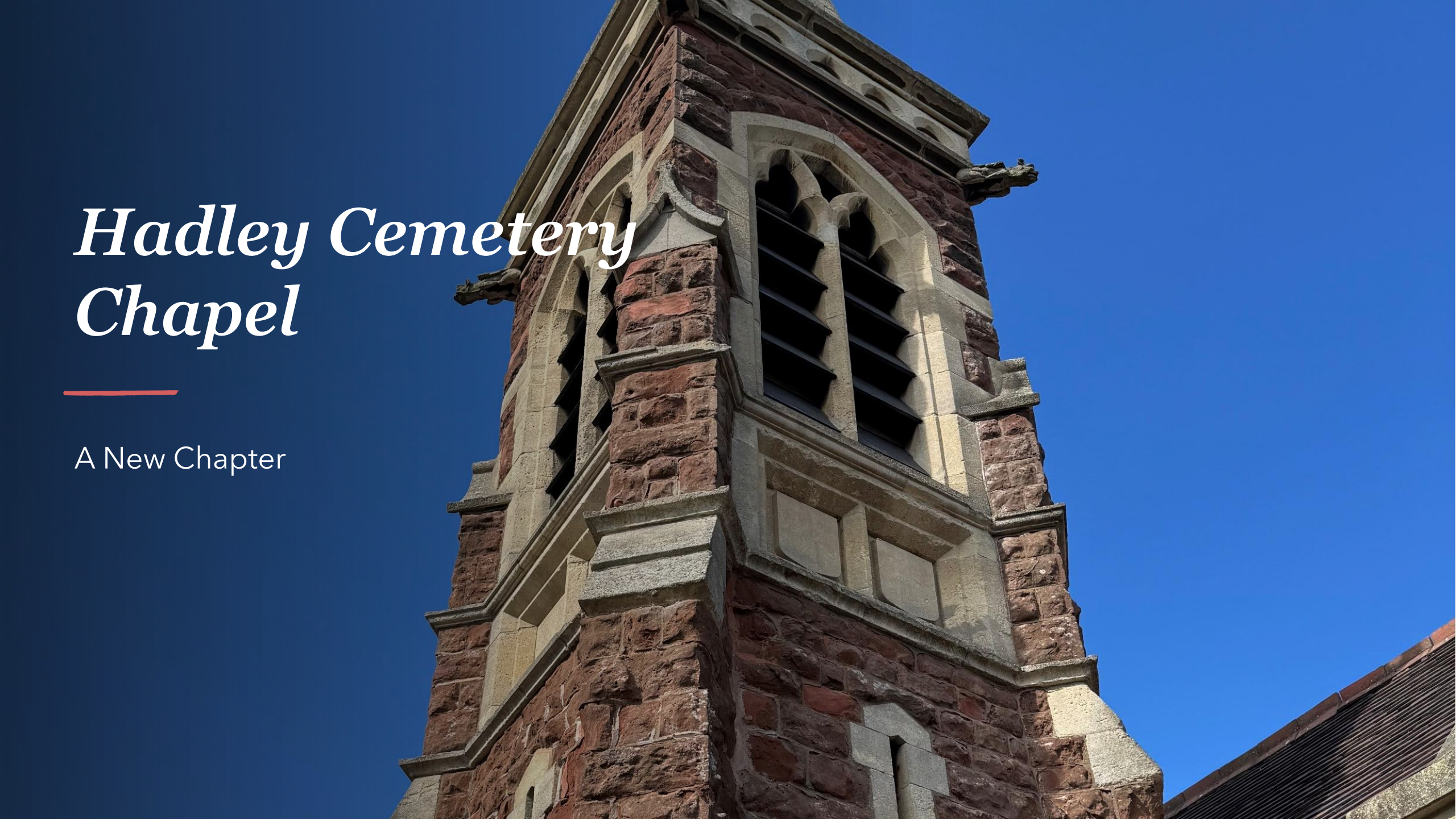




Hadley Cemetery Chapel

A New Chapter

Conceived and built by the then Hadley Parish Council, **Hadley Cemetery, Chapel and Lodge** were opened in 1903.

Plans for the new cemetery in Hadley began in 1902 when a loan of £2500 was approved to fund the work. The architect was Mr Dalglish of Wellington and the builder was Mr Hayes.

