.

Ron Dunn – The Institute of Cemetery and Crematoria Managers Perspective
The problems and advantages of working with volunteers outlined.

Dr Roger Bowdler – Paradise Preserved

The English Heritage Perspective emphasising the importance of good monument conservation and retaining the integrity of historic landscapes.

Julie Rugg – The Future Direction

Discussion on how guidance can be implemented for volunteers.



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