

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Bereavement Services manages 43 burial/cemetery sites, at which staff carry out many tasks including enforcement of the Cemetery Rules.

On Saturday 24th May 2025, members of staff attending Warriston Cemetery were subjected to an unacceptable level of intimidation and harassment from members of the public in the cemetery. As a result those members of staff were required to delay carrying out their planned tasks in the cemetery whilst Police Officers took reports in relation to these incidents.

As you know, the Cemetery Rules stipulate that dogs must be kept on a lead at all times whilst in any Edinburgh Cemetery. The following link Parks and greenspaces – The City of Edinburgh Council lists parks where dog owners may be able to exercise them off-lead.

Please be aware that Bereavement Services staff are expected to enforce the Cemetery Rules, which in the case of repeated non-compliance may result in cemetery users being asked to leave the Cemetery and not return.

Yours sincerely

Bereavement Services Operational Manager | Regulatory Services | Sustainable Development Directorate of Place | The City of Edinburgh Council | Mortonhall Crematorium. 30b Howdenhall Road. Edinburgh, EH16 6TX | Tel 0131 [REDACTED]

To: "[REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk >;

Sent: Sun 25/05/2025 15:55

Cc: [REDACTED]

Reply-To: "[REDACTED]"

Subject: Warriston

Morning,

While in Warriston on Sat 24th May there were three occasions where people were not following the cemetery rules.

1. Male with 2 dogs [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I explained who I was and offered a copy of the cemetery management rules. He declined a copy and proceeded to carry on. [REDACTED]

Male with dog who was asked to leave on Friday for allowing dogs off lead [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] They were again asked if they would like a copy of the cemetery rules.

[REDACTED] I have again explained there are no dog wardens employed in Bereavement Services and that I cover a range of duties of which get interrupted each time I'm required to speak to people when not following the rules.


4. [REDACTED] who drive a [REDACTED] to the cemetery to exercise their dogs had to be reminded about the cemetery rules. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I explained they are more than welcome to come and enjoy the beautiful grounds but must follow the rules like anyone else. I explained that we have a wide variety of

people using the cemetery it's not exclusive for exercising their dogs.

Thanks



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From: [REDACTED]
To: "Bereavement" < bereavement@edinburgh.gov.uk >; [REDACTED]
Sent: Fri 09/05/2025 15:46
Reply-To: [REDACTED] >;
Subject: STATE OF AFFAIRS AT WARRISTON CEMETARY

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Email to: bereavement@edinburgh.gov.uk

[also copied: [REDACTED]

Re: THE SORRY STATE OF AFFAIRS AT WARRISTON CEMETARY


[REDACTED] regular users of Warriston Cemetery, to write to you to ask for clarity/information on the series of recent work there which have left many of us **dismayed, disappointed, and upset** that our much-loved spot is not being managed properly with the due care and consideration local people expect and hope.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Raging Edinburgh residents turn up at local cemetery to find themselves locked out

[REDACTED]



Raging Edinburgh residents turn up at local cemetery to find themselves ...

Cara Blackhall

Warriston Cemetery near Inverleith was closed at the end of January following damage caused by Storm Eowyn. Thre...

We are writing to you because we feel upset and completely in the dark as to the Council's plans (and we are all council tax payers); and more, that we feel it has been doing everything it can to make life difficult for us to enjoy what is a much-loved spot within our own area.

We estimate the cemetery is used by several 100 local people as a much-loved place to walk and relax, reflect, and find peace in the city; but resulting from its recent closure and ongoing work at the site, we know many are just not using it anymore...

The root of the problem has been the permanent 'barricading' of one of the only two access points used by many people - it's not an official entrance, but a gap in the wall (at the Tesco superstore end of the cemetery near Eildon Street, off the main Warriston Path walkway) that people had used happily, safely, and easily for many years which has now been blocked off, (very crudely) by an ugly-looking and sturdy 10ft fence. [Pictures are attached, showing it has now been graffitied (predictably) and looks dreadful in what should be a respectful beauty spot.]

As a result, anyone wanting access needs to enter the cemetery at its only gate, right beside two large residential homes at the very end of Warriston Gardens, near Goldenacre playing fields.

