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John Clarke

First Registrar of Willow Grove and a post he held for 40 years until his death in 1916. His daughter took over as Registrar and actually signed her fathers grave certificate. As John Clarke had worked as a stonemason he designed many of the monuments in the cemetery, designs which have been copied widely.



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William Henry Chadwick *'The Old Chartist'*

Born in Marple Bridge in 1829, William Chadwick became a driving force in the Chartist movement, fighting for the rights of all workers and the right to vote.



War Graves

The Screen Wall, the Cross of Sacrifice and the many graves of casualties of World War I and II across the cemetery are still maintained regularly by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

The Friends of Stockport Cemeteries

The Friends have been working closely with the council since early 2004 to establish improvements in all cemeteries and closed churchyards in Stockport. We welcome new members and if you would like to know more about the group please see www.friendsofstockportcemeteries.co.uk

Willow Grove Cemetery Central Drive (off Reddish Road) South Reddish, Stockport SK5 7JQ

How to get to Willow Grove Cemetery

By Car

There is limited street parking available but please park thoughtfully and consider our neighbours. A small car park, Woodhall Road car park, is a 5 minute walk away from cemetery.

By Bus

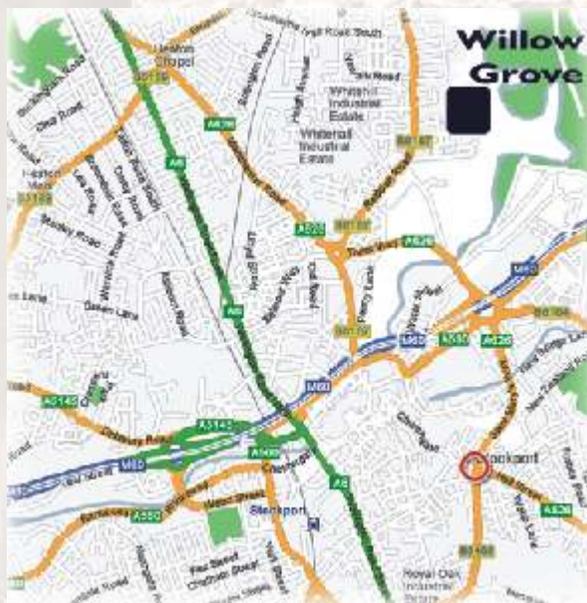
Bus Routes numbers, 7, 203, 374, pass along Reddish Road, alight at Birkdale Road. For public transport information call 0161 228 7811

Access

The cemetery is fully accessible for all, along the laid paths. Please enjoy your visit but remember that the cemetery has many trip hazards. We recommend that you remain on the footpaths.

Facilities

There are no facilities at this cemetery.



Willow Grove Cemetery

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a fascinating insight into the past and a haven for wildlife



The History of Willow Grove Cemetery

The creation of a private cemetery on the former estate of Willow Grove House in 1877 arose out of a need to cope with the dramatic population increase in Reddish. Willow Grove was a once a thriving concern with two chapels, greenhouses, workshops and a lodge containing the Registrar's office. The first interment at Willow Grove took place on the 19th November 1877. Although closed for new plots the cemetery still has a few interments per year in existing plots.



1 James Gaskell

A local hero when in 1908 he lost his life saving a young girl from being killed by a tram.



