

West Midlands Historic Buildings Trust

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Volunteers help to care for historic cemetery

Whilst work continues to restore the Lye and Wollescote Cemetery Chapels, local volunteers have been hard at work caring for the older parts of the cemetery. Many of the graves in the cemetery are over a hundred years old meaning there are no relatives around to tend them. Over the years holly, ivy and weeds have grown over the headstones, hiding the wonderful stonework and the names of those at rest.

The volunteers meet on the first Saturday of the month for a couple of hours and have already had a huge impact on the appearance of the cemetery, but more volunteers are needed. No special skills are required and there are plenty of different tasks to suit all ages and abilities.

The next session is on Saturday 3rd October, from 10am to 12 noon, and new volunteers will be made very welcome.

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Photo caption: Volunteers at this month's grave tidy event.

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More information about the exciting project for the Lye & Wollescote Cemetery Chapels building can be found at the project website www.lyeandwollescote.info

Supporting information such as photographs and artists impressions are available on request.

About the West Midlands Historic Buildings Trust

The West Midlands Historic Buildings Trust is a registered charity, established in 1985, with specialists in the field of building conservation giving their time on a voluntary basis to serve as Trustees and general operating funds coming from membership subscriptions. The Trust's purpose is to safeguard buildings within the West Midlands that are of historical or architectural importance. Where this cannot be achieved by simply raising awareness to the issues, the Trust will consider carrying out a conservation project itself. As a registered Building Preservation Trust, West Midlands Historic Buildings Trust is able to attract grants

and low-cost loans to carry out the type of rescue scheme often necessary with 'Buildings at Risk' and in this way aims to cover the deficit in funding such projects.

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