Walking to there for many of us who previously accessed 'over the gap in the wall', is just too inconvenient; and we can imagine, not welcomed by the residents of Warriston Gardens.

We are also puzzled:

- by the cemetery's recent closure completely for weeks for alleged work taking place after the recent storm Eowyn (none of us could see any significant damage to warrant this)
- by the clearance work being done at one of the corners of the cemetery, leaving many graves disturbed even damaged, again for what looks to us like for no obvious reason
- that the Council appears to have positioned a regular, even fulltime (and often heavy-handed and rude) warden to patrol the cemetery, for no other reason but it seems to all of us (owners or not) than to stop allowing dogs to walk off the lead, in what is arguably the only safe place to do that in this area of the city.

We all agree, surely, the better, cheaper, more sensible solution to this unofficial second access point, would have been to create a simple stile, or steps, or even create a tasteful gate allowing access through the gap in the wall, or nearby off Warriston Path, to that end of the cemetery?

Costs could surely have been no more (and so much better spent) than the blunt, crude work carried out, clearly in haste: that horrible-looking barricade.

The appropriate pictures are attached with captions.

We all feel very strongly, that with some careful and respectful planning and work this could be resolved very easily, and quickly, to everyone's happiness, and we can all once again be able to easily and conveniently use our beloved cemetery.



ALSO NOTE:

Our planned FOI, to the Council's Information Governance Unit] which could be avoided with a satisfactory reply to this] is likely to ask for FULL information on:

1. copies of all recent correspondence, estimates, alternatives considered, and eventual costs incurred, regarding building of barricade/fence to block unofficial entry point (gap in a wall) near Tesco superstore, off Warriston Path, near the end of Eildon Street
2. details of the annual budget for Warriston Cemetery
3. copies of all recent correspondence regarding closure of Warriston Cemetery due to damage by storm Eowyn; estimates for work; timescales and schedules

Management Rules

For Cemeteries, Churchyards and Burial Grounds

The City of Edinburgh Council (Burial Authority) make the following rules under the terms of Section 112 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

Interpretation

'Burial Authority' means City of Edinburgh Council.

'Council Officer' means any person employed by the City of Edinburgh Council or any person authorised by them to enforce these rules.

'Cemetery' means any land used for burial including churchyards kirkyards and burial grounds which are owned, occupied or under the management of City of Edinburgh Council.

General - the following acts are prohibited:

1.1 Behaviour which causes (or in the opinion of a Council Officer is likely to cause) annoyance, offence, alarm or distress to any other Cemetery visitor.

1.2 Any wilful or careless act which damages or removes any artefact or memorial, plant, tree, shrub, building, structure, equipment, furniture including benches or signage.

1.3 Depositing litter except in litter bins provided for the purpose.

1.4 Pursuing any activity which endangers (or in the opinion of a Council Officer is likely to endanger) any person or property including entering or exiting the cemetery not by the designated means.

1.5 Entering or wilfully remaining in a cemetery when it is closed to the public.

General - the following acts are prohibited unless written permission has been obtained:

2.1 Engaging in any commercial activity including but not limited to, filming, photography and drone recording.

2.2 Giving displays or performances including begging or busking.

2.3 Tours whether paid or not in a Cemetery which is subject to the tour guide registration scheme if the operator has not registered with the Burial Authority.

2.4 Any organised event whether paid for or not within the cemetery including but not limited to art classes, teaching, ghost hunting, and parties.

Dogs and Horses – the following acts are prohibited

3.1 Failing to keep your dog on a lead whilst in the cemetery.

3.2 Commercial dog walking.

3.3 Allowing a dog to foul in a cemetery contrary to the provisions of the Dog Fouling (Scotland) Act 2003.

3.4 Leading, riding, training or exercising a horse.

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- **Vehicles - the following acts are prohibited:**
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4.1 Parking on grass or grass verges whilst in a Cemetery.

4.2 Parking in a Cemetery for a purpose other than Cemetery use.

4.3 Parking in a way that prohibits other users from accessing another part of the cemetery.



4.4 Parking in designated disabled parking bays without displaying a Blue Badge.

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- **General Information**

- Contact Bereavement Services

- Working Hours 0131 664 4314
- Out of Hours 0131 200 2000

or email

bereavement@edinburgh.gov.uk





WARNING



You have been given this leaflet as you have broken cemetery rules relating to dogs.

