

To: Chairperson of Buckden Parish Council

Application to extend the Memorial Garden at St Mary's Buckden

The churchyard at St Mary's has been closed for more than one hundred years and is maintained by the Parish Council. A memorial garden is situated in the churchyard by its western wall, containing the ashes of those with a connection to Buckden or St Mary's. It has been in use since at least the 1990's. The memorial stones have been designed and laid in accordance with diocesan regulations; St Mary's PCC have laid down no additional requirements.

The current area of the memorial garden is nearly full and Parish Council support is requested for it to be extended. A Separate Faculty application is being made to the Church of England Chancellor and Parish Council approval is required for that application. This proposal was approved by St Mary's PCC at its meeting on 26th February.

The proposed extension is 7m long, extending beyond the last line of stones which marks the boundary of the existing garden, and 4m wide from the boundary wall to the line of existing tombstones. To assist the Parish Council in considering this proposal, 3 photographs of the area and a free hand sketch are attached below:

Photo 1: This picture shows a general view of the existing Memorial Garden and its location in relation to St Mary's. The existing memorial garden can be seen in the centre left of the picture. The ground between the line of memorial stones and the camera forms part of the requested extension.



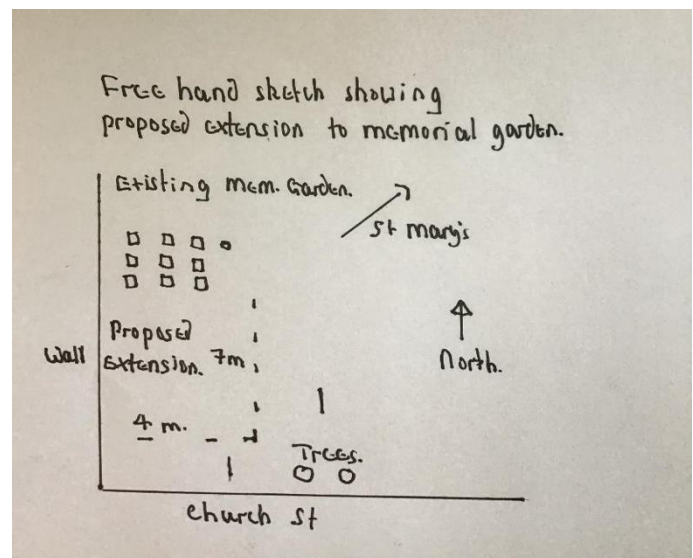
Photo 2. This picture shows the area of the requested extension to the memorial garden looking north. It runs from a line between the bamboo cane and the boundary wall, approximately 4 metres, for a distance of some 7 metres to the to the line of existing memorial stones



Photo 3. This picture is the same range as Photo 2 but taken from the opposite direction, looking south. It shows the edge of the existing memorial garden at the bottom of the picture and the bamboo pole, which with the boundary wall forms the limit of the proposed extension to the memorial garden



Drawing: This free hand drawing is intended to be a diagrammatic representation of the proposed extension in the context of this area of the churchyard.



I would be grateful for the Parish Council's approval of this proposal. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Many thanks

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