

# The Early History of Hull's Municipal Cemeteries.

Let's think positively about  
cemeteries.

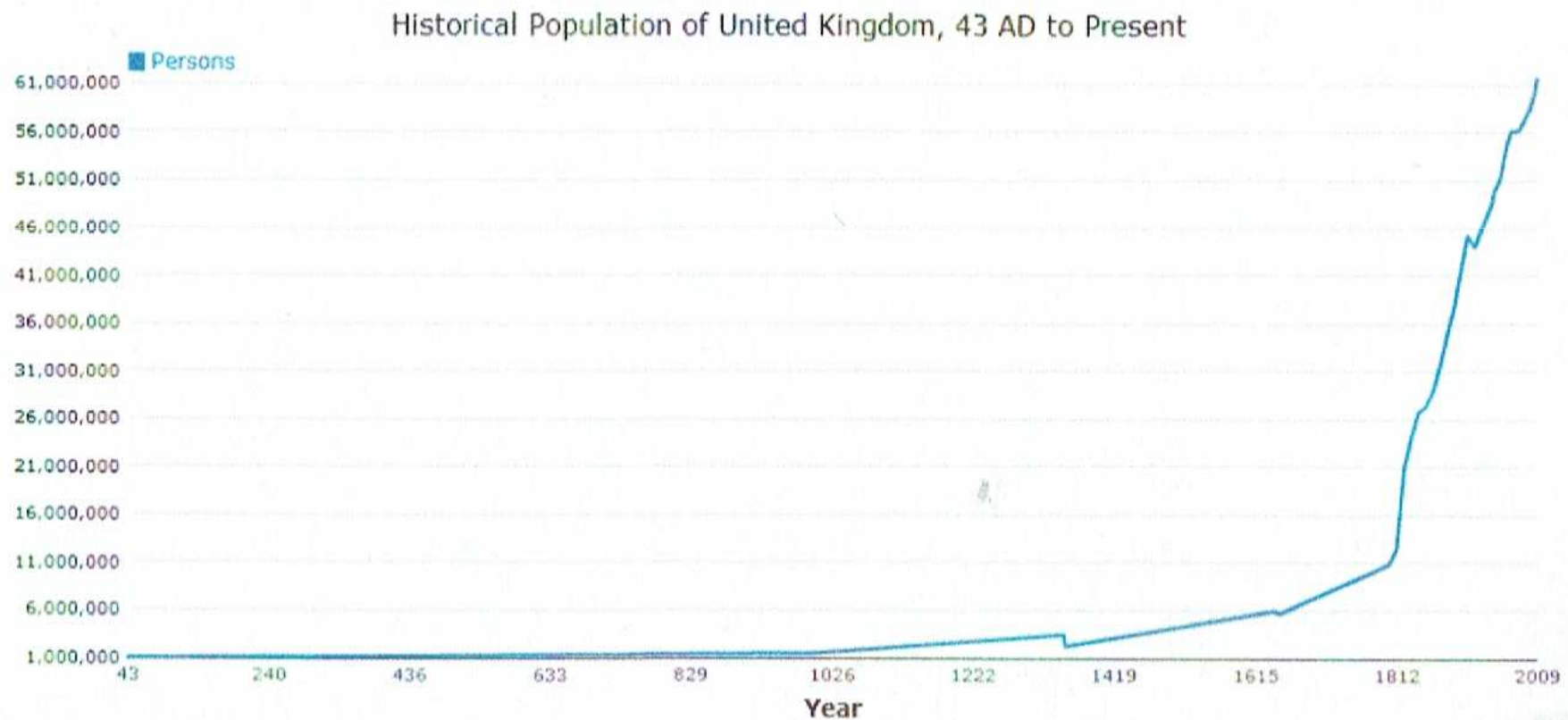


Why wouldn't you visit a cemetery?

