

## THE FRIENDS OF LISTER LANE CEMETERY

We are a voluntary group formed to help preserve and maintain the cemetery as an historic site and local nature reserve. Recently we have obtained funding to install useful information boards, and we wish to encourage its use as an educational resource, and ensure its future as part of the cultural life of Halifax. Local members have worked hard over many years to keep the undergrowth at bay. We are now creating some exciting new garden areas, and have already won a *Yorkshire in Bloom* award. The Grade II\* listed cemetery chapel currently has no roof, and we would like to see the structure restored. Recently we "inherited" over 100 old ledger stones from Square Chapel. In 2015, the Cemetery was awarded a *Significant Cemetery in Europe* status by the Association of Significant Cemeteries in Europe.

## WHAT CAN WE DO FOR YOU?

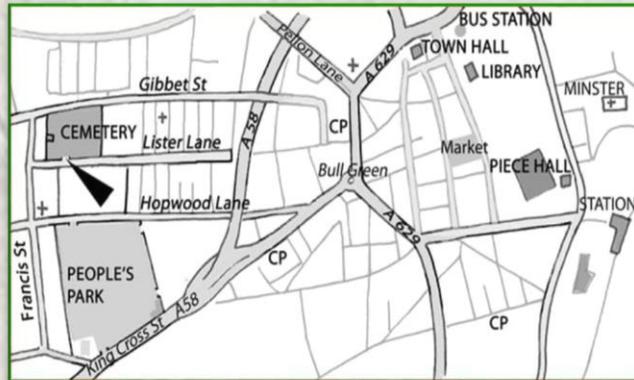
### Resources:

- ❖ Database – look up family names and burial dates
- ❖ Grave map – to locate family graves
- ❖ Booklet - *Lister Lane Cemetery: History, Residents, Legacy* – detailing a brief history of the cemetery and some of those buried and commemorated here
- ❖ An illustrated biographical booklet - *Benjamin Rushton: Handloom Weaver and Chartist* by Dr John A. Hargreaves

Copies of the Lister Lane Cemetery and Ben Rushton booklets are available at £3.50 and £4.50 respectively (plus p&p) and the grave map is 30 pence (plus p&p). We welcome a donation towards time and expenses involved in the search and supply of information regarding burials including photographs of memorials.

## HOW TO FIND THE CEMETERY?

The cemetery lies between Gibbet Street and Lister Lane, the entrance being in Lister Lane, below Francis Street. There is a regular Bus service up Gibbet Street from the town, and also up King Cross Street (A58), where one can alight outside People's Park, walk through the park, and then via Hopwood Lane and Francis Street.



## OPENING

The Cemetery is open on Wednesday from 10.00 am to 3.30 pm. It is also open from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm most Sundays (weather permitting) when the Friends of the cemetery are working there and tools can be borrowed or help given if you want to tidy a relative's grave. The site can be opened to visitors by appointment with the secretary by phone, or via the website. We are now offering conducted tours to groups.

We would be delighted if you are able to support us in any way. And we are always interested in learning of your family's details to enhance our understanding of the Cemetery's significance.

Website: [www.listerlanecemetery.co.uk](http://www.listerlanecemetery.co.uk)

Secretary – Tel: 01422 260177

Email: [friendsoflc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:friendsoflc@yahoo.co.uk)

# The Friends of Lister Lane Cemetery Halifax

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### WHAT IS LISTER LANE CEMETERY?

- ❖ A green oasis - three acres of tranquility not far from Halifax Town Centre
- ❖ A place of ecological value and natural beauty
- ❖ Halifax's first General Cemetery – opened in 1841; a place of remembrance and historical significance
- ❖ An important part of Calderdale's rich architectural heritage
- ❖ The last resting-place of many Halifax residents for over a century from the 1840s
- ❖ Where fine examples of Victorian memorial architecture may be seen - crosses, obelisks, urns and spires, in a Grade II listed Cemetery
- ❖ A valuable Family History resource
- ❖ A place for outdoor-task volunteers/gardeners to take part in active conservation work, from undergrowth clearance to specialised tree pruning, weeding and wild-flower planting

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN ABOUT SOME OF OUR "RESIDENTS"?

#### We have –

- ❖ Working men of great significance, such as Ben Rushton, the famous Chartist leader
- ❖ Musical men – Abel Dean who conducted Piece Hall "Sings" and Pohlmann the piano- maker
- ❖ Entrepreneurs and politicians – e.g. the Crossleys of Dean Clough; the Whitley family – including a memorial to a Speaker of the House of Commons; Jonas Dearnley Taylor, co- founder of Halifax Permanent Building Society
- ❖ Military men – including two Waterloo veterans; John Hebden who fought for the British in Canada; a young WW1 drummer boy... also other War Graves covering various campaigns up to WW1

- ❖ The architect – Roger Ives, who designed many of the Dean Clough Mills
- ❖ The "mother of the godfather of Rolls Royce," Caroline Edmunds
- ❖ ...and thousands of others. Maybe your ancestors were buried here?

Lister Lane Cemetery can be a place to relax or take outdoor exercise. It is also an attractive location for photography and sketching: the changing moods of nature through the seasons offer a variety of opportunities in this field.

### CAN YOU HELP US – PLEASE?

The Friends of Lister Lane Cemetery seek to promote the conservation and appreciation of the cemetery as a place of remembrance, of historical importance, ecological value and natural beauty. We are always on the lookout for new "hands-on" helpers.

Could you spare a couple of hours on a Sunday or Wednesday morning to assist with ground-clearance, maintenance or gardening? No experience necessary – and tools are supplied! We are a friendly bunch, and seek to support each other.

Or, can you kindly support us by just registering as a member?



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<http://www.royalsocietyofstgeorge.com/>

### THE FRIENDS OF LISTER LANE CEMETERY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership is £3.00 per annum. All members may attend our committee meetings, which are held once a month.

I should like to become a Friend of Lister Lane Cemetery, and receive mailings and newsletters.

I enclose £3.00 membership.....

I enclose a donation .....

Please send me more details regarding:  
Volunteering / Meetings / Open Days

Name.....

Address.....

Post Code .....

Telephone No.....

Email.....

Please return to:

The Secretary,  
The Friends of Lister Lane Cemetery,  
c/o 129 Siddal Lane, Siddal, Halifax, HX3 9JS

*We shall not disclose your details to any third party, unless you wish to be put in touch with other members with the same family name.*