

## **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 Bothey. 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.



**RYDE SOCIAL  
HERITAGE GROUP**

Ryde Cemetery is owned and maintained by  
**Isle of Wight Council**  
**Bereavement Services Department**  
**01983 883010**

### **NOTABLE BURIALS in the OLD CEMETERIES**

This leaflet gives details of some of the interesting memorials in the Old and Old Parish Cemeteries. It is designed to be a Guided Walk but sufficient details are given to allow it to be enjoyed without a Guide.

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**  
ISBN 978-0-9558987-0-9

### **WARNING**

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

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