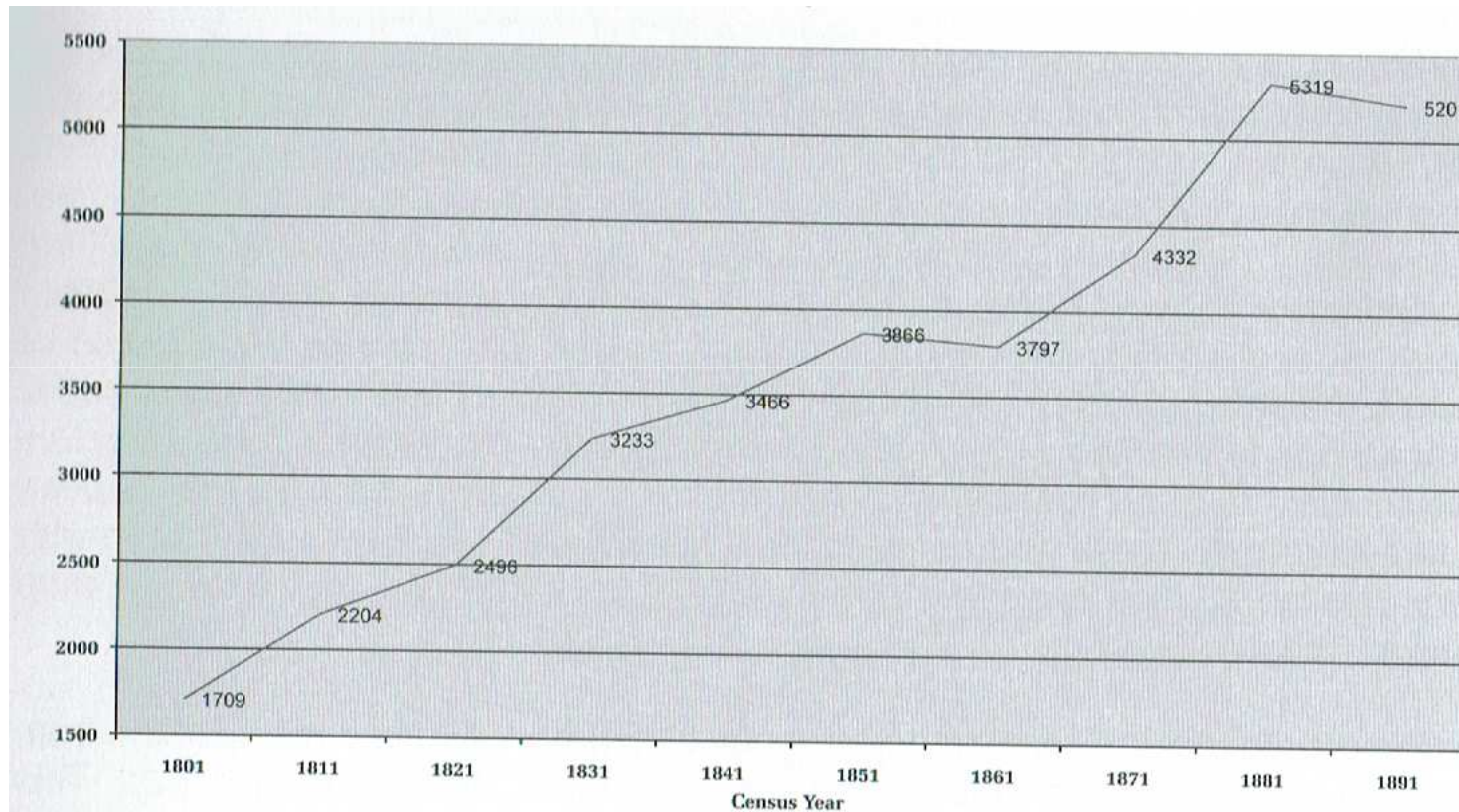


# Line graph – national population, copied from Wikipaedia.

**Historical Population of United Kingdom, 43 AD to Present**



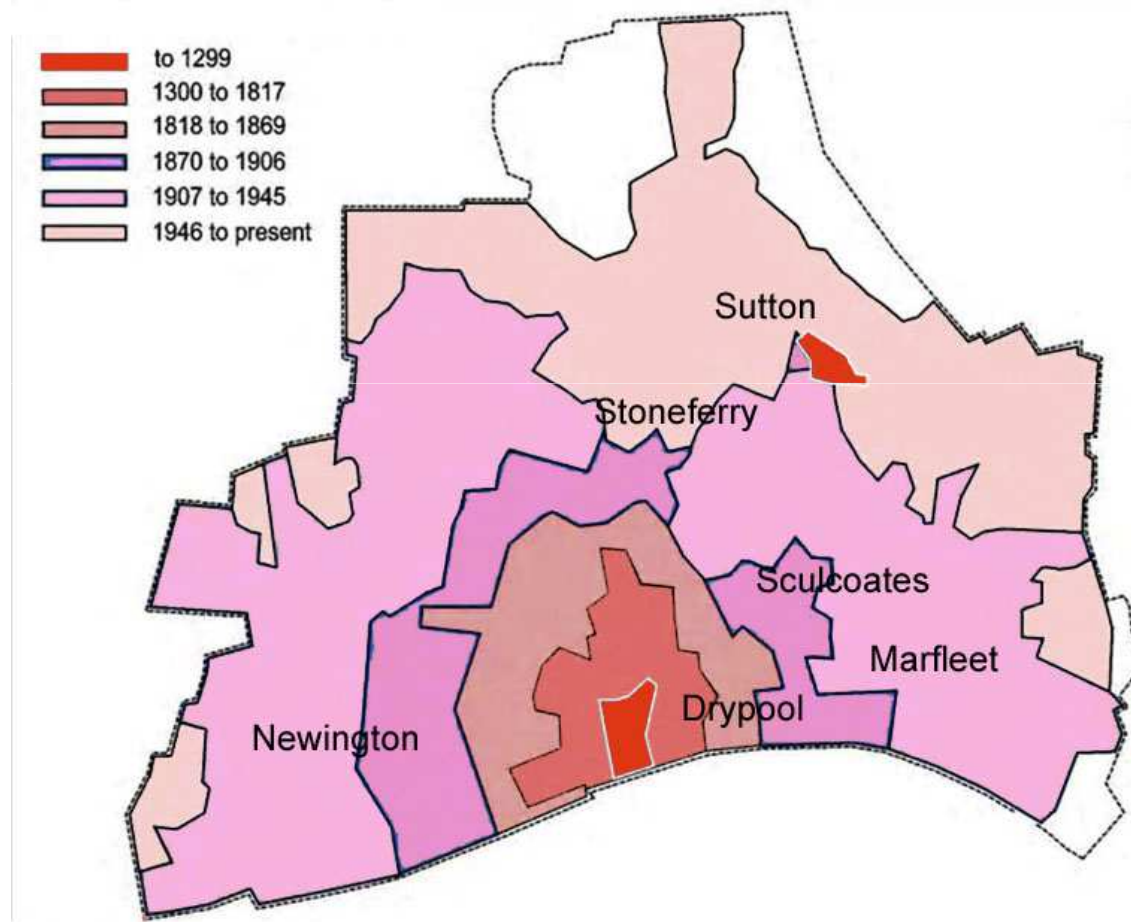
Taken from p.1 of Clarke R. *Housing in a Nineteenth Century north Lincolnshire Market Town* (Fathom Writers Press, 2012).



**Fig. 1 : 1 A line graph showing population trends in Barton from 1801 to 1891.  
Produced by Darren Stockdale using the Census Returns.**



A map to show the physical expansion of Hull, this a result of the town's rapid population growth.



‘Retaining wall’ of the graveyard at St. Mary’s, Barton  
on Humber (on-going restoration of the Beck in the  
foreground, c.2016)





## Detail of St. Mary's, Barton retaining wall.



Glimpse of St. Peter's Barton retaining wall centre-left, alongside the Georgian vicarage.





