

Buckden Parish Council



MEMORIAL STABILITY TESTING – Buckden Cemetery

Buckden Parish Council will soon be carrying out memorial stability testing at Buckden Cemetery in Lucks Lane.

The testing will be performed by Cemetery Development Services and will follow Health and Safety guidance issued to all cemetery authorities. All memorial headstones will be checked in accordance with the latest guidance: “Managing the Safety of Burial Ground Memorials” (Burials and Cemeteries Advisory Group, January 2009).

Any headstone found to be unsafe will be risk assessed to determine the most appropriate method of making it safe. Memorials near high-risk areas, such as pathways, may be cordoned off, and in cases where there is imminent risk of collapse, may need to be laid down. Warning signs will be displayed to advise cemetery users.

The programme is expected to begin in late November.

If you own a plot in the Cemetery, please ensure that we have your current contact details. Please email contact detail updates to assistant.clerk@buckdenpc.org.uk

For further information about the testing procedures, please contact:

- **Cemetery Development Services (CDS) – 01234 740845**
- **Buckden Parish Council – 01480 819407**