

Pott Shrigley St Christopher – Cremated remains area - Correspondence with parish and others

Date	Message
<p><b>24/10/2023</b></p> <p>To: Katy Purvis From: David Garton</p> <p><b>With attachment</b></p>	<p>You advised via email some time ago (and I can't find the email!) that we would need to apply for a faculty in order to designate a new area of the churchyard for the interment of ashes. We now need to do this as our current area is very nearly full.</p> <p>I have prepared the attached Statement of Need to describe the proposal. Please can you let me know if this provides sufficient information? In particular, will a Statement of Significance be required as it's not obvious to me what I would write in a SoS for such a proposal?</p> <p>I have initiated the application on the online system but would appreciate your guidance on what information needs to be included.</p> <p><a href="#">SoN</a></p>
<p><b>25/10/2023</b></p> <p>To: David Garton From: Katy Purvis</p>	<p>I have just tried to phone you about this. You will need a very basic statement of significance, I know it isn't really relevant but it is a legal requirement, so if you just modify section 3 of the last one for the chancel work, with a couple of sentences that would be fine.</p> <p>In terms of the proposals, they are fine, but for some new information I came across yesterday, which may affect this application.</p> <p>The Diocesan churchyard regulations have not been updated since 2007, and we have had long term plans to work on this. However it was announced a while ago that there would be a national working group of Chancellors looking at all diocese churchyard regulations and recommending where things should be standardised. The initial report was issued yesterday, and I had a look at it last night. One of the recommendations, which is already used in some diocese, but not ours is <i>"The memorial is located so that no part of it is closer than 1500mm to the wall of the church, any perimeter wall, or other structure."</i></p> <p>Having dealt with an awful lot of boundary wall problems in churchyards, sometimes caused by burials close to walls, and sometimes complicated by burials close to walls (requiring exhumation, unexpected exposure of remains, pastoral difficulties over long periods of inaccessibility while a wall was damaged or waiting for or under repair), I am actually minded to advise that going forward we should not bury ashes or any deceased within 1500mm (or some other distance) of a wall whether there is a memorial or not.</p> <p>This isn't legally enforceable at the moment, and you are welcome to submit this application as is and disregard my advice.</p> <p>Please give me a call if you would like to talk this through</p>

<p><b>02/11/2023</b></p> <p>To: Katy Purvis From: David Garton</p>	<p>We have revised our proposal to move the new plots for the interment of ashes so that they are at least 1.5m from the churchyard wall. I have completed the application on the Online Faculty System and have attached the Statement of Need (detailing the revised proposal) and the Statement of Significance.</p>
<p><b>01/12/2023</b></p> <p>To: David Garton From: Katy Purvis</p>	<p>I am writing to let you know that at its meeting of 24 November 2023 the DAC considered the proposal for the new cremated remains area and it resolved to recommend the scheme.</p> <p>This means that Caroline can raise the Notification of Advice so that you can start the display of public notices. Caroline will let you know when she has carried this out.</p>