Bed of snowdrops in flower, Castle Street detached  
(disused) cemetery for parish of Holy Trinity.



Sylvan glen – part of Castle St. detached (disused) cemetery for the parish of Holy Trinity, Hull.





Holy Trinity's second detached cemetery, now a playing field, St. George's Rd. middle distance, view from play street.





The Trippett area of Hull, historically between the Town Walls and the Cathusian monastic site



Cover page of book on *Hull General Cemetery* by Bill Longbone and Pete Lowden





A Quaker burial ground, part of the site of Hull General Cemetery, disused since 1972.





Grant Gardens, Liverpool, once a commercial 'necropolis', the site of 80,000 interments, now a public space.



The part of Hull General Cemetery leased/sold to Hull's Board of Health 1862. In effect the beginning of municipal cemeteries in Hull.



## Disused Burial Grounds Act, 1884.

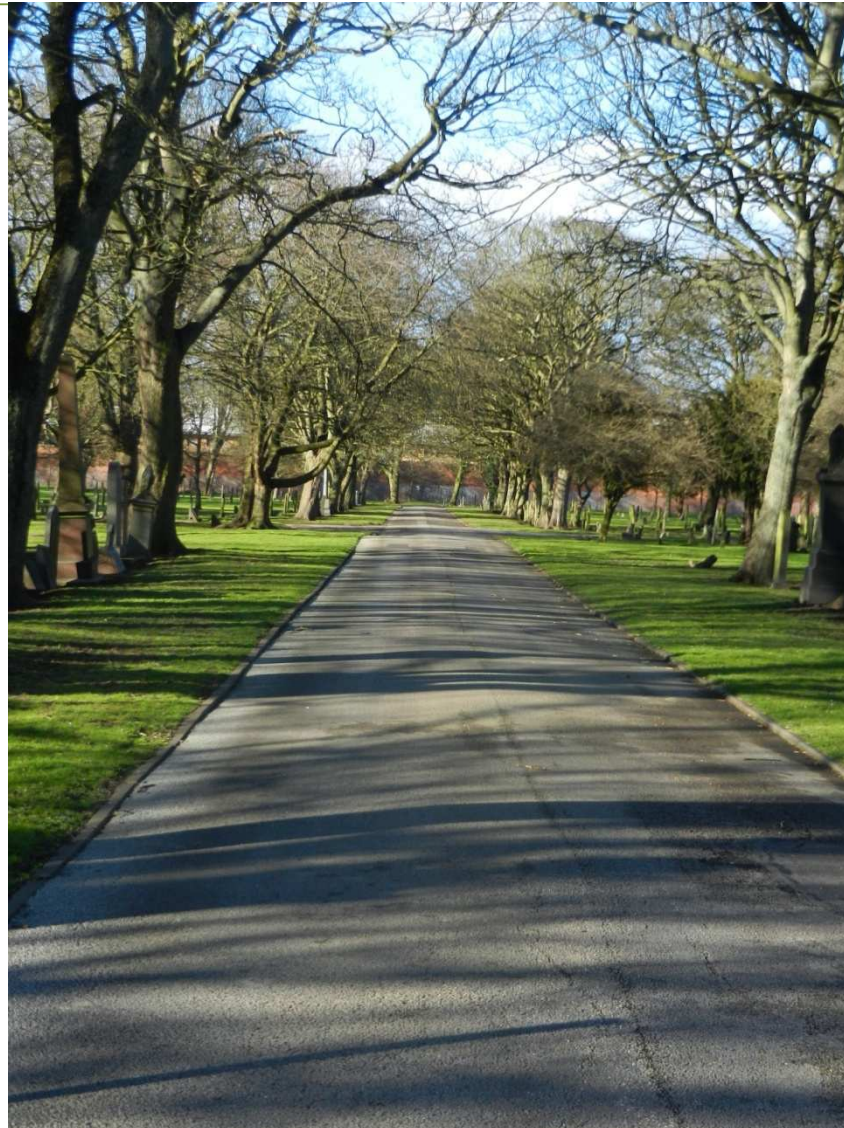
- Octavia Hill (dates) the well-known housing reformer promoted the idea of public access to disused burial grounds believing they could be ‘public living rooms’.
- The 1884 Act enabled local authorities to ‘re-fashion them as pocket-sized parks’ (see Elborough, T. *A Walk in the Park* (Vintage, 2016, 184).



