

# **LOWDHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

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## **LOWDHAM CEMETERY**

### **INDEPENDENT SAFETY ASSESSMENT OF HEADSTONES AND MEMORIALS**

**During the month of February 2020**, Council will be conducting a full assessment of the headstones and memorials at Lowdham Cemetery. The Assessment will be carried out by an independent and qualified memorial assessor and will gauge the safety of all memorials in the Cemetery. Immediate remedial action on unsafe memorials may be necessary in cases where a headstone or monument fails the safety test.

This will take one of the following two forms:

- a) Sign: A warning sign will be secured to the memorial.
- b) Laying flat: The memorial will wherever possible be "walked" forward within the grave space to a position where, once the memorial is laid flat, no parts of the memorial will project outside of the grave space.

In both of the above cases, Council will make every effort to contact relatives of the deceased in order to discuss the future actions necessary to maintain the safety of the memorial

**The inspection will be carried out during the day with graves, headstones and monuments being of prime importance. Laying down of memorials will only be considered in consultation with representatives of the Council and only as a last resort**

**No headstones, vases or other types of memorials will be removed from the cemetery**

**Christmas Wreaths should be removed by the end of January**

**If you have any queries regarding the proposed assessment, please contact the clerk as above**

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Clerk to the Council

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