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 Michael Priestley - Chairman

Mr Maurice Barnatt

Mr Robert Needham

Mr Mike Prior

Mr Paul Rooke

Mr John Cope

Mr Alan Broom

Mr Peter Nickols (appointed 23 April 2018)

Clerk: Mrs Debbie Scott

Auditor: Mrs Alison Bourne, Helpringham

Bankers: Lloyds Bank, Sleaford

Insurance arranged through Came & Company.

The Burial Board was created by the Parish Councils of Great Hale and Little Hale in the 1890s, it reports back to the Parish Councils 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 in later years, & relive the memories of them.

The Board meets twice a year at Parva House in Little Hale

During 2018-19 the Board continued to undertake work parties for Spring and Autumn maintenance and contracted with CG Crouch of Helpringham for the regular cutting of the grass in the Cemetery during the growing season. Unfortunately Mr Crouch retired at the end of the 2018 season and a new contractor has been identified for the 2019 season.

In April 2018, the Board agreed to work with the Parish Councils on a project initiated with Little Hale Parish Council to restore the lettering on the War Memorial to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the end of WWI. A fundraising and commemorative event held on 11th November in Little Hale raised around £700. In addition an application to the War Memorials Trust, along with donations, will hopefully mean that the restoration work can be completed in 2019-20.

Burials were carried out and paid for during the year by local Funeral Directors JE Severs (3) and Colin Ward (1) and memorials were erected by Shephard Memorials (1) and Wm Kent (3). In addition, one further plot was purchased for future use.

Approved by the Burial Board on 23rd April 2019

Hale Magna and Hale Parva Joint Burial Board **Summary of Accounts 2018-19**

Opening balances		2017-18		2018-19	
Short Term Funds Lloyds National Savings		£669.60 £8,445.72 £9,115.32	: : :	£929.20 £8,445.72 £9,374.92	
income Plot Purchase Interment Fees	£475.00 £325.00		£95.00 £332.00		
Interest Memorials Contributions from Parish Councils Donations to War Memorial Fund	£108.81 £430.00 £500.00		£135.65 £205.00 £500.00 £74.00		
Expenditure	£1,838.81	£1,838.81 £10,954.13	£1,341.65	£1,341.65 £10,716.57	
Staff costs Grass cutting Other Burial Expenses, Insurance, audit etc	£414.40 £940.00 £224.81 £1,579.21	£1,579.21 £9,374.92	£414.40 £720.00 £318.38 £1,452.78	£1,452.78 £9,263.79	
Closing Balances Lloyds less unpresented cheque (Scottish Widows) National Savings		£929.20 £0.00 £929.20 £8,445.72 £9,374.92		£818.07 £0.00 £818.07 * £8,445.72 £9,263.79	
Long Term Investments National Savings Income Bond		£4,305.77		£4,305.77	

^{*} Short Term Funds includes £74.00 held for the War Memorial restoration

Debbie Scott Clerk to the Burial Board 12th April 2019/

Alison Bourne Internal Auditor

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