Evidence from Hull Council Committee minute books as to the beginning of the town's municipal cemeteries.

- 1876 – land for a ‘new cemetery’ being sought beside Hedon Rd. (Prison built 1870), became Hedon Rd. Cemetery.
- 1884 – seeking ‘additional burial ground’ beside Spring Bank West (extension of site acquired by Board of Health, 1860s), became Western Cemetery.
- 1905 – negotiating purchase of land for what became Northern Cemetery.

# Central 'carriage drive' in the original section of Hedon Rd. Municipal Cemetery.



# Cemetery Superintendant's house, Hedon Rd. Municipal Cemetery.

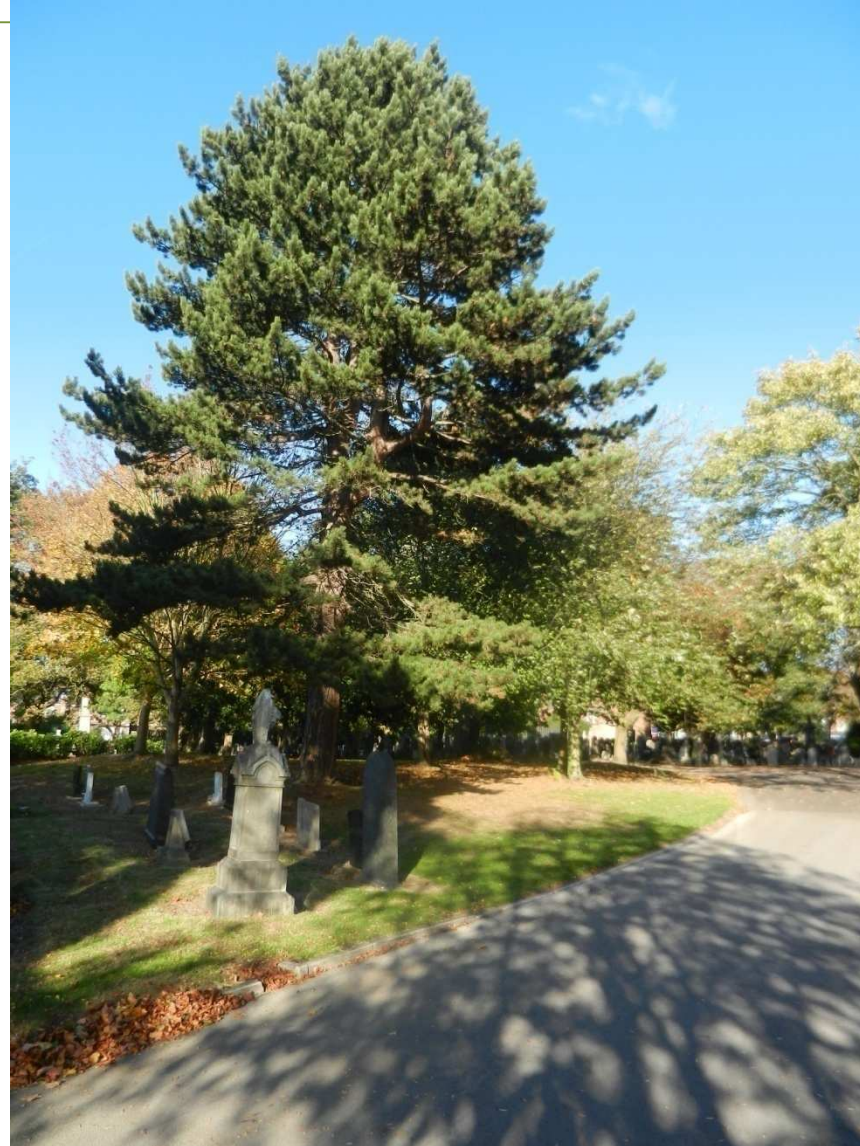