The parish council had undertaken to build a new cemetery because the churchyard was almost full. The aim was to provide burial spaces for 100 years.

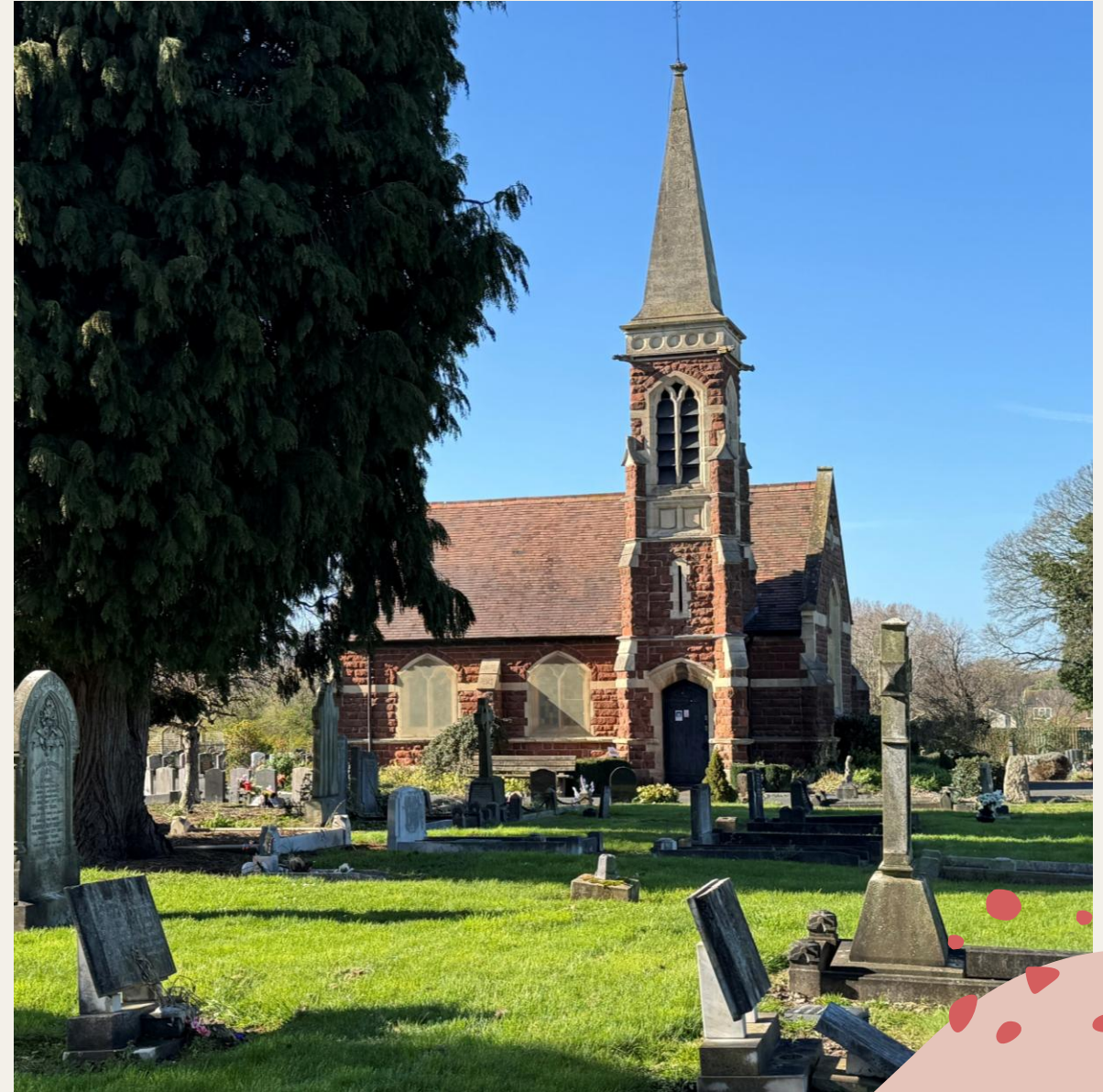


HADLEY.