You risk being excluded if you do not follow rules!

Dogs – the following acts are prohibited:

- 3.1 Failing to keep your dog on a lead whilst in the cemetery.
- 3.2 Commercial dog walking.
- 3.3 Allowing a dog to foul in a cemetery contrary to the provisions of the Dog Fouling (Scotland) Act 2003.



Please remember rule 1.1 and always act in a responsible and respectful manner in a cemetery and towards others.

If your dog needs to be off lead please take them to one of Edinburgh's parks - remember to check individual park rules to ensure your dog can be off lead and bag and bin their poo.

Map of Parks



To comment on or speak to someone about this leaflet, please contact:

Bereavement services
Telephone: 0131 664 4314
bereavement@edinburgh.gov.uk

Full Cemetery Rules



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] @edinburgh.gov.uk>

Sent: 23 March 2025 23:53

To: [REDACTED] @edinburgh.gov.uk>

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Warriston cemetery friends and dogs

Hello,

Just thought I would keep you updated on some of the things happening in Warriston.

Tuesday 18th March 25 I was speaking [REDACTED] about ivy removal as our nesting seasons started and that it should now be a maintenance program rather than clearance. I also informed that I was meeting our biodiversity team the following day.

Saturday 22nd March I was down working and had to ask the friends to stop removing ivy from the wall where it's been fenced off! I have explained again that this Ivy is now a possible nesting place and contains pollens which are an important food source. Caroline did stop straight away and I'll attach pictures for reference.

A Rosa Rugosa had been planted in the cemetery so I asked the group if it was from their party as this is classed an invasive species. They said they hadn't planted it and

it's been removed. I have said we will supply a list of native species so that if they are planting anything it falls within the guidelines and if they were going to buy plants then at least they would be purchasing the correct types.

A brief chat took place between [REDACTED] and myself about recent comments on the friends Facebook page and also the parking outside of the gate. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] wasn't aware of the parking outside so I let [REDACTED] know the agreement which is in place and they are expected to continue with these guidelines.

The dog walking community are still coming in and then letting dogs off lead however this has now overall dropped considerably in numbers since January and when they see me they are putting them back on but I'm still educating on the rules which say they must be on at all times no matter which area of the cemetery they are in.



The cemetery continues to be a lot quieter now that there is 1 entrance and exit due to the illegal entry points being closed off. This has had a big impact on the amount of footfall with dogs off lead. There has now been more people on foot enjoying a walk, joggers, bird watchers and photographers in the space who are commenting on the positive impacts this has had to the cemetery and their experience when spending time there.

I have now had to ask someone to leave the grounds because they are completely ignoring requests for dogs on lead and the fact they aren't permitted to throw balls and play fetch! [REDACTED]


I am still communicating with [REDACTED] regarding the poster and hope to have some more info I can share with [REDACTED] this coming week.


I will get a brief report back on the biodiversity meeting soon in a separate email.

Thanks



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Bereavement Services staff have identified a number of areas of concern after storm Eowyn caused damage to trees and fencing at Warriston Cemetery. The Council has a duty to ensure the health and safety of anyone on-site while colleagues at Forestry work to complete a full survey of the cemetery and to identify the work which needs to be done to make the site safe for its users.

There is at least one dangerous tree limb which needs to be removed and several areas that need experts to check that there are no further safety risks. It is not possible to allow public access until those full safety checks have been undertaken by Forestry staff. Additionally there are not sufficient staff numbers within the burials team to manage partial access without disrupting other essential services, including being able to undertake planned burials elsewhere in the city. Allowing uncontrolled access is thus a safety risk that I cannot justify.

The storm was a significant one which resulted in a large number of trees being downed or damaged across the city, and the Forestry team is prioritising those which are highest risk - for example where trees are blocking roads or have taken down traffic signs. I am hopeful that cemeteries will be dealt with as soon as possible

You have raised a concern about public right of access under the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003. That Act allows a right of access over land. Section 5 (2) of that Act is clear in its terms that the existence of this right does not remove a land owner's duty of care to others, as we have already discussed in telephone conversations.

