

A Grade II listed Victorian Cemetery with six listed monuments within 39 acres of green space. From the inscriptions on the monuments to beautifully crafted sculptures, Weaste Cemetery contains the biography of our community.

With grassland untreated by chemicals since 1857 and woodland providing a habitat for butterflies and wild birds this is a real urban oasis.

Discover heritage and ecology in Salford.



Further Information

For more information about Weaste Cemetery Heritage and Ecology Trail and future events please contact

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Welcome to Weaste Cemetery Heritage & Ecology Trail



1 Mark Addy saved over fifty people from drowning



2 The monument to Sir Charles Halle is Grade 2 listed



3 Ferdinand Stanley road in the Charge of the Light Brigade



4 Joseph Brotherton was Salford's first MP - His monument is grade 2 listed



Ecology

The grassland in the cemetery would once have reflected the traditionally managed meadows surrounding it. At Weaste the surrounding countryside has long since disappeared, but the grassland surviving in the cemetery today is an important relict meadow.

Because the majority of the grassland is unimproved by chemicals and has been managed as a grassland for at least as long as it's been a cemetery (since 1857), a wider range of flowers can survive. Throughout the year you can already see: daisy, dandelion, creeping and meadow buttercup, lady's smock (also known as cuckoo flower), bluebell, self-heal, thyme-leaved speedwell. Can you identify any others?

We are managing the cemetery for wildlife as well as for its other uses and interest. We are working to increase the species diversity of the grassland through sympathetic management.

We are leaving some areas a little longer so you can see the flowering plants. There is also a wide range of trees on the site. All these are important for a variety of birds, insects and even bats as important food sources, shelter and breeding grounds.

Weaste is not only important for the plants and animals that are able to survive here. The cemetery is one of the few remaining areas of greenspace left providing a stepping-stone for wildlife across built-up areas.



Weaste Cemetery is primarily a place to respect and commemorate the loved ones we have lost. People also visit cemeteries for exercise and relaxation and to study nature and local history. It is our aim to offer a fitting environment for the bereaved and also to enhance the life of the community.

Bereavement Services and Friends of the Cemeteries would like to offer Weaste Cemetery as a peaceful place for visitors, schoolchildren and their teachers to learn about Salford's history and some of the fascinating individuals who lived in Salford in the past.

Just 1.5 miles from Salford Quays, Weaste Cemetery is a tranquil green oasis in an urban landscape. Within its 39 acres, a variety of beautiful trees and wild flowers create a haven for wildlife.

Heritage

Weaste Cemetery was Salford's first municipal cemetery. Before the cemetery opened in 1857 most burials took place in churchyards. Salford Corporation was one of the first municipal authorities to recognise that churchyards could no longer provide sufficient burial space and so the plans for Weaste were made. In the Victorian age cemeteries were considered to be amenities like parks and gardens and were usually designed in a similar way. Weaste Cemetery was no exception and its beautiful design made it the most desirable final resting-place for well to do Mancunians and Salfordians.

Since 1857 over 330,000 interments have taken place at the cemetery. These include Joseph Brotherton, a leading social reformer who became Salford's first M.P.; Sir Charles Hallé, the founder of the Hallé Orchestra; Mark Addy, a local hero who saved over 50 people from drowning in the River Irwell and four Crimean War veterans who rode in The Charge of the Light Brigade. You can find out more about these extraordinary individuals on the heritage trail.



Some of the headstones sustain some damage

Waste Cemetery is at Cemetery Road, Salford, M5

How to get there

By Car

Waste Cemetery is on Cemetery Road just off the A57, Eccles New Road between Eccles and Manchester.

Bus

Eccles New Road is serviced by the number 33 Bus, which runs from Manchester to Wigan

Tram

The nearest stop is Waste Metrolink Station. Upon Arrival walk in an eastbound direction (the opposite direction to Eccles) down Eccles New Road. Cemetery Road is the second road on the right.

Parking

We recommend that visitors park on the main cemetery carriageway close to the main roundabout.

Security

Please remember to lock all valuables out of sight.



Access

Unfortunately the longer ecology trail through the woodlands is not accessible to visitors who use wheelchairs or have mobility issues because of the grass path.

Facilities

Unfortunately there are no toilet facilities at Waste. There are a number of water taps dotted about to enable visitors to replenish any floral tributes which have been arranged on their graves.

Cemetery Safety

Visitors must remain on paths at all times. It is advisable to wear suitable footwear and outer-garments. Please do not run in the cemetery and remember that respect and quiet must be maintained.

