



The new standing stones at the entrance were designed to echo the character of the original stone gate.



Information panels beside the Chapel and in the Secret Garden outline their history and provide links to podcasts, a cemetery trail and an education pack on our website at www.scarboroughcemeteries.co.uk

Find Out More...



From the Mortuary follow the Robin markers to the Secret Garden



Secret Garden Project

www.scarboroughcemeteries.co.uk/projects/the-secret-garden

Cemetery Trail and Education Pack

www.scarboroughcemeteries.co.uk/cemetery-activities



Project Blog

www.scarboroughcemeteries.co.uk/projects/project-blog

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You can become a member of the Friends of Dean Road and Manor Road Cemeteries and be part of the ongoing restoration work.

Send a cheque for £10 payable to the Friends of Dean Road and Manor Road Cemetery to the Membership Secretary, 5 Franklin Street, Scarborough YO12 7JU

Friends of Dean Road and Manor Road Cemetery SECRET GARDEN PROJECT



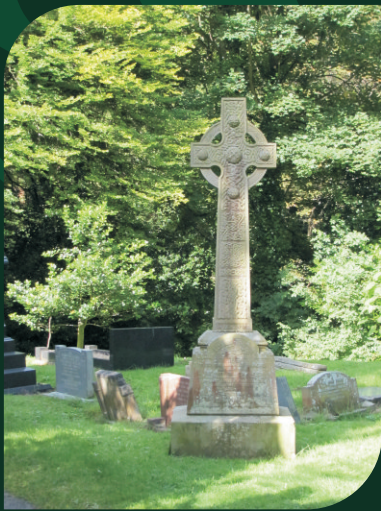
The Secret Garden in Manor Road Cemetery has been restored to its former glory



The Mortuary in Dean Road Cemetery has been re-roofed and restored



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The Secret Garden was designed by Leonard Thompson (see his headstone above) and laid out in 1872 in a rocky ravine in Manor Road Cemetery which was unsuitable for burials due to the terrain.

It was laid out as a typical Victorian rock garden, with steep terraced sides planted with ferns. Joseph Brogden Baker in his "History of Scarborough" 1882, reported that "the enlarged cemetery is much frequented especially on Sunday afternoons as a place of resort".

The stone gate at the entrance to the garden was a significant feature.



The Friends of Dean Road and Manor Road Cemetery were founded in 2008 and rediscovered the Secret Garden, which was completely overgrown.

An appeal in the Scarborough Evening News for information about the garden resulted in several people telling us about their childhood memories of the place.

Volunteers cut back some of the undergrowth and found that the basic infrastructure of terracing, paths and pond were still there although in a poor state of repair.



Three people recorded their childhood memories of the Secret Garden while sitting in the garden on the new seat.

An application was made to Heritage Lottery Fund for a grant to restore the Secret Garden and we were awarded £50,000 in July 2011.

Hundreds of volunteer hours were needed firstly to clear the Secret Garden and then to plant it. Contractors then laid Yorkstone paths and put in handrails to make the garden more accessible.

The project also included the production of an education pack containing activity sheets based on different aspects of the cemetery, including the history, buildings, wildlife and the people remembered there. The topics and activities relate to the national curriculum, and the packs are available for all local schools and youth groups, and can be downloaded from the website. There is also a cemetery trail which is suitable for families, again available on the website.



For more information about this project visit www.scarboroughcemeteries.co.uk and have a look at the projects page and download the podcasts.