



PUBLIC NOTICE

MEMORIAL SAFETY TESTING

in Burnhope Parish Council Cemetery

Notice is hereby given that Burnhope Parish Council intended to carry out memorial safety testing in the Parish Council Cemetery. This is to provide a safe environment for both visitors and those carrying out work in the cemetery.

Testing will commence week commencing 26th October, 2026.

The Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management (ICCM) recommend inspection should be carried out on a five-year rolling programme. Following an initial inspection of all memorials in the cemetery, inspections will then be carried out according to a prioritised programme in future years.

The testing will involve visual and manual checks of memorials over 24" high, and will be carried out respectfully and within national guidelines. If a memorial is found to be unsafe, a letter will be sent to the grave owner at the address we have on our register, and temporary measures may be undertaken to ensure health and safety.

If you have any concerns about the safety of your memorial or require any further information regarding the safety testing procedure, please contact the Parish Council Clerk (clerk@burnhope-pc.gov.uk).

Visitors to the cemetery should keep to the footpaths and ensure that children are supervised at all times. Memorials are a lasting tribute to our loved ones, and through careful testing to ensure their safety, we would like to work with you to ensure that all memorials in Burnhope Parish Council cemetery remain a fitting tribute for years to come.