

**Celebrating 15 years
Friends of Stockport Cemeteries**

On a lovely sunny afternoon in August, FOSC held a garden party to celebrate 15th anniversary of the group's formation.

Invitations were sent out to those who have helped, supported and been involved with the group over the past 15 years.

Throughout the afternoon Belle Vue Brass Band played a melody of tunes.

Members of FOSC usually get together only at routine meetings, task days, work projects organised events.

It was therefore a lovely change to have time to sit and relax in the sunshine listen to the band and chat to old and new friends and acquaintances.



The Mayor and Mayoress of Stockport cut the celebratory cake before afternoon tea was served.

**PLEASE HELP
FOSC**

**We need your votes, we
have been selected to be
part of Vernon Building
Society community awards
Funding is allocated on
total number of votes
FOSC receives
Details on next page**

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**“PLEASE HELP FOSC BY
GIVING US YOUR VOTE!”**



Friends of Stockport Cemeteries has been selected as one of the 14 finalists to receive funding from the Vernon Building Society, Community Awards.

£10,000 will be distributed amongst the 14 finalists following a public voting process.

This is how the process works:

Offline Voting

Off line voting takes place within the six Vernon branches from the 10th September – 15th October.

The public can place one vote per person for their organisation of choice.

The voter's full name is required for verification.

Online voting

Online voting means that anyone that can access the internet can register their votes.

http://thevernon.co.uk/community_awards_2018

Information on the vote can also be found on our web site at

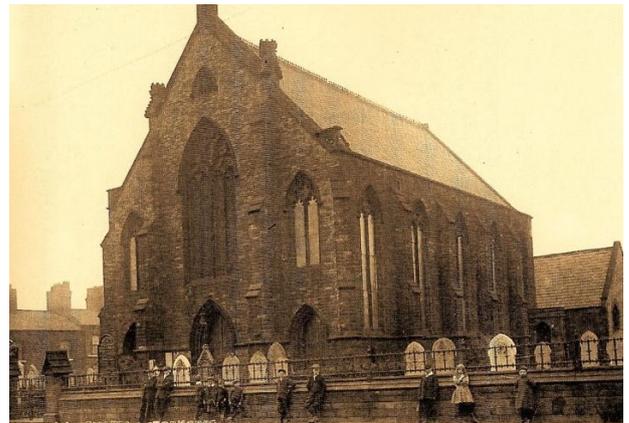
www.friendsofstockportcemeteries.co.uk

Brunswick Cemetery Project.

Regular readers will know FOSC has been working with Reddish Army Cadets on this site of Brunswick Methodist Church since February 2016. The group has applied for funding for the clearance and renovation of the area occupied by this old church until its demolition

We are applying for funding to renovate to the footprint of where this old church stood until it was demolished in the 60's and also place interpretation on the site to give an insight to the social and military history of the area.

The funds received from Vernon Community Awards will be going towards the costs of interpretation boards.



Brunswick Cemetery, Great Portwood Street, Stockport, built in 1848.

Future meetings FOSC



Dates of future meetings are

Monday 29th October 2018,

Monday 4th December 2018

Start time 7pm

Please note change of venue to
Community room, Whitehall Fire
Station, Whitehill Street West, SK41N

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Events.

Friends of Stockport Cemeteries Remembrance Week end Programme South Reddish

This year we are highlighting the lives of two soldiers; Ellis Adshead of Portwood, a Royal Artillery Gunner, died, aged 24, on 14th December 1918 and is one of six soldiers who lie buried at Brunswick Cemetery, he is memorialised on the Screen Wall in Willow Grove. Willie Wright, of Reddish, a Private in the Grenadier Guards, died aged 23 on the 4th November 1918; he is buried in Wargnie-Le-Petit Communal Cemetery in France is also memorialised on a family grave in Willow Grove.,

Centennial Commemoration of the Great War 1914 -1918 Willow Grove Cemetery 10th Nov 2018

10.00 Stockport Silver Band

10.30. Arrival of Mayor of Stockport

10.40 Arrival of Deputy Lord
Lieutenant

10.50. Parade
by serving, ex-service and cadet
forces

11.00 Last Post – reveille – blessing
Mayor's Speech

11.20 Unveiling of the CWGC stone
Soldat J F Vermeulen – Belgium

11.30 Military Trail Walk

11.45. Refreshments at the Cadets'
Headquarters

St. Elisabeth's Choir conducted by Andrew Condliffe-Jones will be singing during the laying of wreaths and the unveiling of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission stone for J F Vermeulen.

Private Soldat J F Vermeulen 59694, Belgium Army died 28th October 1914 whose story was told at our first commemoration event in 2014.

Remembrance Sunday Parade Sunday 11th Nov 2018

Remembering all those who have given their lives in all conflicts.

10.30 Service at St Mary's Church
Service in South Reddish.

12. 30 A parade will be led by Belle Vue Brass Band to the Cenotaph and on to Willow Grove

12.30 Parade will leave St Mary's Church for the Cenotaph

12.50 Service at the Cenotaph

1.00pm The parade will move on to the Cross of Sacrifice in Willow Grove Cemetery

1.05pm Service at the Cross of Sacrifice

This event will close after the service.

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sheilaarobins@outlook.com

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Bits and Bobs

Highfield Cemetery

FOSC are to have task day in Highfield Cemetery. FOSC is to clear the columbarium of weeds and generally up tidy around the area.

**Date Saturday 20th October
10.00am until 12, 00 noon.**

Sturdy footwear and appropriate clothing for the weather is a must for volunteers. Tools will be provided. Anyone wishing to join and help please contact me on

sheilaarobins@outlook.co.
or call on 0161 439 5963

Mill Lane Cemetery

With regard to the article in the local paper and posts on local media about the removal of personal items from grave spaces at Mill Lane Cemetery.

The situation, simplified is, letters have been sent out by the cemetery services asking registered grave owners to remove tributes that have been placed along the grave and move them to the head area to enable the grass to be accessed and cut in accordance with the Cemetery regulations.

At the moment, the Council will **not** be removing any items or tributes from graves unless it has been requested by families or where it is necessary to enable a grave to be prepared for interment.

The Council have not asked anyone to remove items or tributes that are placed in the area around the headstones, only items that are **not** on the permissible area.

I believe cemetery services have met and are presently in discussion with those grave owners who are protesting and upset at this request.

Willow Grove Cemetery

After the recent survey by Arboriculture Officers from SMBC at Willow Grove Cemetery some work is presently being carried out within the cemetery on the trees.

It is planned to carry out the majority of work in category 1 of the survey this year.

Following these works we can view the replacement planting opportunity to start a new unusual tree planting plan for the site.



Vote online or pop into a local Vernon branch to vote for Friends of Stockport Cemeteries Help us win a share of **£10,000**

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