



Hailsham
TOWN COUNCIL

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

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Work is also due to be carried out on the old chapel, with a full re-roof incorporating new slate tiles, guttering and leadwork. The chapel doors are scheduled for repair and repainting, which should be completed by the summer.

Furthermore, some ground has been cleared and reclaimed at the south end of the cemetery.

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"We want to ensure that our cemetery provides a fitting and appropriate place for people to visit their loved ones which is why we continue make improvements by carrying out any upgrades and repair work necessary on site. By doing this, we can ensure that the cemetery remains a place the community can be truly proud of."

Hailsham Cemetery offers spaces for the burial of coffins, as well as two Gardens of Remembrance and a separate space available for the interment of cremated remains. The cemetery also includes an area for 'meadowland burials' – for unmarked 'green' burials in bio-degradable coffins with no monuments or headstones.

The cemetery grass is cut around the graves on a regular basis and to a generally high standard. The rest of the cemetery is maintained and repaired regularly by the Town council's Cemetery Superintendent, and the Town Council endeavours to inspect and assess the condition of the cemetery as much as possible.

Hailsham Cemetery is generally open from 'dawn until dusk'. If you are intending to visit and wish to enquire about where a particular burial plot is, please call the Burials Officer on 01323 841702 (9am-4pm, Monday to Friday), who will be happy to assist.

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