

Preserving the past for the future

# **Friends of Loxley Cemetery**

**Annual General Meeting** 

**Thursday 30 October 2025** 

Chair's Report (18 October 2024 – 29 October 2025)

### **Brief History**

Friends of Loxley Cemetery Group (FoLC) was formed following a public meeting at the Wisewood Inn on Loxley Road on the 18 September 2019.

The FoLC Constitution (C) was agreed & endorsed by the founding members of the Management Committee (MC) on the 9 October 2019. The C allows for 3 Officers & up to 8 members.

The onset of the Covid pandemic in the spring of 2020 thwarted plans to commence operations on the cemetery. This only started in earnest in the summer of 2021 & continues to this day.



### Membership

Membership applications were invited from the 1 January 2020. There follows a review of the membership numbers over the succeeding years:

2020 – 57 subscribing members.

2021 – 63 subscribing members.

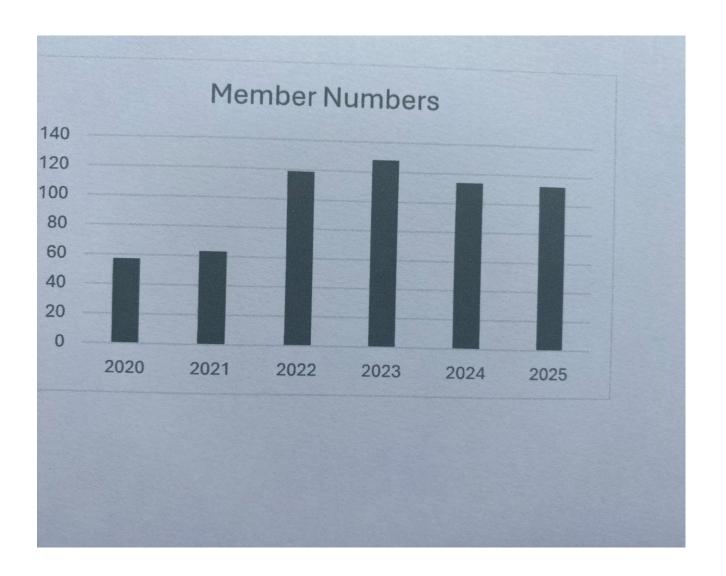
2022 – 119 subscribing members.

2023 - 128 subscribing members.

2024 - 114 subscribing members.

2025 - 113 subscribing members.

Membership fees remain at £5.00 pa, payable on the 1 January. There are no plans to increase this amount in the foreseeable future.



### **Donations**

Although we have seen a slight downturn in funds raised through membership subscriptions, there has been a dramatic increase in funds received through donations, as follows:

