

RYDE CEMETERY RESTORATION PROJECT

In September 2010 the Isle of Wight Council successfully completed a three year Heritage Lottery funded project to restore Ryde Cemetery. During the course of the Project the three Chapels were restored and a toilet was installed in the Bothy. The West Street gates were replaced and new seating and sign boards were installed. All this work was done with the aim of restoring parts of the Cemetery to their former Victorian glory. The Project delivered some high quality training opportunities to the community on Natural History, Conservation and Traditional Craft Skills. A dedicated Sexton/Cemetery Warden has now been employed to ensure the continued maintenance of the Cemetery. Several important graves and vaults have been restored after suffering deterioration over the years.

The most significant outcome of the Restoration Project has been the creation of the Heritage and Learning Resource Centre in the North Chapel. The Centre is equipped with a suite of computers and resources relating to the history of Ryde and the people buried in the Cemetery, all of which are available for members of the community and school groups to use.

From 1842 to the present day Ryde Cemetery continues to be a valuable asset to the people of Ryde and descendants of the people buried there.

Ryde Cemetery is owned and maintained by
Isle of Wight Council
Bereavement Services Department
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DEVELOPMENT OF THE CEMETERY

This leaflet gives a brief description of how the Cemetery has developed from the original site, the acquisition of the first extension and the final extension westwards to Pellhurst Road. Other leaflets available give details of walks in the Cemetery with more detailed information about the memorials, inscriptions and some other aspects of the Group's work.

Ryde Social Heritage Group have published a book giving greater details, dates and pictures. Copies are available at £12.00 each.

RYDE'S HERITAGE - OUR TOWN, YOUR HISTORIES

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WARNING

When walking in the Cemetery you should keep to the paths and not lean on any of the memorials as many of them are unsteady and unsafe. You should watch where you are walking to avoid foliage overhead and obstructions underfoot.

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