



St James Graveyard investigation

Instructions for group leaders

- Choose someone to be in charge of filling in the fact file matrix as you walk around (NB not every grave will have all the information for each box).
- Before you set off, get the children relate the trail map to their surroundings – e.g. use the main road and gates or the church shape to orientate themselves and find the direction to follow to their first gravestone.
- Be aware that some children will get very excited and want to rush on, but try to keep your group close to you and on task. Remind them of any safety rules issued.
- Make sure that all the children can get close enough to each gravestone to read what's on it (this may need them to take turns).
- If necessary, use the crib to help children decipher words (some are hard to read).
- Take your time but keep a check on the time, as you need to visit all six gravestones.

Below is what is written on each grave. Use this crib if you cannot decipher the inscriptions.

The
burial place of
Richard Grainger
of
Newcastle upon Tyne
who died on the
4th day of July 1861

John Buddle
mining engineer
Died 10th October 1843
aged 69 years
Ann Buddle
his sister
Died 5th June 1841
aged 55 years
Robert Thomas Atkinson
his nephew
mining engineer
Died 9th March 1845
aged 38 years

In
loving memory of
Joseph,
beloved husband of
Jane Ryan,
who met with a fatal accident
by an explosion of gas at
Montague Colliery on
December 9th and died on
December 10th 1891
aged 27 years.

John Sowerby
Benwell Tower
Died 19th March 1879
aged 70 years

Anne
his wife
Died 29th October 1896

In
loving memory
of
Mary,
dear wife of
Thomas Alderson,
Died December 31st 1923
aged 55 years

Also the above
Thomas Alderson
Died at Milvain Ave. February 3rd
1931 aged 70 years
Lovingly remembered by
Gertie, Flossie, Doris and Vera

In
loving memory of
Jane,
the beloved wife of
John Ferguson
of Benwell West Farm,
who departed this life 31st March 1901
aged 60 years

The above
John Ferguson,
husband of Annie Ferguson,
who departed this life on
28th December 1916
aged 75 years