



Friends of Stockport Cemeteries

GRAVESTONES ACTION GROUP – STOCKPORT
NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2025

Remembrance Day Services

Held in partnership with
St Mary's Church &
Stockport Sea Cadets,
remembrance services are to be
held on Sunday, 9th November,
at:

10.30am to 11.30am
St Mary's Church

12.50pm
The Cenotaph, Reddish
Road

1.05pm
Willow Grove Cemetery
The Cross of Sacrifice



Cemetery News

Brunswick Cemetery

In September 2024, Dave Shearman, of Stockport's Armed Forces' Breakfast Club, approached FOSC offering to help with restoration and maintenance work at the site. Having undertaken the necessary training by Stockport MBC, Dave began work in March this year.

A simultaneous offer came from Elaine Gavin & her group of Stockport Army Cadets. With the invaluable help of all these volunteers, the site has been cleared and restored in time for Remembrance Sunday. This major improvement should keep it in good order until we resume work there in the spring.



Dave Shearman & Elaine Gavin at Brunswick Cemetery.



Brunswick before



Brunswick after

Highfield Cemetery

Bulbs planted in November 2024 at Highfield Cemetery came into flower in March this year and made a lovely display.

Thank you to Jeanette and her group of volunteers.



Jeannette would be pleased to welcome new volunteers who have an interest in Highfield Cemetery to come along to help on a regular basis. Please contact her by email jeannettequinn15@icloud.com

Willow Grove Cemetery

In our last newsletter, we reported that our bid to BUPA for funding was successful. As a result, we have cleared part of the Military Meadow & cleared, restored & enhanced the area around the Commonwealth War Graves Commission memorial. We have also planted summer flowering bulbs alongside individual CWGC head stones.

Snowdrops and bluebells will be flowering next year, to further enhance the cemetery's appearance.

Community Pay Back teams beavered away, clearing overgrown sections of the cemetery, preparing the ground for seeding the meadow area and planting over 2,000 bulbs.



Bluebells planted by the CPB team.

Every Wednesday, a small group of FOSC volunteers meet at Willow Grove to continue to clear, enhance & maintain the overgrown plots. This year, we have had some invaluable help from Chris Lightfoot & his group of Greenspace Volunteers. Their contribution on our joint task days has made a considerable impact & is much appreciated by FOSC.



Chris Lightfoot – Greenspace Volunteers & FOSC volunteers

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Park Road Cemetery, Cheadle.

This cemetery, sporting well established, mature trees throughout, opened in 1903. It holds a wealth of interesting history, with some remarkable people having been laid to rest there. These include John Axon & John Creamer, who died in a valiant attempt to stop a runaway freight train at Chapel en le Frith in 1957. Also buried here is Fletcher Moss, the 20th century alderman, philanthropist & naturalist who donated the botanical gardens at Didsbury to the City of Manchester in 1915.

Earlier this month, two FOSC volunteers took members of the Stockport U3A's family history group on a walk around the cemetery's heritage trail. Our volunteers enjoyed conducting the walk and thanks to the knowledge of the U3A group came away with a much greater insight into the life and legacy of Fletcher Moss.



Groups, organisations interested in a walk around Heritage Trails in Park Road or Willow Grove Cemetery. Please send an e mail to sheilaarobins@outlook.com

EMR extending the life cycle

FOSC relies on donations and funding to keep the group sustainable and make improvements to the cemeteries in which we work.

Once again I would like to thank EMR, a recycling company, who over the years have given us so much support.

In the spirit of their logo '**EMR extending the life cycle**' they have certainly extended the life of the Friends of Stockport Cemeteries.

DATA PROTECTION *

FOSC hold data from newsletters, mailings, events etc.

If you no longer wish to receive information from the group, please send an email to;

sheilaarobins@outlook.com

Meetings are now held at the Labour Club on the A6 and more information is available on our web site.

www.friendsofstockportcemeteries.co.uk

Please note that all the group's data are now held on this website and that www.willowgrove.org.uk has been deleted.

Finally, updates on meetings, task days, events etc will be provided on our web site

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