

Edinburgh South MP to unveil new map



Ian Murray MP has been invited to unveil a new sign mapping Newington Cemetery on Monday.

The sign has been designed and installed by the Friends of Newington Cemetery, with the financial support of the South Central Neighbourhood Partnership and City of Edinburgh Council.

The Friends' Group, affiliated to The Grange/Prestonfield Community Council, was formed to restore Newington Cemetery to its former glory as an attractive, interesting and tranquil place to visit.

The Edinburgh South MP said:

"The local volunteers who have come together as a Friends group to help improve and maintain the cemetery deserve a huge debt of gratitude for their work. The cemetery houses the graves of many interesting local people and is also a Commonwealth War Graves site. Without the active involvement of the Friends group and the Community Council the cemetery would be in a bad state of disrepair. I would encourage local people to both get involved and, at least, visit the cemetery."

Volunteers will be available to show people round as part of Doors Open Day, run by the Cockburn Association, on Sunday 27 September, between 1.30 and 4.00 pm.

Tony Harris, OBE, Chair of The Grange/Prestonfield Community Council, said:

"We are very grateful to Ian Murray for the interest he has

already shown in our work, and for coming to unveil the sign today. We hope the sign will encourage more people to visit the cemetery, and perhaps inspire them to join our group.”

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