

Mount Tabor Methodist Chapel Graveyard Memorial Survey – Level 1 Risk

Background

Calderdale Methodist Circuit as owner of last resort, is responsible for the churchyard at Mount Tabor. Some of the memorials contained in the yard are in an unstable condition and have the potential to cause harm or serious injury. With the recent tragic events at Rawtenstall Cemetery **a survey has been commissioned to consider the stability of memorials in order to address safety** concerns regarding loose memorials which may not have been identified during a visual survey. This was undertaken by a firm of Chartered Architects: Historic Building Consultants.

Methodology

A proportionate approach to testing, with a visual inspection and a gentle hand push test, has been used to identify any movement between components. The following memorials have been classified as Level 1, these are classified as

Immediate action is required to make the memorial safe or to stop the public accessing the memorial. This could be the permanent removal of the hazard or the temporary making safe of the hazard

Response

The graves were marked as needing attention, but given the seriousness of the classification, **the circuit has employed a local contractor**, who have extensive experience in Graveyard memorials, to make these memorials safe, **the result is that the stone was carefully laid down in the confines of the grave plot**. All actions were done in a careful and respectful way and no disrespect was intended.

Responsibility for repairs

An owner, the Deed Holder or successor in title of a memorial, has the responsibility to maintain it so as not to present a hazard. They should then be asked to engage a suitably qualified memorial mason to agree the works with the Circuit and make the required repairs. All work should comply with the National Association of Memorial Masons Code of practice.

If you are the owner of any of the below monuments then please contact us at the following email.

graveyards@calderdalemethodistcircuit.org.uk

Please do not simply stand the monument back up as this does not resolve the safety issues identified.


Image	Description	Notes
	<p>Plot D31 Headstone and Slab</p> <p>Name: Hardy</p>	<p>Headstone unattached laid flat at time of survey</p>


Image	Description	Notes
	<p>Plot E3 Small Headstone</p> <p>Name: unknown</p>	<p>Laid flat at time of survey</p>

Image	Description	Notes
	<p>Plot G35 Headstone</p> <p>Name: Robinson</p>	<p>Completely Loose</p>


Image	Description	Notes
	<p>Plot G37 Headstone</p> <p>Name: Brook</p>	


Image	Description	Notes
	<p>Plot H20 Headstone & Kerb</p> <p>Name: Moore</p>	


Image	Description	Notes
	<p>Plot 136 Headstone & Kerb</p> <p>Name: Playforth</p>	

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	<p>Plot I37 Headstone & Kerb</p> <p>Name: McMonagle</p>	

Image	Description	Notes
	<p>Plot J38 Headstone & Kerb</p> <p>Name: Ackroyd</p>	

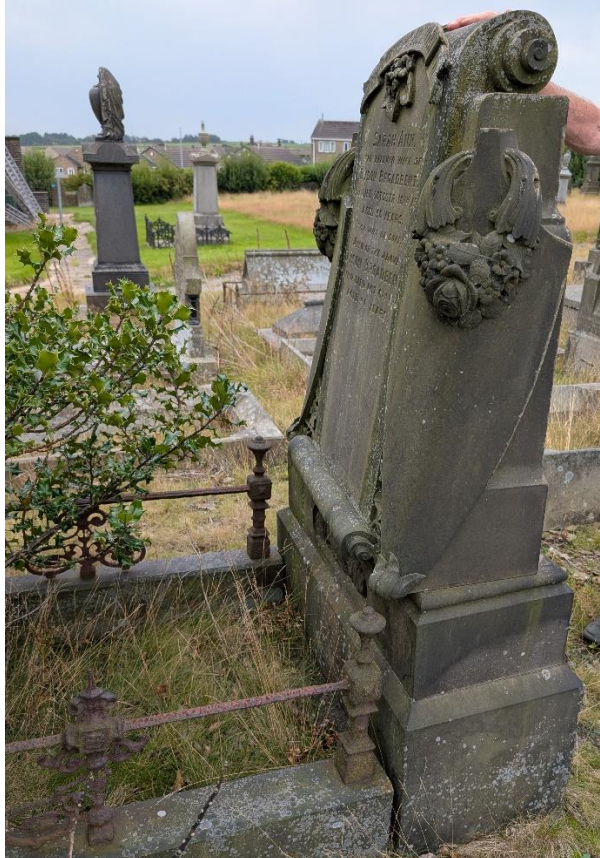
Image	Description	Notes
	<p>Plot N7 Large Headstone</p> <p>Name: Broadbent</p>	Loose



Image	Description	Notes
	<p>Plot N10 Headstone on base</p> <p>Name: Bedford</p>	

Image	Description	Notes
	<p>Plot O40 Headstone</p> <p>Name: Beevers</p>	