I have attached the risk assessment used when making the decision to close Warriston Cemetery to the public until the site has been declared safe. As you can

see, the areas of concern are large, meaning that fencing them off is not possible. Limited staff resources are available to monitor or patrol the cemetery.

Where any person wishes to visit a grave, it may be possible for a member of staff to accompany them to ensure their safety. Staff will ask for details and an individual risk assessment will be carried out, after which it may be that staff can facilitate a safe visit.

Kind regards

[Redacted signature]

Bereavement Services Operational Manager | Regulatory Services | Sustainable Development Directorate
of Place | The City of Edinburgh,
EH16 6TX | Tel 0131 [Redacted phone number]

Web

http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/20019/burials_and_cremations

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk>
Sent:
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED] etery in a van..

Dear [REDACTED]

Forestry colleagues are currently working in Warriston Cemetery - as soon as they are able to confirm there is no danger to the public the gates will be opened and our web page updated,

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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of Place | The City of [REDACTED] Edinburgh,
EH16 6TX | Tel 0131 [REDACTED]

Web

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 March 2025 10:14
To: [REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Council staff following dog walkers around the cemetery in a van..

Dear [REDACTED],

Could you please let me know when the cemetery will be open to the public
as now been closed for six weeks—

Best regards,

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Safety Management Document

Risk Assessment


Hazard From Trees (Storm Damage)

Viewing & Printing

To View PDF Document In Full Screen Use CTRL + L

To Print Document Use Adobe Reader Instead of Browser

Right Click on File > Open With > Adobe Reader or Adobe Acrobat

	Bereavement Services		Risk Assessment - Hazard From Trees (Storm Damage)			BSRA.103	
Department :	Place / Regulatory Services	Unit / Section:	Bereavement Services	Assessment Prepared By :	Andrew Hume -Team Leader		
Assessment Prepared (Original):	27 January 2025	What is the activity?	Task Specific / Non Generic	Where is the activity carried out ?	Cemeteries managed by the City of Edinburgh Council		
Risk Assessment - Hazard From Trees (Storm Damage) <i>Risk has been reduced from a Moderate Risk to an Acceptable Risk following correct safety procedures. Highest Risk Rating value is 5 - Acceptable Risk- Normal accepted controls in place, no additional action is required</i>							
Work Site -Task Specific / Non Generic							
Assessment Valid - Jan 25 - Jul 25							
This risk assessment was produced for the temporary closures of Comely Bank and Warriston Cemeteries due to storm damage from Storm Eowyn 24th January 2024. Bereavement services risk assessments are continuously reviewed and updated in accordance with new regulations, methods of working and procedures, if after reading you feel there are procedures or practices that are not applicable or need to be included please fill out the feedback page and hand to line manager, supervisor or assessor.							
What are the hazards ?	Who might be harmed and how ?	What are you already doing?	What further action is necessary	Action by whom ?	Action by when ?	Done	
• Dangerous Tree Damage, broken limbs, crowns, dangerous branches , fallen tree	• Member of the public, member of staff	• An initial inspection of all cemeteries was carried out on the 25th January 2025 to assess the damage - Almost all cemeteries in Edinburgh suffered some tree damage but Warriston and Comely Bank due to their size and damage sustained require to be locked until hazards removed. Around half of all fatalities due to falling trees or branches occur in public spaces, such as a park or beside roads, so Section 3 HSW Act may be applicable. Whilst HSE may regard the average risk as extremely low, the law requires that where reasonably practicable measures are available, in individual cases, they should be taken. Whilst the risk of such incidents puts them outside HSE's and LAs main proactive priorities, inspectors may be called upon to investigate serious incidents, including fatalities.					

