

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 John Cope – Chairman
Mr Robert Needham
Mr Paul Rooke
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.

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 2020-21 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 Great Hale for the regular cutting of the grass in the Cemetery during the growing season. In addition cuts were undertaken by Trustees themselves to supplement Mr Haynes' work.

Restricted by the Coronavirus pandemic during the year, the Board met once using Zoom, in November 2020, and otherwise maintained contact by email and in small groups in person when allowed.

As a recipient of Small Business Rate Relief on the Cemetery Business Rates (NNDR), the Board found itself eligible for the government Business Support Grant, managed by NKDC. After considerable debate, the Board agreed that the Clerk make an application. This was successful and a grant of £10,000 was received in May 2020. As a temporary measure this was invested in the Board's National Savings and Investment Income Bond account and discussions continue about the best use for it.

Burials were carried out and paid for during the year by local Funeral Director JE Severs (3), Lincolnshire Coop (1) and Allenby's of Anwick (1) and memorials were erected by Wm Kent (2). 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.

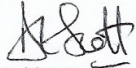
Approved by the Burial Board on 17th May 2021


**Hale Magna and Hale Parva Joint Burial Board
Summary of Accounts 2020-21**

Opening balances	2019-20		2020-21	
Short Term Funds				
Lloyds		£818.07		£2,743.78
National Savings		<u>£8,445.72</u>		<u>£8,445.79</u>
		£9,263.79		£11,189.57
Income				
Plot Purchase	£1,470.00		£630.00	
Interment Fees	£720.00		£432.00	
Interest	£147.07		£168.14	
Memorials	£514.00		£248.00	
Contributions from Parish Councils	£500.00		£500.00	
Donations to War Memorial Fund	£18.00			
War Memorial Trust Grant	£500.00			
Donation from LHPC for future Maintenance	£74.00			
Covid-19 Business Support Grant			£10,000.00	
	<u>£3,943.07</u>	<u>£3,943.07</u>	<u>£11,978.14</u>	<u>£11,978.14</u>
		£13,206.86		£23,167.71
Expenditure				
Staff costs	£414.40		£400.00	
Grass cutting	£600.00		£700.00	
Other Burial Expenses, Insurance, audit etc	£410.96		£478.64	
War Memorial Share of cost of works	£592.00			
	<u>£2,017.36</u>	<u>£2,017.36</u>	<u>£1,578.64</u>	<u>£1,578.64</u>
		£11,189.50		£21,589.07
Closing Balances				
Lloyds		£2,743.78		£3,143.28
less unrepresented cheque		£0.00		
		<u>£2,743.78 *</u>		<u>£3,143.28 *</u>
National Savings Income Bond		£8,445.72		£18,445.72 **
		£11,189.50		£21,589.00
Long Term Investments				
National Savings Income Bond		£4,305.77		£4,305.77
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* Short Term Funds includes £74.00 held for the War Memorial future maintenance

** includes £10,000 from Business Support Grant


Debbie Scott
Clerk to the Burial Board
15th April 2021


Alison Bourne
Internal Auditor
14 April 2021