2020 - £0

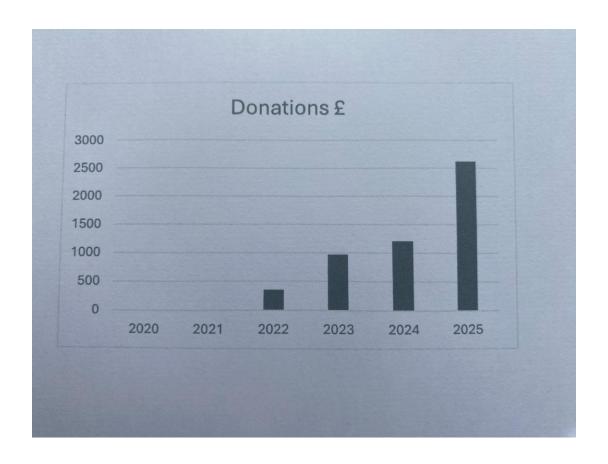
2021 - £0

2022 - £352.74

2023 - £966.75

2024 - £1,206.00

2025 - £2,616.44



### Donations (Ctd)

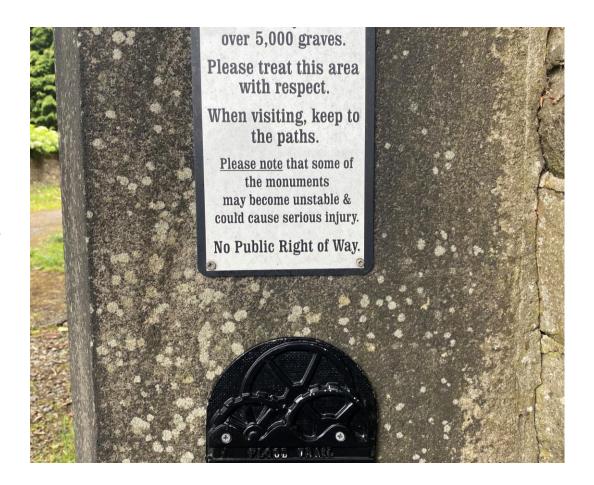
The donations have arrived in a variety of ways, some of which are as follows:

- From members, included with their subscrpitions.
- From book/CD/magazine sales.
- From families following assistance with interments.
- From the landlord re insurance premiums.
- From grants.
- From bequests.



#### **Activities**

- Clearance and maintenance of the cemetery.
- Producing database of interments in the Long Lane section of the cemetery (4000 entries). Now being extended to include photos and details of the inscriptions.
- Hosting a stall at this years Sheffield Heritage Fair held in the Sheffield Millenium Gallery (25 & 26 January 2025).
- Open Days (7 June & 13 September 2025), including tours of War Graves by Malcolm Nunn, an Ecology Tour by Gerry Firkins and a presentation on the Chapel building, by me.
- Dedication of Sheffield Flood and World War Dead memorial trees, following receipt of grant from the South Yorkshire Combined Mayoral Authority (7 June 2025).
- Unveiling of a plaque which identifies the cemetery as being part of the Sheffield Flood Trail, kindly donated by member Ron Clayton (7 June 2025).
- Attendance at the AGM of National Federation of Cemetery Friends in Bradford (14 June 2025).



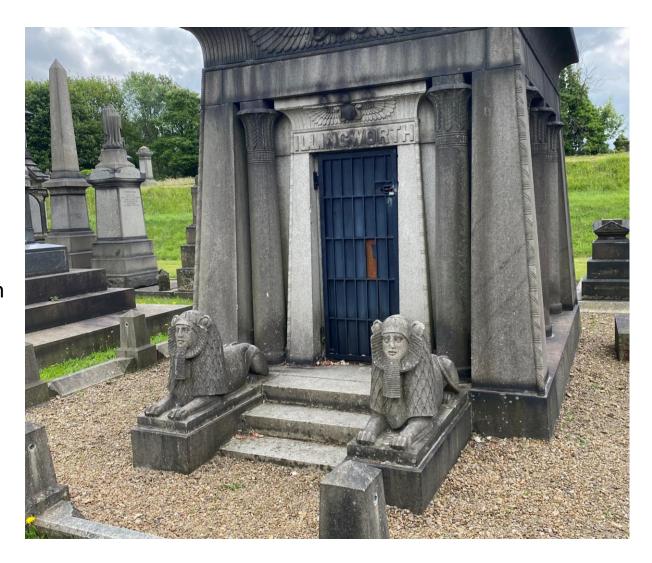
### **Activities (Ctd)**

- Hosting stalls at the Midsummer Festival in Hillsborough Park (22 June 2025) and the Stannington Carnival (12 July 2025).
- Attendance at Volunteer Fairs run by Halllam University (7 October 2025) and Sheffield University (11 February 2025).
- Hosting work sessions undertaken by Wadsley Scouts (3 June 2025), Wadsley Cubs (12 & 22 September 2025) and Wadsley Beavers (19 June 2025).
- Hosting grave clearance sessions with Year 5 pupils from Loxley Primary School (6 June 2025).
  - •Holding Funding Working Group meetings.
  - •Holding Burial Team meetings.
  - •Holding Management Committee meetings.
  - •Manning Book/CD/Map stalls at all our events.
  - •Producing new 'flyer' (thanks go to Bob Patterson).



