

Annual report for the Crewkerne and West Crewkerne Joint Burial Committee.

Throughout the past couple of years there had been much discussion with regard to the cemetery lodge at the entrance to the cemetery. A final decision had been deferred until after the May 2022 town and parish council elections.

It was finally agreed that a planning application would be sent to South Somerset District Council requesting a change of use so that the ground floor could be solely used by Crewkerne Town Council as office space and the upper floor for storage. This application was granted and refurbishment has taken place in both external and internal parts of the building. With this change of use the ongoing costs would be transferred to Crewkerne Town Council. This would be reflected in the budget for the Townsend cemetery.

It has been pleasing to see this building occupied with the entrance area to the cemetery being much improved.

The ground maintenance throughout the cemetery is regularly reviewed by the Committee Chairman, Vice Chairman, Crewkerne Town Clerk local contractor, and council ground staff. It should be noted that the weather really does dictate how the overall appearance and maintenance is managed.

Plans for the next section of available plots have been laid out, a grave digger spoils area has been agreed, in addition to the new paths required as the cemetery expands.

Crewkerne in Bloom continue along with other individual volunteers to enhance the grounds within specified areas.

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