

## Ambitions for 'beautiful' restoration of graveyard

The headlines used in this leaflet are all from **The Star** newspaper and relate to the long-running campaign for the restoration of Loxley Cemetery. We are grateful to our local paper for its continued support.

Now we have permission from the owners, Ali Property Development, to work on the site, a formally constituted group has been formed to undertake the task.



**The Aims & Objectives** of the group are to:

- a) Maintain the physical upkeep of Loxley Cemetery so as to ensure, where reasonably practicable, safe access for visitors to all areas
- b) Maintain the aesthetics and environmental integrity of the Cemetery in keeping with the Loxley Valley
- c) Create and maintain records of social and historical interest connected to Loxley Cemetery thus providing a unique research resource
- d) Work with the owner of the site to restore Loxley Church and to preserve the memorials within the building

(From Friends of Loxley Cemetery Constitution)

## Join the Friends of Loxley Cemetery

### Friends group aiming to tidy up historic graveyard

*Membership of the Friends of Loxley Cemetery is open to any person aged 18 and over, or any organisation who is interested in helping the Group to achieve its aims and objectives and willing to abide by the rules of the Group.*

*Annual subscription is £5.*

*Please join us to:*

***Help us to put things right!***

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**Friends of Loxley Cemetery**

*Saving and preserving  
our heritage*

## Friends of Loxley Cemetery



***The only duty  
we owe to  
history is to  
rewrite it!  
(Oscar Wilde)***



*Photos courtesy  
of Friends of Loxley Cemetery members*



## Message from the Chair:

Over the last twenty years many people have complained about the state of what was once a most beautiful and picturesque part of the Loxley Valley and the final resting place of a good number of Sheffield people.

### Neglected cemetery heartache for visitors

Loxley Church and Cemetery date back to the late 18th Century and is still open for burials in existing plots, although no further plots are being sold.

Essentially then, Loxley Cemetery is still an open cemetery although you wouldn't know it to look at it.

I remember as a child visiting this most tranquil of local sites with my mum to take flowers and to tend my maternal grandmother's grave.

Mum and grandmother used to walk the Loxley Valley and often visit the cemetery for blackberries.

My grandmother was so taken with the site that she determined that here is where she wanted to be laid to rest on her passing and she bought a plot for three interments.

She died in 1959 and was joined by my grandfather in 1985. The final space in the grave is for my mum. Hence, my personal interest in Loxley Cemetery and my

*MD*

## Historical Interest

One of the aims of the Friends of Loxley Cemetery Group is to collate and record information of historical interest because old cemeteries can be used as a research resource for future generations as well as sources of genealogy data and for peaceful family reflection.

### Dismay over 'blocked' graves

#### Sheffield Great Flood of 1864



For instance, at least 22 victims of the Sheffield Great Flood of 1864 are buried at Loxley, including several families:

- From Malin Bridge,
- 7 members of the Armitage family
- 3 members of the Hudson family
- 4 members of the Bates family
- 4 members of the Chapman family of Little Matlock
- and 2 Dentons of Old Wheel

#### War Commission Graves



Loxley Cemetery also holds a number of War Graves Commission graves:

3 from WWI and 12 from WWII, including an Air Raid Warden killed in the Blitz.

### Titanic Connection



Whilst Loxley is about as far away from the sea as one can get in England, there is a connection to the world's most famous sea tragedy: the sinking of the Titanic in 1912.

Chief Officer Henry Tingle Wilde of RMS Titanic was Christened at Loxley Church on 24 October 1872.

His mother, Elizabeth Tingle, was a Loxley lass and his father, Henry Wilde, was from Ecclesfield.

Both his parents are buried at Loxley Cemetery.

### Plea to be allowed to tidy up overgrown cemetery

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