



NEW METHOD STATEMENT FOR DRESSING GRAVES (IN THE X SECTION AND GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE) & STANDING OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES FOR MEMORIAL TESTERS

The X section on the north side of the cemetery has been difficult to maintain since there are too many small memorials and trinkets on graves and which have exceeded the permitted nine inches from the headstone. This section is supposed to be kept as a lawned area with a headstone only and to allow up to nine inches to plant bulbs or place a small vase. However, the Head Groundsman has reported the difficulties being faced whilst trying to cut the grass, resulting in this decision being made to clean up this area.

This is also the same within the the Garden of Remembrance on the south side of the Cemetery, which will also need to be addressed using similar appendices.

Whilst it is recognised that some Deed holders have removed some of the items in the X section since being contacted directly over the last year, there is still more work to be done to make this area safe and clear the space for grass cutting.

This action plan was due to commence in January 2026 (after the Christmas period) to write to each Deed holder asking them to remove of any items that are not permitted within the cemetery Rules and Regulations.

This will also include new signs being installed at the corner of each burial section to highlight what is and is not permitted whilst enabling the grounds team to carry out any maintenance works safely in accordance with the Cemetery Rules and Regulations.

Any Deed holders effected will be contacted directly in the first instance where possible, and this information will also be placed on our website.

Any items that are not removed, including glass, pottery or metal will be given a notice of intent (Appendix 2) and those items will be carefully removed after thirty days and placed in storage for up to six months, if necessary.