



HOLY TRINITY CHURCHYARD – IMPACTED GRAVE MEMORIALS

This document provides details of grave memorials in the churchyard that will be impacted by the development project.

The elements of the development that will have an impact of grave memorials are:

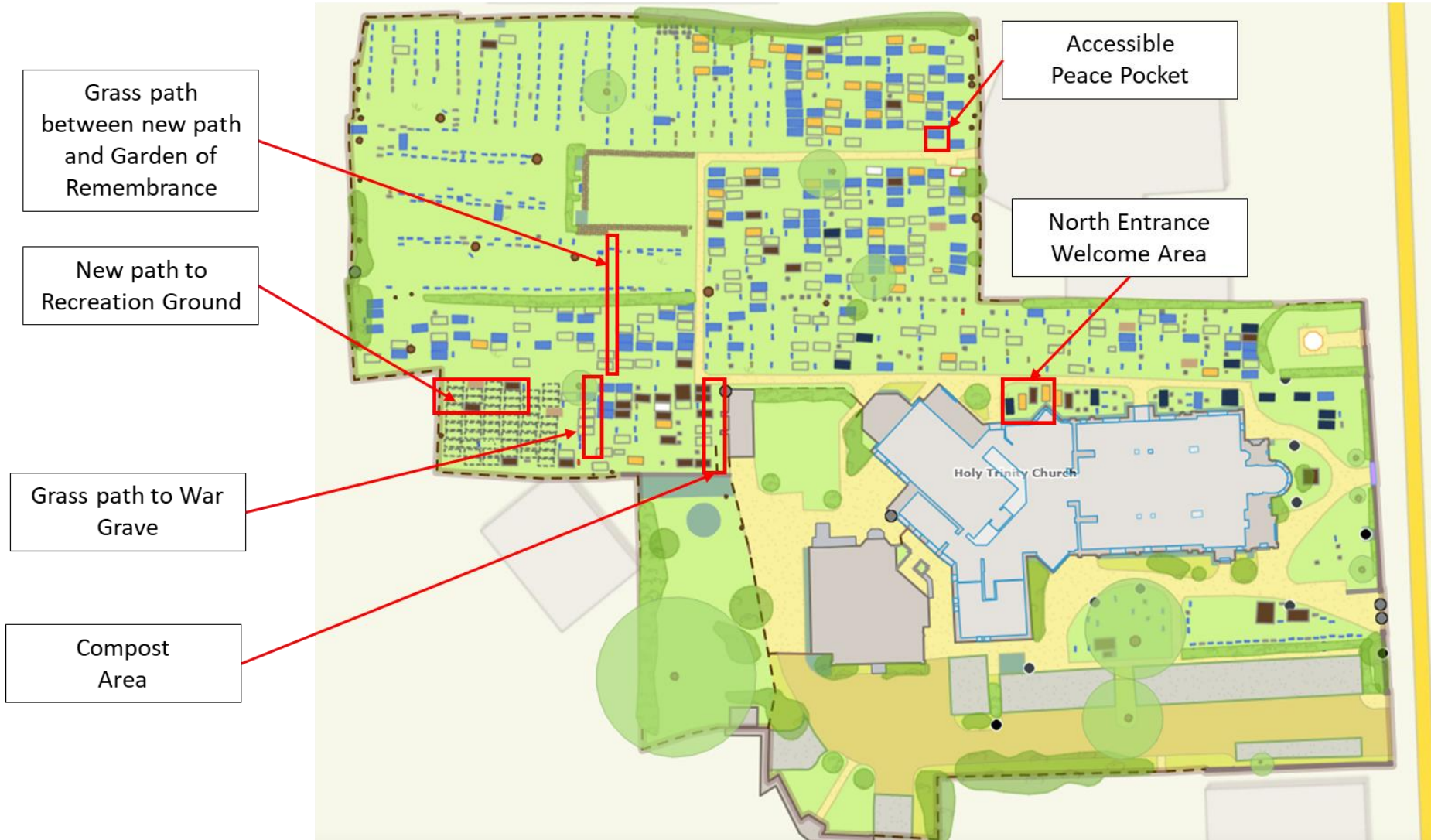
- Creation of a hard access path to link the churchyard to the Recreation Ground
- Providing safe access along grass paths to some important areas within the churchyard
- Provision of a seating area that is accessible by wheelchair users

Several underlying principles have been applied when considering whether a particular area needs to be impacted:




- The requirement is linked to an important aspect of the design
- Only the older sections of the churchyard will be impacted
- Interred remains will be undisturbed in all cases
- Headstones will be left undisturbed unless the need is critical to the design. In all cases these will then be moved to a suitable location near to the original grave
- Any other part of the grave covering (kerbstone or grave slab) that incorporates text will also be moved to a suitable location near to the original grave
- Any other part of the grave covering (kerbstone or grave slab) that does not incorporate text will be removed and broken up. The resulting rubble will be used in other parts of the churchyard design wherever practical

Most of the impacted grave memorial included in the plan are over 100 years old, with the most recent ones being over 70 years old.

Holy Trinity Churchyard – Impacted Grave Memorials



Description of Impacted Areas

Area	Photo	Description
Compost Area		<p>The kerbstones in this area need to be moved to facilitate a safe access route to the compost area by far wall at the end of the path.</p> <p>The headstones along this route will not be touched. Kerbstones and other monuments on top of the graves will be relocated if they incorporate text, otherwise they will be removed</p>
New Path to Recreation Ground		<p>A key part of the project is the creation of a new path and gate to enable access to the recreation ground</p> <p>The grave monuments along this route will all be relocated to a nearby position in the churchyard.</p>
Path to War Grave		<p>The kerbstones in this area need to be moved to facilitate a safe access route to the war grave by far fence at the end of the path.</p> <p>The headstones along this route will not be touched. Kerbstones and other monuments on top of the graves will be relocated if they incorporate text, otherwise they will be removed.</p> <p>The terracotta grave covering in the foreground of the photo will not be touched.</p>

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Grass path		<p>This grass path runs between the new path to the Recreation Ground and the Garden of Remembrance, to enable easy and safe access across to and from this area.</p> <p>A section of the hedge along the route will be removed to allow passage from one side to the other.</p>
Accessible Peace Pocket		<p>Strategically placed benches creating places for viewing and contemplation, known as 'peace pockets' are an important part of the project.</p> <p>It was felt important that one of these peace pockets would be accessible to wheelchair users, which requires it to be located by the side of the tarmac path. The place chosen has excellent views across the churchyard and involves minimal disturbance to existing grave monuments.</p>
North Entrance Welcome Area		<p>Opening the access from the churchyard into the main church building is a key part of the project, so that passers-by can be invited into the church building for a coffee or to attend one of the church's midweek activities.</p> <p>The proposed welcome area outside this entrance means that four old grave monuments will be to be relocated to a nearby location on the north side of the church.</p> <p>It should be noted that these monuments do not have graves beneath them. The original graves had to be relocated as part of the major church redevelopment in 1998/99. Interred remains were re-buried in a common grave and the monuments were moved to their current locations.</p>