

## Crewkerne and West Crewkerne Joint Burial Committee Annual Report May 2024-May 2025

The Joint Burial Committee has met on five occasions during the past year. They are responsible for overseeing the grounds maintenance, memorials, and burials. The Chair, Vice-Chair, Crewkerne Town Clerk and contractors, have held regular meetings within the cemetery grounds to ensure that these areas are sympathetically managed across the year

During the past year the weather has yet again given rise to different challenges within the grounds. In December a storm caused damage to the notice board by the chapel. This has now been repaired. However, one of the large cedar trees lost some significant limbs which fortunately caused no damage to any graves as they fell.

A mature Cedar tree died, due to an infection with cedar blight. This was in the old section of the cemetery. Urgent permission was granted to remove, which was do so last July. All remaining cedars are being monitored, and hopefully will not succumb to this disease.

The two new sections, one for burials and the other for ashes completed last year are already in use. The paths have also been completed giving good access within this area. Trials are in place to find the most suitable method in restoring the gravel pathways within the old part of the cemetery. Tarmac is not an option being considered.

A War graves location plaque has been put in place on the left-hand side of the archway between the two chapels.

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