THE CEMETERY.—The new Cemetery at Hadley was opened for burials on March 25th, and on Saturday Bishop Anson (formerly of Qu'Appelle) consecrated a portion of the ground for the Church of England. A pretty little chapel has been erected, and there is also an attractive caretaker's lodge. The work (both of building and of laying out the ground) has been done in an excellent manner, and when quite completed will be highly creditable to the Parish Council and all concerned.

The cemetery opened officially on **25 March 1903**. The Shrewsbury Chronicle reported:

‘A pretty little chapel has been erected and there is also an attractive caretaker's lodge. The work (both of the building and the laying out of the ground) has been done in an excellent manner, and when quite completed, will be highly creditable to the Parish Council and all concerned’.





Researching the history of the cemetery and the chapel has uncovered information about the building of the cemetery, chapel and lodge, including the building costs:

Land and conveyance - £600

Chapel - £850

Lodge - £400

Gates - £60

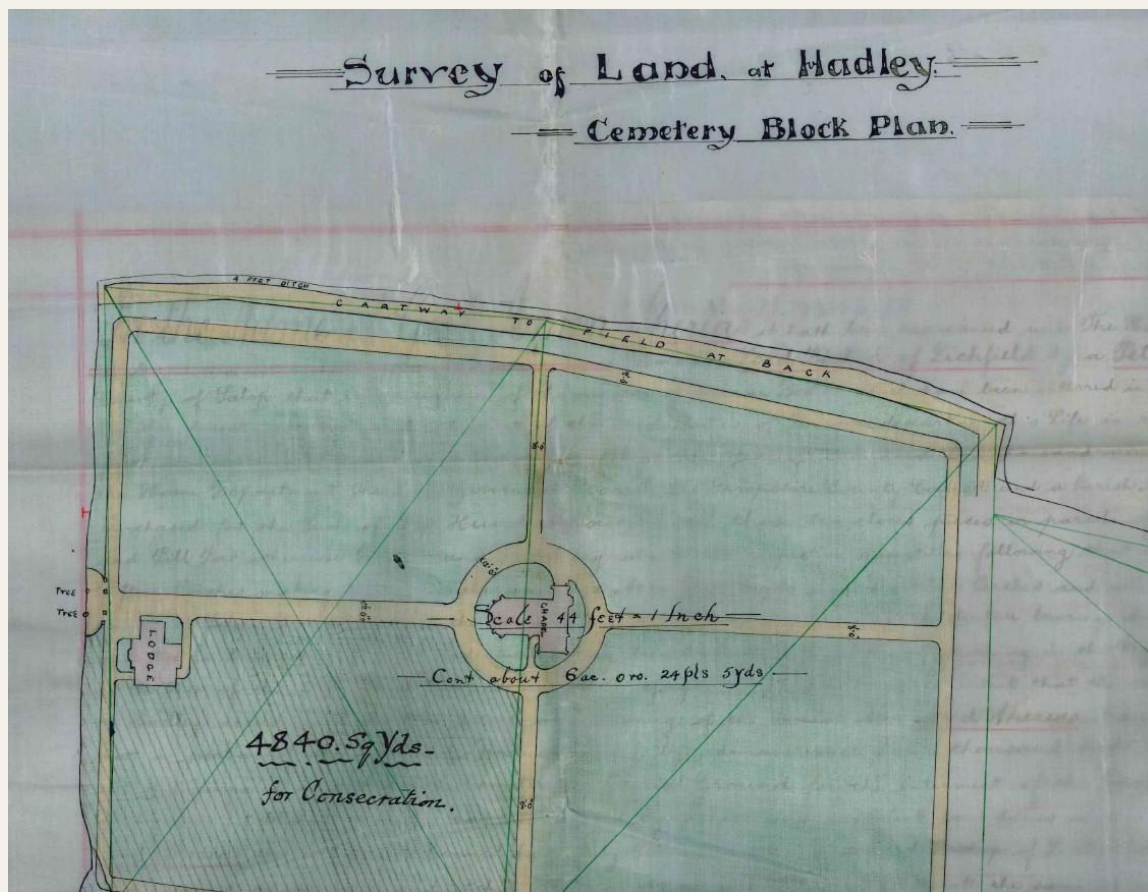
Fencing - £200

Draining - £180

Layout of grounds and paths - £146

Shropshire Archives have some original documents relating to the cemetery, such as this old postcard of the chapel and lodge. It is the only one I have been able to find so far but I would love to see more.

