
CHURCHYARD & CEMETERY REPORT – BRAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

APRIL 2021

The committee, as its name suggests, looks after the maintenance of the churchyard and cemetery at St Mary Magdalene Church.

The churchyard has been closed for new burials since 1882 (with the exception of the Montague/Sandwich vault), but the Parish Council is responsible for its' maintenance.

This year the churchyard wall collapsed on the left hand side of the Church, due to a neighbouring tree and roots forcing it to fall into the closed churchyard. Once permission, from the Huntingdon District Council's tree officer and the Diocese of Ely, has been granted, the repair of the wall can proceed.

Future space in the lawn cemetery has caused the Parish Council concern, however, we now have a way forward as some land is being gifted to allow extra burial space.

The cemetery is a lawn cemetery, which means that graves are intended to be laid to grass with no kerbings etc, which make the up keep of the cemetery difficult & can be a health & safety hazard to the maintenance staff & volunteers.

The churchyard & cemetery are inspected at least 3 times a year for topple testing (checking that the headstones are not at risk of falling over), footpaths and maintenance in general.

Thanks must go to the Parish Council grounds staff and Mrs Billie Leighton, along with her volunteers, for keeping the churchyard and cemetery looking neat and tidy. It has been a peaceful place to sit during what has been a difficult year.

Margaret Footner
Chairman