# View west across Hedon Rd. Municipal Cemetery from beside the crematorium.



# Dense park-like planting in late 19<sup>th</sup> century part of Western Cemetery.

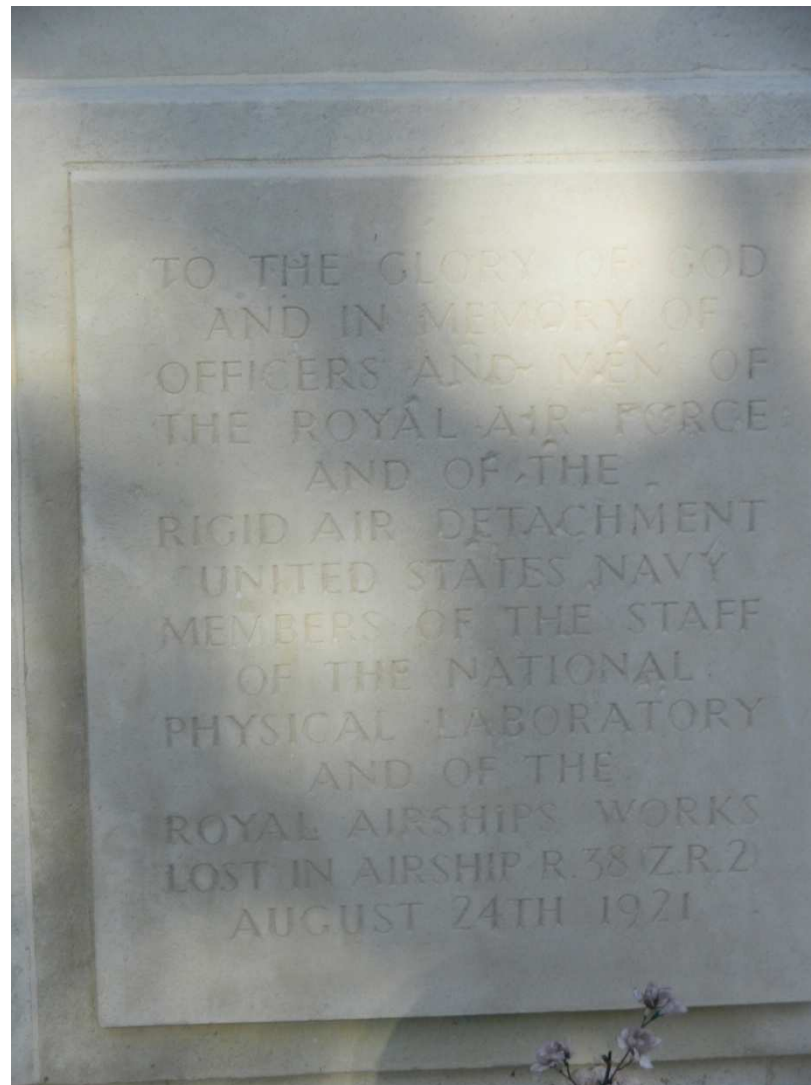




Memorial (centre right) to those killed in the  
R38 airship disaster of 24/08/1921.



## Wording on the memorial.





General view of the last part of the Cemetery to be developed, north-west corner.



# Crematorium at Hedon Rd. Municipal Cemetery, viewed from the west.





Hull Municipal Authority created the first municipal crematorium in Britain.