More old documents about the cemetery. The original drawings and the first table of fees, including a fee for bell tolling of 1 shilling per hour.



HADLEY CEMETERY.

Table of Fees payable to the Parish Council.

For Single interment—Graves in rotation, without selection, ditto	...	...	...	0	4	6
Ditto Children under Twelve	...	...	...	0	2	0
For the Burial of a Child, Still-born	...	...	...	1	10	0
For ground for single grave (with exclusive right of burial in perpetuity) selected, and on plan coloured Blue	...	...	...	0	15	0
Ditto (ditto) selected, and on plan coloured Yellow	...	...	...	2	0	0
Ditto (ditto) selected, and on plan coloured Green	...	...	...	1	0	0
For Child under Twelve, ditto	...	...	...	0	10	0
Ditto	...	...	...	0	10	0
For an interment (after the first) in grave space in ground coloured on plan, ditto	...	...	...	0	8	0
Ditto (ditto) of child under 12 in grave space coloured on plan	...	...	...	0	6	0
For Brick Grave or Single Vault in ground coloured on plan, ditto	...	...	...	0	8	0
For Re-opening Vault, single	...	...	...	0	4	0
Ditto	...	...	...	2	0	0
Head Stone (which term throughout this table shall be deemed to include a simple cross, without a base, the maximum height of which shall never exceed 4 feet), of common or brick grave not exceeding from ordinary level of ground 4 feet in height, if in ground coloured on plan	...	...	...	1	0	0
Ditto of common or Brick grave exceeding 4 feet in height in ground coloured on plan	...	...	...	1	10	0
For Stone in the nature of a monument or other similar structure not exceeding 18 inches in height, if in ground coloured on plan	...	...	...	1	0	0
For Stone in the nature of a Monument, not exceeding 4 feet in height, if in ground coloured on plan	...	...	...	0	15	0
Ditto if exceeding 4 feet in height, then for every portion of a foot above that height, if in ground coloured on plan	...	...	...	0	7	6
Every Granite, marble or Stone Monument, Obelisk, or other like erection may exceed but shall not be less than	...	...	...	1	0	0
For Mural Tablet in Chapel	...	...	...	0	15	0
For Stone bordering not exceeding 10 inches in height, or ornamental iron palisading (raised or not on stonework) not exceeding a total height of 24 inches round any single tomb, provided the space so enclosed does not exceed 7 feet by 3 feet if in ground coloured on plan	...	...	...	0	7	6
For excavating ordinary grave after the first 5 feet, per foot	...	...	...	4	0	0
Non-residents in the Burial District, double the above fees	...	...	...	3	0	0
Bell Tolling: After first half-hour, Ordinary, per hour, 1s. Muffled, per hour, 2s.	...	...	...	2	0	0
Fees of Minister or other person officiating at any interment in rotation ground	...	...	...	1	10	0
In ground coloured on plan	...	...	...	0	15	0
	...	...	...	0	2	0
	...	...	...	0	2	0
	...	...	...	0	3	0
	...	...	...	0	4	0

OTHER FEES.

For Searching Register of Burials: For first year, 1s.; for every additional year, 6d.
 For each Certified Copy of Register of Burial, 2s. 6d.
 For preparing Grant of exclusive right of burial, viz.: in a common grave, 2/-; in a single vault, 5/-.

The Fees for Brick Graves and Vaults, Head Stones, Monuments, &c., do not include the cost of making, construction, or materials.

By order of the Hadley Parish Council.
Fredk. T. Jones,
 Chairman.

