

# Great Hale and Little Hale Joint Burial Board

## Benjamin Ward Trust

Also known as Hale Magna and Hale Parva Joint Burial Committee.

Registered Charity Number 501760

Registered address: 9 Forum Way, Sleaford NG34 7FF

Trustees:

Mr Paul Rooke– Chairman

Mr Robert Needham

Mr John Cope

Mr Alan Broom

Mr Maurice Barnatt

Mr Mike Prior

Mr Michael Priestley

Mr Peter Nickols

Clerk: Mrs Debbie Scott

Auditor: Mrs Alison Bourne, Helpringham

Bankers: Lloyds Bank, Sleaford

Insurance arranged through Came & Company (Gallagher).

The Burial Board was created by the Parish Councils of Great Hale and Little Hale in the 1890s; it reports back to the Parishes annually but Trustees are no longer required to be appointed by the Parish Councils. Because of this disassociation, the Burial Board is not eligible to re-claim VAT under the Parish Councils' arrangements with HMRC, nor is it subject to the Smaller Bodies Annual External Audit regime. The Board continues to report annually to the Charity Commission.

The Burial Board's stated activities are to provide the area and maintain the same for the burials of its present & past inhabitants of the two parishes. The cemetery also provides a place for people to visit the graves of loved ones.

During 2022-23 the Board continued to undertake work parties for Spring and Autumn maintenance, when possible, observing social distancing, etc., as required and contracted with PJ Haynes of Waddington for the regular cutting of the grass in the Cemetery during the growing season. Additional cuts were undertaken by Trustees themselves to supplement Mr Haynes' work.

The Board met face to face in April 2022 and November 2022 at Parva House in Little Hale.

During the year work was undertaken in accordance with the agreed Hedgerow Removal Notice removing a short length of hedge on the northern boundary of the cemetery which was felt to be harbouring rabbits and vermin that were undermining the grounds. During the winter further work was carried out to deter rabbits.

Burials were carried out and paid for during the year by local Funeral Director JE Severs (4), and FE Addelee of Boston (1) and memorial applications by Wm Kent (9) and Set in Stone (1), were approved. In addition, one further plot was purchased for future use.

The Board continues to appreciate the support it receives from Great Hale and Little Hale Parish Councils towards its grass-cutting costs.

Approved by the Burial Board on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

## Hale Magna and Hale Parva Joint Burial Board Summary of Accounts 2022-23

Opening balances	2021-22	2022-23
<b>Short Term Funds</b>		
Lloyds	£3,143.28	£3,638.91
National Savings	<u>£18,445.72</u>	<u>£18,445.72</u>
	<b>£21,589.00</b>	<b>£22,084.63</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Plot Purchase	£550.00	£450.00
Interment Fees	£750.00	£610.00
Interest	£21.98	£297.80
Memorials	£250.00	£815.00
Contributions from Parish Councils	£500.00	£500.00
Covid-19 Business Support Grant		
	<u>£2,071.98</u>	<u>£2,672.80</u>
	<b>£23,660.98</b>	<b>£24,757.43</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Staff costs	£400.00	£400.00
Grass cutting	£700.00	£660.00
Other Burial Expenses, Insurance, audit etc	£476.35	£777.70
War Memorial Share of cost of works		
	<u>£1,576.35</u>	<u>£1,837.70</u>
	<b>£22,084.63</b>	<b>£22,919.73</b>
<b>Closing Balances</b>		
Lloyds	£3,638.91	£4,474.01
less unrepresented cheque		
	£3,638.91 *	£4,474.01 *
National Savings Income Bond	<u>£18,445.72 **</u>	<u>£18,445.72 **</u>
	<b>£22,084.63</b>	<b>£22,919.73</b>
<b>Long Term Investments</b>		
National Savings Income Bond	£4,305.77	£4,305.77
	<u>£4,305.77</u>	<u>£4,305.77</u>

\* includes £74.00 held for the War Memorial future maintenance

\*\* includes £10,000 from Business Support Grant

Debbie Scott  
Clerk to the Burial Board  
7th April 2023

Alison Bourne  
Internal Auditor


