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When were the information boards erected at whose expenses?

The four-sided interpretation panel in the main section of Old Calton Burial was erected on 3 October 2019. The small panel on the gate to the 'orphan' section of Old Calton Burial ground was erected on 4 September 2019.

Funds for the panels came from the Edinburgh Neighbourhood Community Grants Fund and Edinburgh World Heritage (EWH). The Friends of the Calton Burial Grounds and EWH secured this funding to support a community stewardship project focussing on Old Calton Burial Ground. This project included the creation and installation of the new interpretation panels as one of its workstreams. The project was coordinated by EWH as part of its strategy to encourage graveyard Friends groups to establish themselves following research recommendations set out in a 2013 Edinburgh WHS Graveyards report <https://ewh.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Edinburgh-Graveyards-Report.pdf>

Who prepared the design of the information boards and who supplied information for texts

EWH worked with a small team of volunteers from the Friends of the Calton Burial Grounds to draft the text after having first carried out research on each of the historic figures included on the panel. EWH and the Friends then created a design brief for a local artist who created the original artwork and layout.

Had Deaf Action the forerunner of the said EDDBS been consulted on Blackwood as the cartoon of Sandy Blackwood is the accurate reflection of the photographic portrait?

A volunteer from the Friends of Calton Burial Grounds twice visited the Deaf Action Office at 49 Albany Street, Edinburgh prior to carrying out the interpretation project to discuss. These visits allowed The Friends to explain more about their work and the aims of the new interpretation and to fact-find on the work of Alexander Blackwood and the Edinburgh Deaf Church building. The image of Alexander Blackwood used is published online in articles by:

i) Barclay Price, a well-respected Edinburgh historian

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<https://sites.google.com/site/albanystreetedinburgh/home/house-list/number-49/number-49--information-on-other-residents>

ii) Published in the September 2011 edition of 'Spurtle' a local community newsletter, which was written in conjunction with Deaf Action. For more information see <https://www.broughtonspurtle.org.uk/>

Would you please elaborate more about the Friends of the Old Carlton Cemetery?

The Friends of Calton Burial Grounds is a small informal group of volunteers (c. 10 people) who have worked closely with EWH on three separate projects to improve understanding, awareness and the condition of the New and Old Calton Burial Grounds in Edinburgh's World Heritage Site. The projects took place between 2016-2019. EWH is an independent charity with the aim of ensuring the city's World Heritage status is a dynamic force that benefits everyone. Due to Covid-19 the Friends group is not currently active.