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Practical measure that has been taken are the two cemeteries in question are to be locked and closed until Forestry experts can assess the damage and offer guidance - Due to the widespread damage occurred to the Edinburgh area this may take some weeks.● As it is impossible to zone off areas of concern in Comely Bank and Warriston due to the size of the cemeteries, the gates will be locked to the public, staff attending or working in the cemeteries must be wearing Hi Viz clothing and safety hats at all times.● Warriston has an unofficial access point which has been created by members of the public, in the past at the access point cemetery closed and warning signs have been have been removed and temporary barriers vandalised , this should permanently sealed to prevent access. Any person or person found to be on the sites without prior clearance will be escorted off site and may be reported to the police.● Members of the public wishing to visit a grave or memorial once in contact with Bereavement Services, where they will be met with staff and escorted to the location. (Safety Equipment may be required to be issued)				
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Are other specific risk assessments required?			
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Electricity	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fire Safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Manual Handling	<input type="checkbox"/>	New and Expectant Mothers	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personal Protective Equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stress Management	<input type="checkbox"/>
Work Equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Workplace Health, Safety & Welfare	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Display Screen Equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Lone Working	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Noise	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Vibration	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Working at Height	<input type="checkbox"/>
Manager's Name:	Gareth Edwards - Burials Team Leader	Date:	-
Signature:	-	Assessment Review Date By:	8 Jul 2025 <i>Or as required, subject to changes in legislation, guidelines and advice.</i>
SI Risk Assessment Version 13.0		AJH.SI.0989.RA	

Risk Assessment

Hazard From Trees (Storm Damage)

Reviews, Revisions & Notes

Produced: 27 January 2025 by Andrew Hume - Team Leader

Control Copy: Hazard From Trees (Storm Damage) - BSCC.103

Review Dates

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Revisions

Further Reading

1	Hard Copy available to view
2	Further Safety Advice may be accessed on Orb
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Feedback / Notes

Risk Assessment

Hazard From Trees (Storm Damage)

Risk Matrix For Hazard From Trees (Storm Damage) After Controls

	Improbable	Remote	Occassional	Probable	Frequent	
	Very unlikely to occur, rare occurrence	Unlikely but could occur.	Infrequent Occurrence	May Occur Several Times	Very Likely to occur	
1	5 Acceptable X					Fatality or Permanent Injury
2	4 Acceptable X					Hospitalization
3	3 Acceptable X					Lost Time Injury / Illness
4	2 Acceptable X					Medical Aid / Restricted / Modified Work
5	Acceptable X					First Aid / Very Minor or Non Injury
Highest Rating 5	Risk has been reduced from a Moderate Risk to an Acceptable Risk following correct safety procedures. Highest Risk Rating value is 5 - Acceptable Risk- Normal accepted controls in place, no additional action is required					

Main controls proposed - Closing Cemeteries Until Assessments Completed.

	CRITICAL Risk - RISK IS UNACCEPTABLE - Work not to proceed until risk is reduced, immediate action required
	SERIOUS RISK - Risk is undesirable, can proceed but check if additional safeguards can be added
	MODERATE RISK- Reasonable practical risk reduction measures must be employed, action plan should be considered
	ACCEPTABLE RISK- Normal accepted controls in place, no additional action is required

Subject: Complaint Regarding Lack of Response and Cemetery Closure

External email

Contains topics of a financial nature

Dear sir / madam

I am writing to formally raise a complaint regarding the closure of **Warriston Cemetery** in Edinburgh, which has been justified by the City of Edinburgh Council's Bereavement Services on unspecified "health and safety" grounds. Despite repeated attempts to seek clarification from both Bereavement Services and local councillors, I have received no response.

The cemetery closure has caused significant concern among the local community. Under the **Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003**, public access is a fundamental right. Although the **Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Act 2016** allows councils to manage cemeteries, any closure must be supported by clear and justifiable reasons, particularly when it involves full denial of public access. To date, no detailed explanation or risk assessment has been provided to justify this decision.

I have previously requested:

1.
A detailed explanation of the specific health and safety risks prompting the closure.
2.
Documentation or risk assessments supporting these claims.
3.
An explanation of why mitigation measures, such as partial access restrictions, have not been implemented.