#### **Other Activities**

- Attending bi-monthly meetings of 'Joined-Up Heritage Sheffield' (JUHS).
- Attending bi-monthly meetings of 'Sheffield Green Spaces Forum' (SGSF).
- Attendance at local events run by the National Lottery Heritage Fund.
- Restructuring the FoLC website incl new Subscription Payment pro forma and 'Visit Us' section in line with GDPR requirements.
- Investigating sale/licensing of burial records.
- Responding to Interment Enquiries.
- Production of 3 Newsletters per year.



#### **Internal Matters**

Other matters which the membership should be made aware of include:

- Investigating revenue possibilities for sale of burial records to one of the institutions.
- Maintenance and repair to items of donated equipment (lawnmowers, strimmers & hand tools).
- Storage & categorisation of donated books, magazines, maps, CD's etc for sale at our events.
- Arranging talks/visits/presentations to local groups.
- Provision of a 'fresh flower' service

(<u>e-voice.org.uk/friendsofloxleycemetery/aboutus/fresh-flower-service/</u>).



### What we've done in 2025...

**Memorial Tree (Sheffield Flood)** 

**Memorial Tree (Fallen in World Wars)** 





#### What we've done in 2025...

Malcolm Nunn leading a War Graves Tour.

Memorial Tree for M Drewry (ex-Chair).





### What we've done in 2025...

#### It looked lovely in March



#### But it keeps growing back



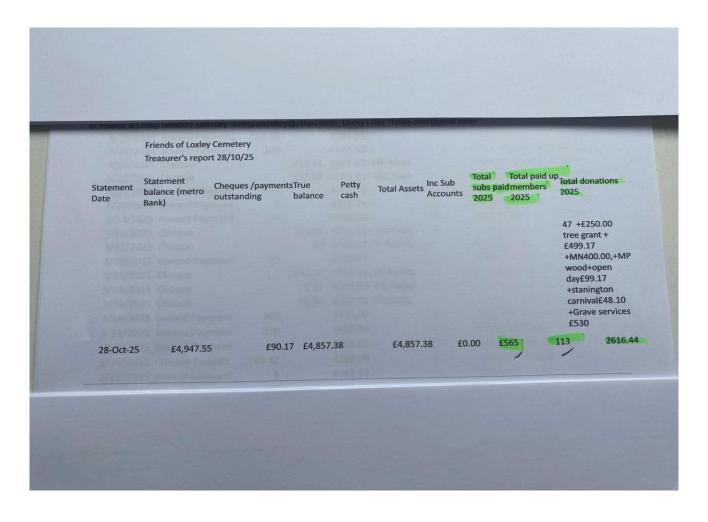
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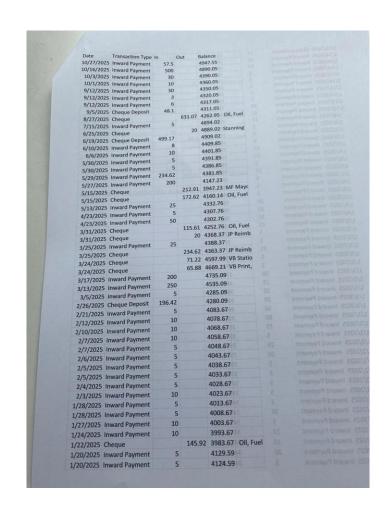
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Treasurer's Report (8 October 2024 – 27 October 2025)

# Summary



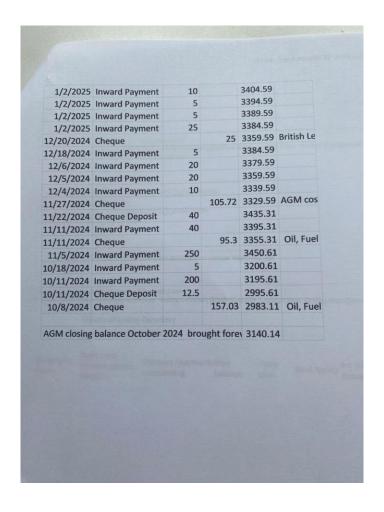
### Detail



## Detail (Continued)



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# The Future (Donations)

