Puttenham Cemetery Records Project

Report #002 – August 2024

Following the discovery of widespread documentation inaccuracies (as discussed in my first Report in June), further anomalies have continued to be uncovered.

These issues will be resolved on the new plan, which may in some situations demand the renaming of an interment location from (say,) J62 to N53, or even the complete renaming of a Section. It is likely that other inconsistencies will be discovered during the individual grave location establishment project, shortly to be commenced.

Consequently, due to the continued emergence of data irregularities, we remain unable to give an expected timeframe, or cost estimation for the project. However, the need for a long-term assessment of these things is understood.

Time on the project continues to be spent in two major ways: -

- On-site at the cemetery, establishing and recording the physical layout of the site, defining the individual section boundaries and establishing where re-naming of plot locations should take place.

- At the desktop, working with the Visio software to draw up the physical layout and section boundaries into a computerized format. Accurate site landmarks (eg trees, hedges, buildings, paths etc) are beginning to be included.

An in-depth, per section, analysis can now begin, to establish (using the Warden's spreadsheet and on-site corroboration by headstone/plaque) the exact location and occupant of each interment plot. Accurate identification and location of un-stoned, empty and reserved plot locations, will be challenging as the site plan from 1993 cannot be relied upon.

Supplied electronically along with this report is the current datafile (*Cemetery - 10 Aug 24.vsd*) in Visio format, together with the following four images:

- geographical representation of the site

- the boundaries and proposed naming of each section across the site

- combined diagram of site and boundaries

- three individual sections, isolated out ready for population of interment plots.

Kind Regards

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