I kindly request that your office investigate this matter, ensuring that the

council adheres to its responsibilities regarding public access, communication, and justification for such closures. I am happy to provide further details if needed.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,



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To: [REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk >;
Sent: Mon 10/02/2025 16:56
Reply-To: "[REDACTED]";
Subject: RE: Challenge to Warriston Cemetery Closure and Request for Justification

[REDACTED]

Can we make the point that family or friends with a desire to visit a specific grave will be accommodated with a staff attending wherever possible but that the site of damaged tree and the large space that is Warriston means it is impractical to have staff present 24/7 to supervise meantime.

Thanks.

Andrew Mitchell

Head of Regulatory Services

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Subject: Fwd: Concerns About Dog-Walking Enforcement at Warriston Cemetery



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From:

Sent: Sunday, January 12, 2025 14:48

To: Bereavement@edinburgh.gov.uk

Cc:

Cllr.Val.Walker@edinburgh.gov.uk; Cllr.Jule.Bandel@edinburgh.gov.uk; Cllr.Vicky.Nicolson@edinburgh.gov.uk

Subject: Concerns About Dog-Walking Enforcement at Warriston Cemetery

Dear Bereavement Department,

I recently spoke with your dog warden regarding the new rules about walking dogs without leads. He informed me that Warriston Cemetery has become a “hot spot” of trouble, though I can’t say I’m entirely surprised.



always appreciated the tranquil green space that Warriston provides. However, the council’s recent method of enforcement—namely dispatching a diesel van to creep after unsuspecting dog walkers—strikes me as excessive, not to mention baffling. Given Edinburgh’s well-publicized £30 million budget deficit, I

struggle to understand how lurking in graveyards at twilight, effectively terrorizing law-abiding residents, constitutes prudent use of public funds.

Was this genuinely the intended outcome of insisting dogs be kept on leads? Surely, when drafting such regulations, nobody envisioned a white van prowling through a peaceful cemetery at night. It's disconcerting, unnecessary, and seems a woeful misdirection of resources—especially when the city has real concerns, from rampant potholes to far more serious criminal activity.

I respectfully ask whether anyone in the department might revisit this enforcement tactic. It's difficult to comprehend how following dog walkers with a polluting van is a top priority, particularly when Warriston's main source of conflict appears to be one individual who shouts abuse at passersby.

If you can shed any light on the reasoning behind this approach or if there are plans to address the situation more constructively, I'd be grateful for your insights. In the meantime, I'd urge a thorough re-think before any more time or money is spent on such a counterproductive policy.

Yours faithfully,

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From: [REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk>

Sent: Wednesday, August 7, 2024 1:35 PM

To: Jule Bandel <Cllr.Jule.Bandel@edinburgh.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk>

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Warriston Cemetery and community service workers

Dear Cllr Bandel

Community Pay back team do not mow or strim grass in any of our Cemeteries. The workplan for Warriston Cemetery does not allow them to carry out this type of work, could it be the local Friends of Warriston Group your constituent is referring to? Again however they are not permitted to use power tools in our cemeteries.

Warriston Cemetery is a large and diverse site, and only the top sections where burials and cremated remains interments still take place are maintained by the burial team, this allows grieving families to easily access their loved one's grave. The rest of the graveyard is not maintained in this way in response to the nature emergency, the Council approach to site management recognises that leaving naturalised areas of vegetation where possible, can have positive effects for nature. This supports the objectives of the Edinburgh Biodiversity Action Plan and Edinburgh Nature Network.

I hope this clarifies the issue raised,

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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of Place | The City of [REDACTED] Edinburgh,
EH16 6TX | Tel 0131 [REDACTED] -|

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From: Jule Bandel <Cllr.Jule.Bandel@edinburgh.gov.uk>

Sent: Wednesday, August 7, 2024 11:45 AM

To: [REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk>

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Warriston Cemetery and community service workers



From: Jule Bandel <Cllr.Jule.Bandel@edinburgh.gov.uk>

Sent: Tuesday, August 6, 2024 11:57 AM

To: @edinburgh.gov.uk>

Cc: 

Subject: FW: Warriston Cemetery and community service workers

Dear ,

I hope you're the right person to contact about the issue below but please tell me if I should be getting in touch with someone else! Could you advise if there is any reason mowing and weeding resources seem to be focused on Warriston Cemetery despite the ambition to increase biodiversity? Thank you!

Best wishes,



CC'ing  for Caseworker