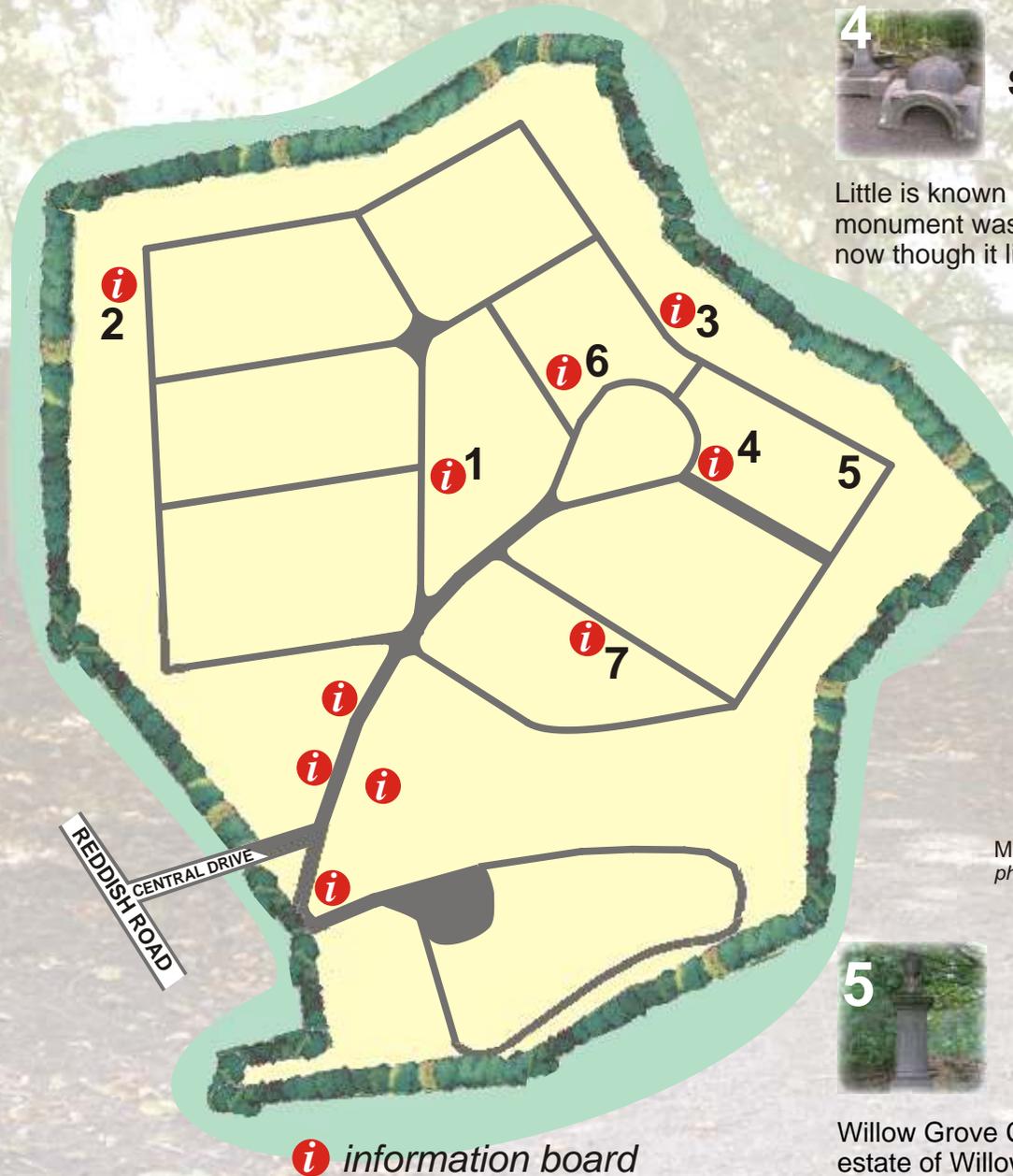
2 Joseph Lister V.C.

In World War 1, Joseph Lister won the Victoria Cross when he bravely secured the surrender of 100 German soldiers whilst under heavy fire and so saving the lives of many of his comrades. He died in 1963.



3 Sir Thomas Thornhill Shann

A former Mayor of Manchester, Sir Thomas did much for the community of Manchester and Stockport and never forgot his humble roots.



4 Susannah Bogg

Little is known about Susannah but her monument was the finest in the cemetery, now though it lies in pieces



Monument to Susannah Bogg in 2001
photo. Phil Rowbotham, April 2001.



5 Frederick Rawlings

Willow Grove Cemetery stands on the former estate of Willow Grove House, the home of Frederick Rawlings and family. Frederick's wife was killed in the Penistone train crash in 1884, he survived and lived until 1914.