

# IMPORTANT NOTICE

**From May 2024 St Mabyn Parish Council will be undertaking a formalised Memorial Inspection Programme in St Mabyn Lawn Cemetery.**

**A memorial inspection has been scheduled  
Week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024 (weather permitting)**

## **What happens during the inspection?**

The inspection will involve testing the stability of all memorials over 5 years old. The cemetery will remain open during the inspection which will be carried out as discreetly as possible by experienced, qualified personnel.

A visual inspection of all memorials and a stability hand test will be carried out on all memorials up to 1.5m. A mechanical force measuring device (not exceeding 25kg) will only be used on memorials between 625mm and 1.5m in height and only if felt necessary after the results of a hand test are found to be inconclusive and where some movement is felt.

## **What happens if a memorial fails the inspection?**

If a memorial is found to be an immediate danger to the public, immediate action will be taken to reduce or eliminate the identified risk. This will be undertaken sensitively by an appropriately qualified stonemason. Such actions will be a temporary measure and will be proportionate to the danger posed. Measures may include installing a stake and band to prevent the memorial falling over or laying the memorial flat (or part thereof). Only where it is deemed strictly necessary will access to the memorial be cordoned off.

## **How will families know if a memorial has failed the inspection?**

The immediate priority is to make sure that St Mabyn Lawn Cemetery is safe for the public. Memorials that fail inspection will have a notice attached to them and the Parish Council will write to the owner/s of the grave's Exclusive Right of Burial (where data is less than 30 years old and a record of ownership is known). If you have not been written to it may be because we do not have your most up to date contact details. You can update your details by contacting the Parish Clerk.

## **Further Information**

Full details of the St Mabyn Lawn Cemetery Regulations and Cemetery Management Policy can be found on the Parish Council's website: [www.stmabynparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.stmabynparishcouncil.gov.uk)

If you require any further information or would like to discuss a specific memorial and/or observe its testing please contact the Parish Clerk, details below.

**St Mabyn Parish Council**

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