

# FRIENDS OF LOXLEY CEMETERY



*Preserving the past for the future*

**Loxley Church (originally Loxley Congregational Chapel) and Cemetery date back to the late 18th Century. They played a very important role in this area for 200 years.**

The church closed in 1993 and is now a ruin, despite being officially listed as being of significant historic or architectural interest.

The original graveyard surrounds the church on all sides. A large area with access from Long Lane was added around 1900. There are over 4000 graves in total, containing over 9000 burials, including at least 22 victims of the Sheffield Flood (1864), 13 Commonwealth War Commission Graves and members of many Sheffield families. We have created a database of all burials, and we are happy to help people to find specific graves.



### **Two sections of the cemetery in 2020**

Since the chapel closed, the building and graveyard have been privately owned. The cemetery had become seriously overgrown until the current owner gave the Friends of Loxley Cemetery permission to restore and maintain it. The whole site covers ten hectares.

When we started work in 2021, the graves and paths were overwhelmed by a mass of vegetation. We are aiming to provide safe access to all the grave plots, maintain the appearance and environment of the cemetery and keep the historical records up-to-date.

Our volunteers work all year round clearing and maintaining the site.

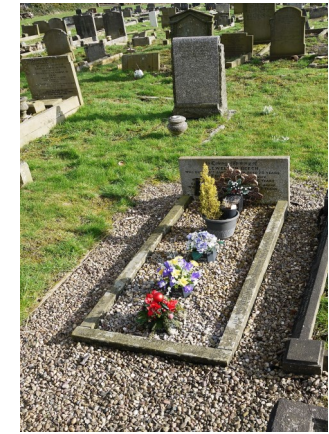
There are regular work sessions on Saturday afternoons, weather permitting, and we welcome everyone who joins our team whenever they can. There is always something to do!



### **Volunteers at work in 2023**

Thanks to our work of the last three years, graves are now accessible, and families have taken the opportunity to visit them and pay their respects.

We plan to raise money for row markers and information boards to help people to find their way around the cemetery and learn about its history.



**Please help us to continue our work. We welcome all offers of support, financial or hands-on volunteering. There is more information on the back of this leaflet.**

The aims of the Friends of Loxley Cemetery are:

- + To maintain the physical features and provide safe access to the area
- + To maintain the aesthetics and natural environment of the site
- + To create and maintain records of social and historical interest
- + To keep our members and supporters up to date with information

If you would like to be involved with the cemetery, you can contact us through our website ([e-voice.org.uk/friendsofloxleycemetery](http://e-voice.org.uk/friendsofloxleycemetery)) or complete this form and give it to a committee member or post to The Treasurer, Thorn House Farm, West Lane, Holdworth, Sheffield S6 6LD, with your payment (details on the website).

Note that we will hold your contact details in accordance with General Data Protection Regulations. You can see our policy on our website.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you joining as a Friend (£5 annual subscription) ? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you making a donation ? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want to be a volunteer ? \_\_\_\_\_

You can keep up to date with us via our website:

[e-voice.org.uk/friendsofloxleycemetery.org.uk](http://e-voice.org.uk/friendsofloxleycemetery.org.uk)

To contact us directly:

Email our chairman (Mike Ford) at [loxley.chair@gmail.com](mailto:loxley.chair@gmail.com)

Email our secretary (Verity Brack) at [loxley.secretary@yahoo.com](mailto:loxley.secretary@yahoo.com)

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