

Report for Thursford Parish Council

Burial Space in the Cemetery

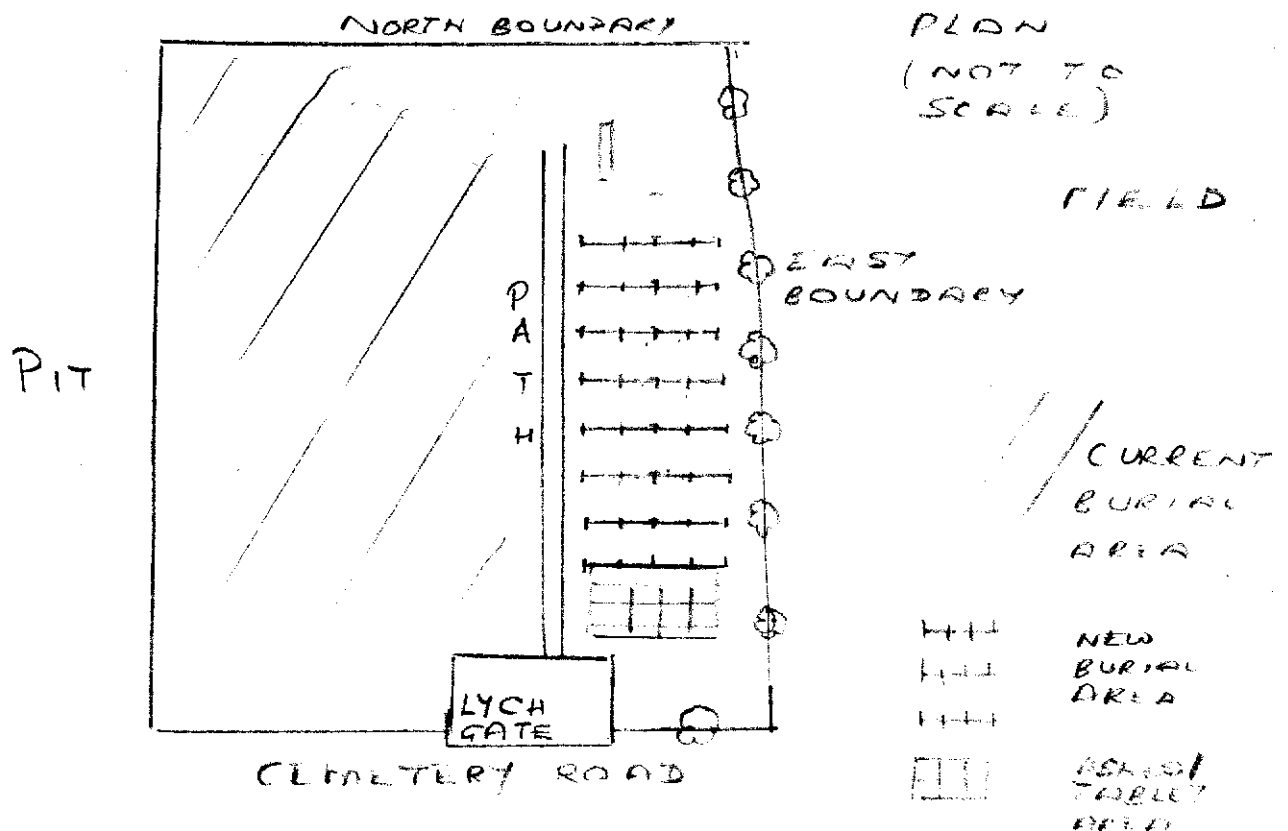
Background There appears to be about 20 burial plots unused on the northern boundary of the site, possibly sufficient for the next 4/5 years. Note that a recent burial (2021) has been sited across two lines of burials – thus resulting in the loss of one plot. This may have been done because the plot was near to a tree on the northern boundary and digging would have been problematic.

Additional burial space is possible - along the right hand side of the path which runs from the Lychgate towards the bottom end (north) of the site. This would be for a length of about 35 m. The path itself is about 60 m long but the boundary line moves nearer to the path towards the northern end. Currently there is a hedge and 7 trees along the eastern boundary. To allow for additional burials the brambles and possibly 4 of the boundary trees might need to be removed. A rough calculation (refer attached plan) is that this would create 12 rows each with 5 graves spaces – i.e. 60 new burial plots. A Tablet area could be created nearer to the Lychgate.

In addition the area nearer to the lychgate could be made in to an interment area (ashes only). To do this two scrub trees and the brambles would need to be removed. This is the area where primroses grow and they could be retained.

The boundary hedge could have some additional planting if the trees were removed.

Recommendations: Working Party in the Spring on site to cut back and remove brambles, thus providing a "vision" for the new area. Once the brambles have been cut back the four trees could be inspected to confirm whether or not they would need to be removed. (A Working Party could also remove ivy growing on the walls; remove small holly branches resting on the wall and remove plants growing in the top of the lychgate guttering and other detritus.)





Brambles to be removed and two of the four boundary trees which might need to be removed - after inspection.

(looking east)



Primrose area nearer to the Lychgate showing brambles and two scrub trees to be removed to create Ashes / Tablet Area This is the area which is bedecked with primroses in the Spring. These could be saved.

(looking east)