



Chiseldon Parish Council Gravestone Audit Inspections April 2023

Chiseldon Parish Council takes its responsibilities for the Health and Safety of the public, staff, contractors and all others who visit our graveyards seriously.

Recent ongoing staff training has highlighted the need for a professional periodic check of graveyard memorial stones to ensure their safety for all who visit the site.

It was voted to approve a full independent inspection of all memorial stones in the Butts Road cemetery by the ICCM.

This inspection is purely a precautionary and preventative measure at this time.

We will follow the advice of the Institute for Cemetery and Crematoria Management (ICCM), of which we are a member, in the event of an unsafe memorial stone being found.

Family members are welcome to attend at the grave side of their loved one during the audit if they wish. We ask that they come dressed in appropriate sturdy footwear as the ground is uneven in places and follow all H&S advice of the ICCM professionals who are conducting the inspection.

You can contact the council office on 01793 740744 or email clerk@chiseldon-pc.gov.uk to find out more about the procedure and how gravestones will be made safe to avoid risk. Where possible to do so, plot owners will be notified to make their own arrangements to ensure the safety of the memorial stone.

Please also contact us if you would like to be on-site during an inspection so we can liaise with the ICCM.

The dates for this inspection are Tues 25th April to Thurs 27th April 2023.

We hope that everyone will appreciate the need for this sensitive respectful inspection by professionals, who will respect the legacy of the Butts Road graveyard for local people.