

REPORT ON VISIT TO HAREWOOD HOUSE

Date 29th August 2013

REASON FOR VISIT: To undertake research on how information is presented to visitors and to report back to a meeting of The Friends of Raikes Road Burial Ground on how methods and techniques used at Harewood could best be adapted for use at the Burial Ground.

In company with Hazel Bulcock I visited Harewood House on the above date and toured the House and Grounds observing and making notes on various methods of imparting information to visitors.

OBSERVATIONS MADE:

1. Use of Dark green/white or White/dark green lettering both pleasing and effective
2. Use of Welcome Board at entrance with plan of grounds [could be used a Burial Ground with map/chart to identify Individual graves]
3. Identification Boards or Leaflets for wildlife, birds, plants and trees commonly found [similar methods could be used at Burial Ground]
4. Quiz sheet for children [could be used as part of planned Education Pack]
5. Inside the House, use of portable laminated information sheets [could be kept in kiosk if it is decided to have one]
6. Arbour seating areas – possibly too expensive but an attractive way of utilising the ground as a peaceful rest area in the town

From the above observations we concluded that the research had been beneficial and that there were several methods or techniques used at Harewood which could be adapted for use at Raikes Road Burial Ground.

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4th September 2013