

Report on the meeting at Garrigill Cemetery 17th October.

Present we're :- Paul Emerson (Parks, Cemeteries, Open Spaces EDC) ; Andrea Maclellan (plots EDC) ; Lissie Sharp and Michael Hanley (EDCouncillors) ; Elaine Grew (AMPC -Garrigill Ward); Residents : Doris Raine , Michelle Macininie, Ruth English , Annie McDonald.

This meeting was to discuss with representatives of EDC, the disappointment and anger about the state of the Cemetery. Previously on a site visit , myself I found , a number of dead birds (50 or so) shot gun cartridges, plastic flowers shredded by the grass cutter, dead trees , poorly maintained gates, path covered in debris. Today , the look was different with the path having been swept, birds and cartridges removed.

However the residents had their say and everything was well received by the Council staff.

Positive Outcomes :- Front gates are to be repaired and repainted.

Lay by outside Cemetery to have tarmac request referral to Highways at the Traffic Management meeting and also through EDC channels.

Paths to be defined around the Cemetery border with edging. Moss and debris to be removed and replaced by gravel or wood chip

Guttering and water butt to be added to outbuilding on site for family members to access water for fresh flowers at grave side.

Shooting on EDC land is prohibited !!! Please pass this message on.

Trees :- long discussion took place. It was suggested that dead areas of trees near walls be cut out with some overhanging branches cut back. The trees either side of main path are causing some disruption to graves. Much of their canopy is dead. Thoughts being that alternate trees in a zig zag pattern along the path are removed, enabling the light to reach the path. Consultation is needed with the residents and AMPC before tree removal is carried out. Parish Council meeting to be held 3rd November. Garrigill Ward meeting is at the Village Hall 7.30, Wednesday 13th November . If necessary, a notice will be supplied to Cemetery gate , for then people to contact EDC for comments. If approved trees will be chopped down and stump and roots will be removed at a later date when they have died off.

Could Garrigill develop a "Friends of the Cemetery " group.
Now the work begins.

Elaine.