

Public Notice

Memorial Safety Testing in Llanharry Cemetery & St Illtyd's Churchyard

Notice is hereby given that Llanharry Community Council intends to carry out memorial safety testing in Llanharry Cemetery & St Illtyd's Churchyard to provide a safe environment for both visitors and staff.

Work will commence on 26rd July 2021.

According to guidance issued by the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management (ICCM) and the Ministry of Justice, inspections will be carried out on a five-year rolling programme. Following an initial inspection of all memorials in the cemetery, inspections will then be carried out according to a prioritised programme in future years. Llanharry Community Council understands that the memorial safety programme may cause concern to grave owners, relatives and bereaved people, and wishes to give reassurance that the testing will be carried out respectfully and within national guidelines. If a memorial is found to be unsafe, a letter will be sent to the grave owner at the address we have in our registers. Unfortunately, we may be unable to make contact with all grave owners. Prior to safety testing, a notice will be displayed on the edge of the appropriate cemetery section to advise of pending inspections. Each memorial will undergo a visual inspection, followed by a hand test in accordance with the memorial safety testing policy. If a memorial is found to be unsafe, appropriate action will be taken to either temporarily secure it, or in a minority of cases where a memorial is found to present an immediate hazard, they will be laid down. If you have any concerns about the safety of your memorial or require any further information regarding the safety testing procedure, please contact the Clerk at Llanharry Community Council, contact details below.

Visitors to the Cemetery should keep to the footpaths and ensure that children are supervised at all times. Memorials are a lasting tribute to our loved ones and through careful testing to ensure their safety we would like to work with you to ensure that all memorials in Llanharry Cemetery & St Illtyd's Churchyard remain a fitting tribute for years to come.

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