

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 (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 2021-22 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. Additional cuts were undertaken by Trustees themselves to supplement Mr Haynes' work.

With the lifting of the Covid-19 restrictions, the Board met face to face in May 2021 in Great Hale Village Hall and in November 2021 at Parva House, continuing to maintain contact by email and phone.

During the year the Board submitted a Hedgerow Removal Notice to North Kesteven District Council in respect of 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. The Council accepted the notice and work will be underway at the appropriate time.

Burials were carried out and paid for during the year by local Funeral Director JE Severs (6), FE Adlesee of Boston (1) and Allenby's of Anwick (1) and memorial applications by Wm Kent (2), HJM Memorials (1), Abbey memorials (1) and one private person were approved. In addition, two further plots were purchased for future use.

In order to resolve recurring disputes, the Board agreed upon simple rules for seasonal decorations for children's graves, to take effect from 1st December to 10th January each year, and a new sign was commissioned locally in December 2022.

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 25th April 2022

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Summary of Accounts 2021-22

Opening balances	2020-21		2021-22	
Short Term Funds				
Lloyds		£2,743.78		£3,143.28
National Savings		£8,445.79		£18,445.72
		<u>£11,189.57</u>		<u>£21,589.00</u>
Income				
Plot Purchase	£630.00		£550.00	
Interment Fees	£432.00		£750.00	
Interest	£168.14		£21.98	
Memorials	£248.00		£250.00	
Contributions from Parish Councils	£500.00		£500.00	
Covid-19 Business Support Grant	£10,000.00			
	<u>£11,978.14</u>	<u>£11,978.14</u>	<u>£2,071.98</u>	<u>£2,071.98</u>
		<u>£23,167.71</u>		<u>£23,660.98</u>
Expenditure				
Staff costs	£400.00		£400.00	
Grass cutting	£700.00		£700.00	
Other Burial Expenses, Insurance, audit etc	£478.64		£476.35	
War Memorial Share of cost of works				
	<u>£1,578.64</u>	<u>£1,578.64</u>	<u>£1,576.35</u>	<u>£1,576.35</u>
		<u>£21,589.07</u>		<u>£22,084.63</u>
Closing Balances				
Lloyds		£3,143.28		£3,638.91
less unrepresented cheque				
		£3,143.28 *		£3,638.91
National Savings Income Bond		£18,445.72 **		£18,445.72
		<u>£21,589.00</u>		<u>£22,084.63</u>
Long Term Investments				
National Savings Income Bond		£4,305.77		£4,305.77
		<u>£4,305.77</u>		<u>£4,305.77</u>

* 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
9th April 2022



Alison Bourne
Internal Auditor

