

PLACES OF INTEREST AROUND THE CEMETERY

First burial - The first burial in the cemetery was **Thomas Lawrence Linforth**, an assistant master at Ashby Grammar School, aged 44 years, who was buried on 18th October 1857. His memorial was erected in his memory by "attached friends and grateful pupils." His memorial also notes the following: "Dust was here laid to dust for the first time in this cemetery on October 18th 1857."

Thomas Linforth is buried in cemetery 1, grave no. 1362.

Rorke's Drift - John Smith was one of the heroes of the battle of Rorke's Drift (1879) of B company, 2nd Battalion, 24th Foot when 139 British soldiers defended the mission station when attacked by 4,500 Zulus. The battle was made famous in the film "Zulu" starring Michael Caine.

John Smith took his own life at Heather railway station aged 53. He is buried in an unmarked grave in cemetery 2, grave no. 0763.

Massive explosion - James Beard was a mines rescue worker who died as a result of the munitions dump explosion at Fauld, Staffs on 27th November 1944. It was the site of the largest explosion in the UK when 3,670 tons of bombs stored underground exploded en masse.

A total of 70 people lost their lives. A crater 300 feet deep and a quarter of a mile in diameter was blown into the North Staffordshire Countryside.

James Beard is buried in cemetery 3 grave, grave no. 1822.

Popular Doctor - Dr. Mark Gregory Baker was a popular local doctor who was awarded the Albert Medal for his attempts to rescue two workmen who had lost consciousness when clearing out a well near Ticknall on 17th August 1955. Dr. Baker "sacrificed his life in a valiant attempt to save others." His courage was of the highest order.

Dr. Baker is buried in cemetery 5, grave no. 0029.

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LOCATION

For any information
regarding the cemetery,
please contact the Town Clerk on

Tel: 01530 416961
info@ashbytowncouncil.org.uk

The office is open to the public
from 8.30am to 1.00pm daily or
by appointment with the Town Clerk

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Ashby Cemetery

Rest in Peaceful Surroundings



A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE CEMETERY

By the mid-19th century the churchyards were unable to cope with the increasing number of burials as the town expanded and people moved from the countryside into Ashby.

In June 1857 the local Burial Board purchased the land (just over 2 acres) off Moira Road for the sum of £358 and 13 shillings. On Friday 28th August of the same year a grand opening with due pomp and ceremony took place. The first burial took place on October 1857. More than 9,000 interments have subsequently taken place.

The cemetery land has been added to by successive generations as the town continued to grow and now occupies around 8.5 acres. It is owned and maintained by Ashby de la Zouch Town Council.



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LAYOUT AND DESIGN

The original section of Ashby de la Zouch Cemetery is a classic example of mid-Victorian cemetery and landscape design.

The cemetery has an outer path/roadway, with bold axial pathways dividing the internal space. There are three buildings of note: the water tower which is now a private residence with its own lodge and the cemetery sexton's lodge which is no longer in the ownership of the Town Council.

The original main entrance of the cemetery is that which is closest to the town.

BURIAL RECORDS

The Town Clerk is responsible for maintaining the cemetery records. Manual records begin in 1857. Computer records begin in 1988. A full list of the burial records available for the cemetery can be found on the website: www.ashbytowncouncil.org.uk.

You are welcome to undertake family history research using these records which are available for public inspection free of charge. Please contact the Town Clerk.

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GRAVES AVAILABLE

Grave and cremated remains plots in the cemetery are available for pre-purchase. The fees and charges applicable are available on the website together with the rules and regulations for the use of the cemetery. Please contact the Town Clerk for further details. **Certain restrictions apply.**

GROUND FACILITIES

Members of the public are welcome to visit the cemetery during our opening hours. There are a number of benches around the cemetery to rest and reflect.

There is an information board at the vehicle entrance to the cemetery and one on the wall of the Sexton's office.
Please use the waste bins provided.

A water supply is available at a number of locations in the grounds for the use of those tending graves. Please note that dogs are **NOT** permitted in the cemetery.

WAR GRAVES

The cemetery contains a number of graves maintained on behalf of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. These are easily identified by the white headstones. A list of these graves is available from the website or from the Town Clerk.

There are also two German prisoners of war buried in the graveyard who died in 1918. They lie in an unmarked grave.



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