



Friends of Hartwood Paupers Graveyard

Spring Newsletter

Upcoming Events

Most Saturdays we will be in the cemetery around 12noon, all welcome.

Anyone with a petrol lawnmower, strimmer rotator are more than welcome to help out alongside our own one, I'm not precious over the tasks lol

30th May at 3pm
Yesterday TV will showcase the Hartwood documentary

Visit FB page at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/922448381938628/>

Our Aims & Ethos

The aims of The Friends are:
“To preserve and protect the former Lanarkshire, Hartwood, Paupers Cemetery site and enhance the site as a public amenity. To maintain, repair, restore, preserve, improve, beautify and reconstruct the Cemetery site as a place of historical merit and to advance public education in the history of the mental health and the cemetery”.



Reminders

If you are planning on planting bulbs or plants, please remember to bring your gardening gloves and a bottle of water.

All tools are in the tool shed and compost is in the bag at the entrance.

If you have any books, our library would love to store them for others to read



COVID 19,

In the past 2 years, even though they have been the strangest years in my memory, it has made us stop and take notice of those around us and our surrounding area.

COVID 19 may have stopped us in our tracks, some have lost loved ones but if anything COVID 19 has made us realise what and who is dear to us and that we treat everyday as as if it was our last. Live your life to the full and try not to worry what others think, as those who care don't matter and those that mind don't matter.

What's Next?

- 2 weekly grass cuts, weather permitting
- Installation of a further 2 benches
- Awaiting news on National Lottery Heritage Fund to allow is to renumber the graves and construct better access to all wheelchair into the graveyard.
- Maintain and paint the barrels before autumn

What Have We Done So Far

As many of you have seen on the FB page, we have almost 600 members and even more remarkable from across the globe. Thank you

We have planted over 5000 bulbs which will provide year after year, flowers and colour within the graveyard.

We have installed the new recycled durable all weather bench, in memory of our 1255 and hope to install a further 2 over the coming months.

We have planted roses and peonies in memory of a few staff who have recently died, our very own Annabelle and John, who will be sadly missed but will always be remembered.

We have installed a little tool shed for all to use and a well used community library.

And not forgetting the installation around the graveyard of the boards, naming all 1255 of our once lost souls. This has always been the goal and glad to have seen it achieved.

All 1255 names and information are now listed on the facebook and we have reunited over 12 families to lost ancestors

Provided daily posts on the history of the asylum, mental health, the patients and the staff. Please feel free to add posts and comments as everyday is a school day and sharing is caring

Appeared on the BBC Scotland 'My Kind Of Town Received recognition in the Scottish Parliament in a Motion and again during a Debate in Chamber

