Important Notice

[xxx] Council

Memorial Safety Survey in [xxx] Churchyard / Graveyard Cemetery

The Council intends to carry out a safety survey of the memorials in the above burial ground.

As part of the inspection process a mechanical device may be used to check the memorials. Any memorials found to be unstable will be temporarily secured with a memorial support or will be cordoned off; a structural engineer will assess older, larger memorials. If a memorial is found to be unstable the memorial owner may choose to pay for repairs to be carried out by an approved memorial mason. In default the Council may lower it into the ground or seek authority to lay it flat. Kerb sets will be buried so that only the top is visible.

The Council recognises that this is sensitive issue and urges grave owners to contact [its Bereavement Services team] to so that any possible distress can be minimised.

Council officers are compiling up-to-date records of grave owners and when memorials that need repaired are identified, letters will be sent to the last known address of the grave owner if an address is available.

We would urge anyone with relatives buried in the above burial ground or who believes that they are the owner of a memorial stone there to contact [xxx] to ensure that records can be checked, updated and the options available discussed.