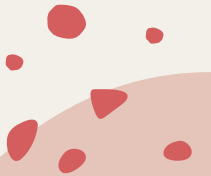


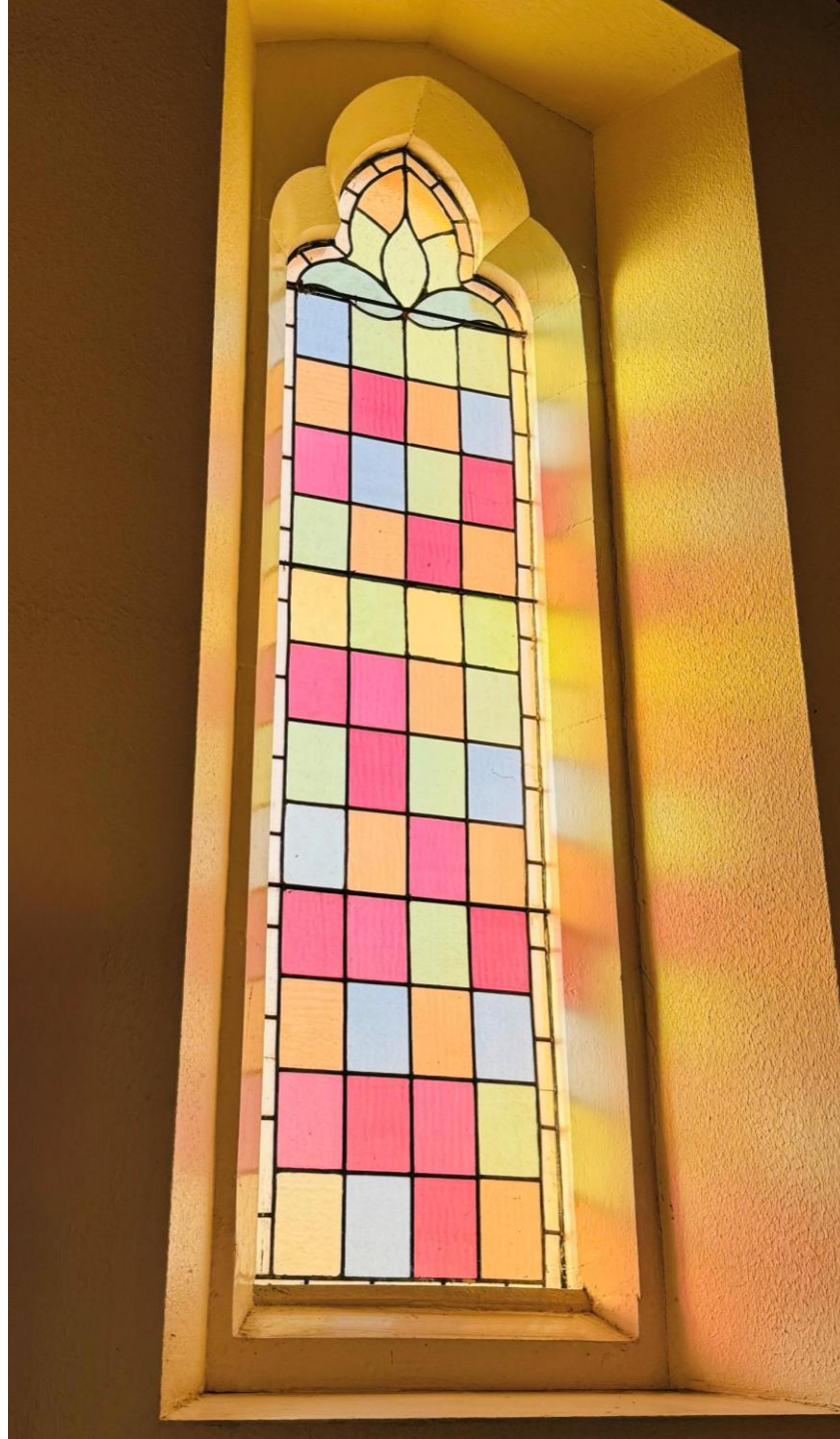
In recent years, the chapel fell out of use and was adopted as an office and store for the cemetery workers.

In 2024 a project was proposed to bring the chapel back into use as a community venue for the people of Hadley and Leegomery.

The Parish Council is exploring options for the chapel, including creating an exhibition space, making it hireable for groups, holding wellbeing workshops and talks, and making it available for non-denominational funerals and civil weddings.

Any use will be in keeping with the surroundings and be respectful and appropriate.