## Section of the columbarium at Hedon Rd. Municipal Cemetery.



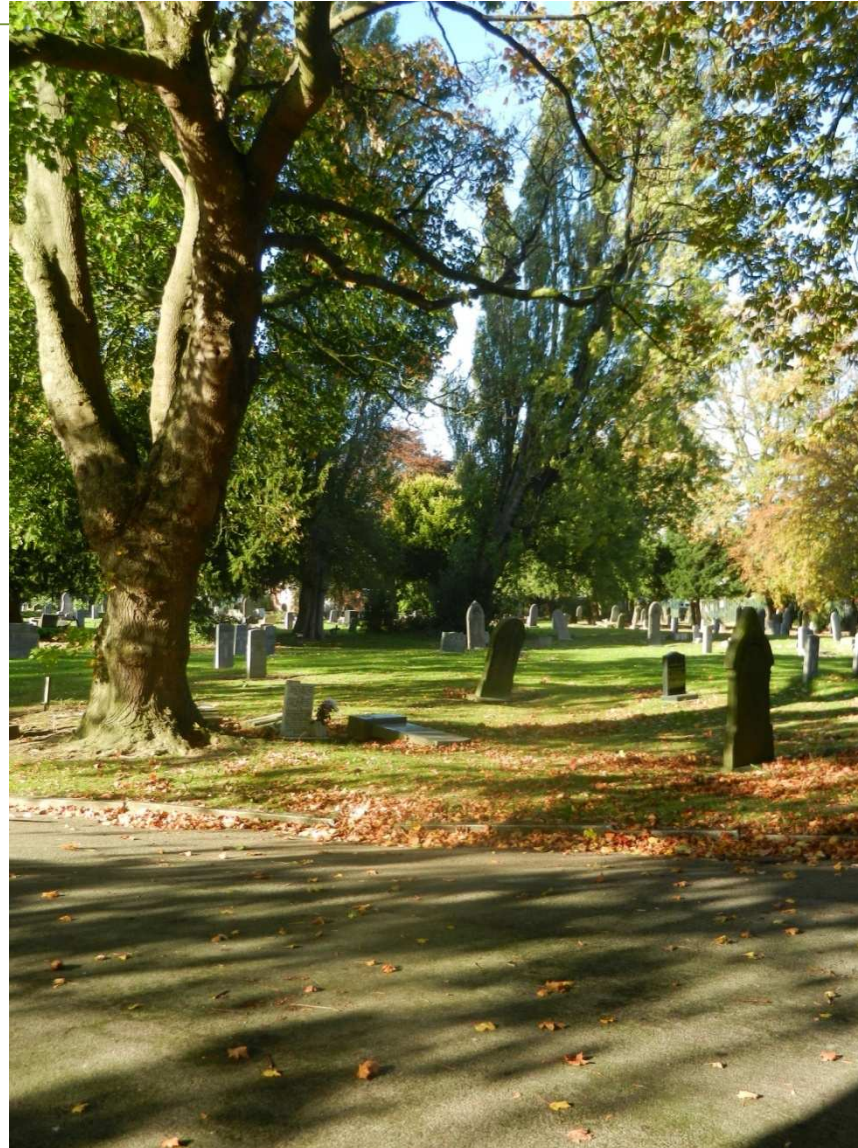


Main gates to section of Western Cemetery west of Chanterlands Av., view across road to earlier section of Cemetery.





## Section of Western Cemetery, west of Chanterlands Av.





This grand Italianate facade was once where  
Porter St. estate now is.



*Wesleyan Chapel, Great Thornton Street (53),  
c.1900. (David Dixon).*

Volunteers and conscripts (few) from the parks and cemeteries workforce.





