

GEOGRAPHY AT RYDE CEMETERY – ORIENTEERING & MAPPING SKILLS



Requirements: Printed copies of General Cemetery Map, Grid Reference Map of Old Cemetery & Questions on Grid Reference Map all available from the RSHG website.

Pupils to be divided into 3 groups named HARRIS, DASHWOOD & KENT. Pupils work in pairs and share:

- 1 clipboard
- 1 General Map of Ryde Cemetery
- 1 Grid Reference Map of Old Cemetery
- 1 Question sheet on Grid Reference map
(Sketch books – optional)

OUTLINE OF MORNING

Report to Central Chapels to meet Cemetery Volunteers
Health & Safety Briefing for working round the Cemetery from Cemetery Volunteer

Activity 1: (45 min – 1 hr.) Each group follows main route from West St. entrance (main gate) to Pellhurst Rd. gate - following main carriageway, noting the different named sections of the cemetery & all the buildings marked. They also find the memorial to the person their group is named after, (Group Leaders will be given Information Cards). Pupils should discuss why some paths are wider than others. *They may like to draw and/or make notes on things they notice as they follow the trail, e.g. war commission graves, variety of cross memorials, signs of the season.*

MEET BACK AT THE CENTRAL CHAPELS

Activity 2: (30 min approx) (In classroom areas) Look at Grid Reference map of Old Cemetery & discuss. Answer questions on this map & children make up some of their own questions.

BREAK During this activity pupils may have snack & there is the opportunity to use the toilet facilities & to use the RSHG website in the computer suite. There is also a variety of colouring sheets, wordsearches, crosswords etc. with colouring pencils, crayons, if pupils wish to do a further activity during their break time.

Activity 3: (30 min approx) Using the Grid Reference map of the Old Cemetery pupils try to find some further landmarks e.g. the Carter Memorial, the Hillyer grave, the RC Memorial Cross & to look inside the West St Chapel (Old Mortuary Chapel) They may like to do some sketches within the area.

NB. This morning visit can be linked to the War Graves Trail or one of the Cemetery Trails and made into a whole day visit.