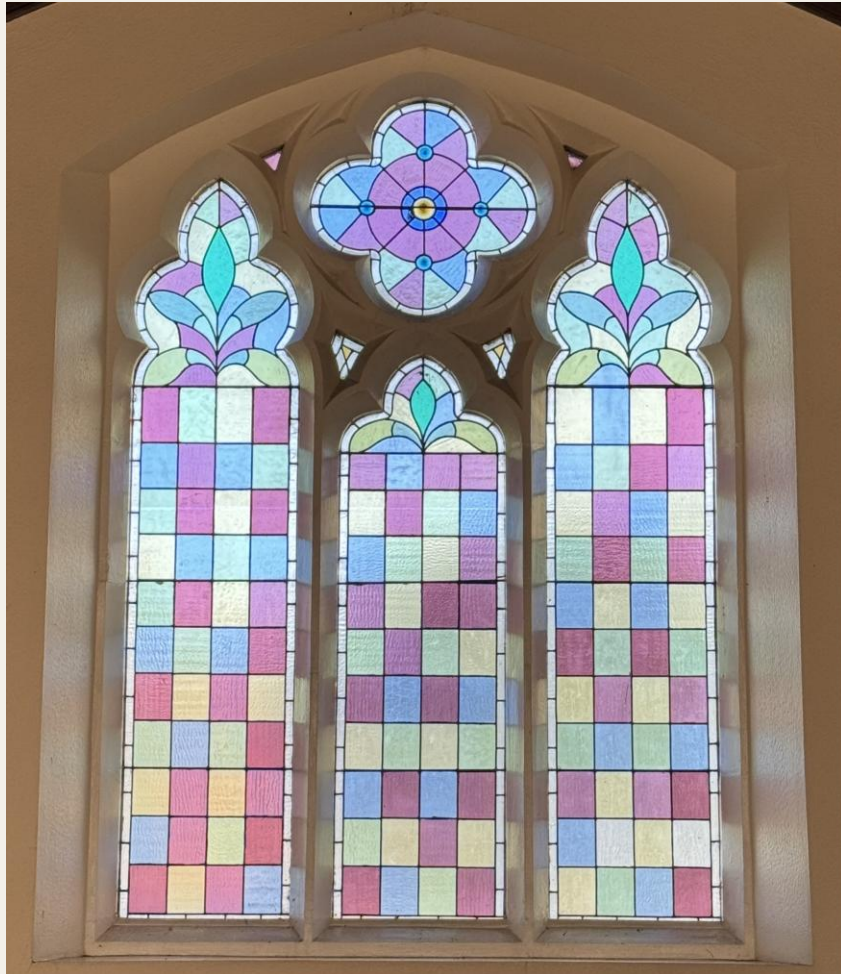




Both the chapel and the lodge require conservation work to bring them back into use. The main issue is to stabilise the chapel stonework. We also need to deal with guttering, drainage, safety inspections of the gas and electricity supplies, as well as heating, floor repairs, toilets and equipment.



Funding and Feedback



We are hoping to apply to the **National Lottery Heritage Fund** to carry out the work.

We are asking local residents what they would like to see at the chapel.

Feedback from local people is vital to demonstrate to any potential funders that the project is both wanted and needed by the community.

As the project progresses, we will share ideas, ask for feedback and develop our plans.

You can share your thoughts using a **paper survey**, or visit us at one of our **Chapel Open Days** throughout the year.



Tell us what you think

We want to hear your ideas for the future of Hadley Cemetery Chapel



Our **survey** is also available electronically, which we've been sharing on social media and on posters in the community centres. This QR code is a direct link to the survey.

People can also pick up a paper survey at the community centres.

HADLEY CEMETERY CHAPEL

Share Your Thoughts



Complete
our Online
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scan the
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Collect a Paper
Survey from
Hadley or
Leegomery
Community
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Share your ideas for a new future for
our Cemetery Chapel.

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How can you get involved?

If you have any information about the history of the chapel or cemetery, or **old photos**, I would love to hear more!

Complete a **feedback survey** either online or on paper.

If you know of any **groups or organisations** that would be happy for me to go and speak to them about the project, please let me know.

Volunteer to help at the chapel, opening it for open days and chatting to visitors.

Keep a look out for our **Chapel Open Days** and come along and see inside. We run free art activities for all, so come along and make something inspired by the chapel and the cemetery.

We will be running a special event for **Heritage Open Days** in **September**.

If you are interested in getting involved in the project, please contact me at **alisa.bellingham@hadleyleegome-ry-pc.gov.uk**