## Zeppelin air bombing raids.



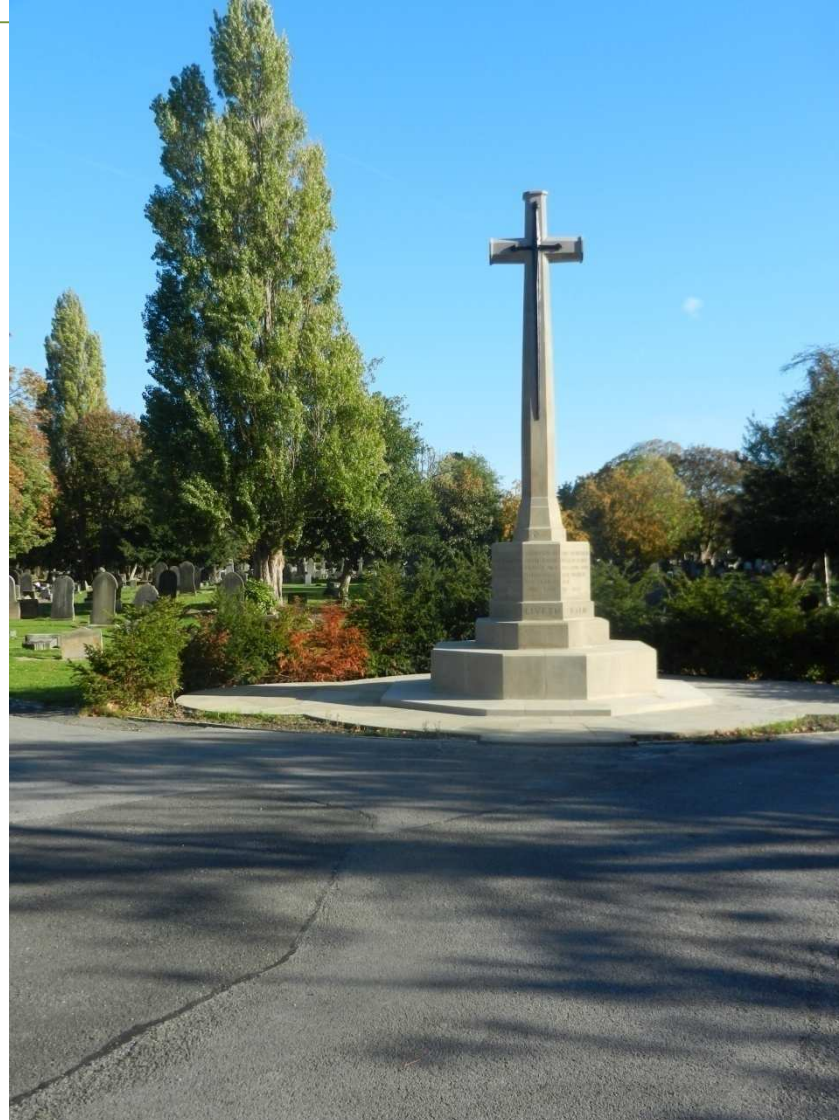
# Life on the Home Front.

DEFENCE OF THE REALM. <span>E.P. 6.</span>			
MINISTRY OF FOOD.			
BREACHES OF THE RATIONING ORDER			
The undermentioned convictions have been recently obtained:—			
Court	Date	Nature of Offence	Result
HENDON - -	29th Aug., 1918	Unlawfully obtaining and using ration books -	3 Months' Imprisonment
WEST HAM -	29th Aug., 1918	Being a retailer & failing to detach proper number of coupons	Fined £20
SMETHWICK -	22nd July, 1918	Obtaining meat in excess quantities - - -	Fined £50 & £5 5s. costs
OLD STREET -	4th Sept., 1918	Being a retailer selling to unregistered customer	Fined £72 & £5 5s. costs
OLD STREET -	4th Sept., 1918	Not detaching sufficient coupons for meat sold -	Fined £25 & £2 2s. costs
CHESTER-LE-STREET	4th Sept., 1918	Being a retailer returning number of registered customers in excess of counterfoils deposited - - -	Fined £50 & £3 3s. costs
HIGH WYCOMBE	7th Sept., 1918	Making false statement on application for and using Ration Books unlawfully - - - - -	Fined £40 & £6 4s. costs

Enforcement Branch, Local Authorities Division,  
MINISTRY OF FOOD.  
September, 1918.



# Cemeteries, a place for monuments.



So, why wouldn't one visit a cemetery?

