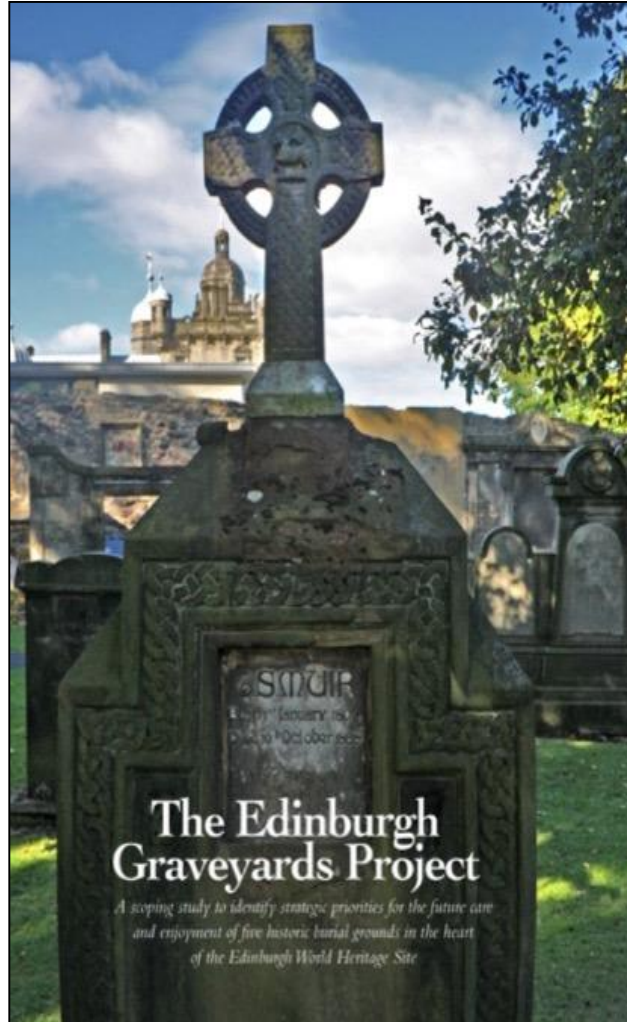


# Graveyard Conservation: Opportunities and Issues

Dr Susan Buckham

Conservation Strategy for Historic Graveyards in the Clyde and Avon Valley Landscape



The Edinburgh Graveyards Project

*A scoping study to identify strategic priorities for the future care and enjoyment of five historic burial grounds in the heart of the Edinburgh World Heritage Site*

Future Thinking on Carved Stones in Scotland: A Research Framework

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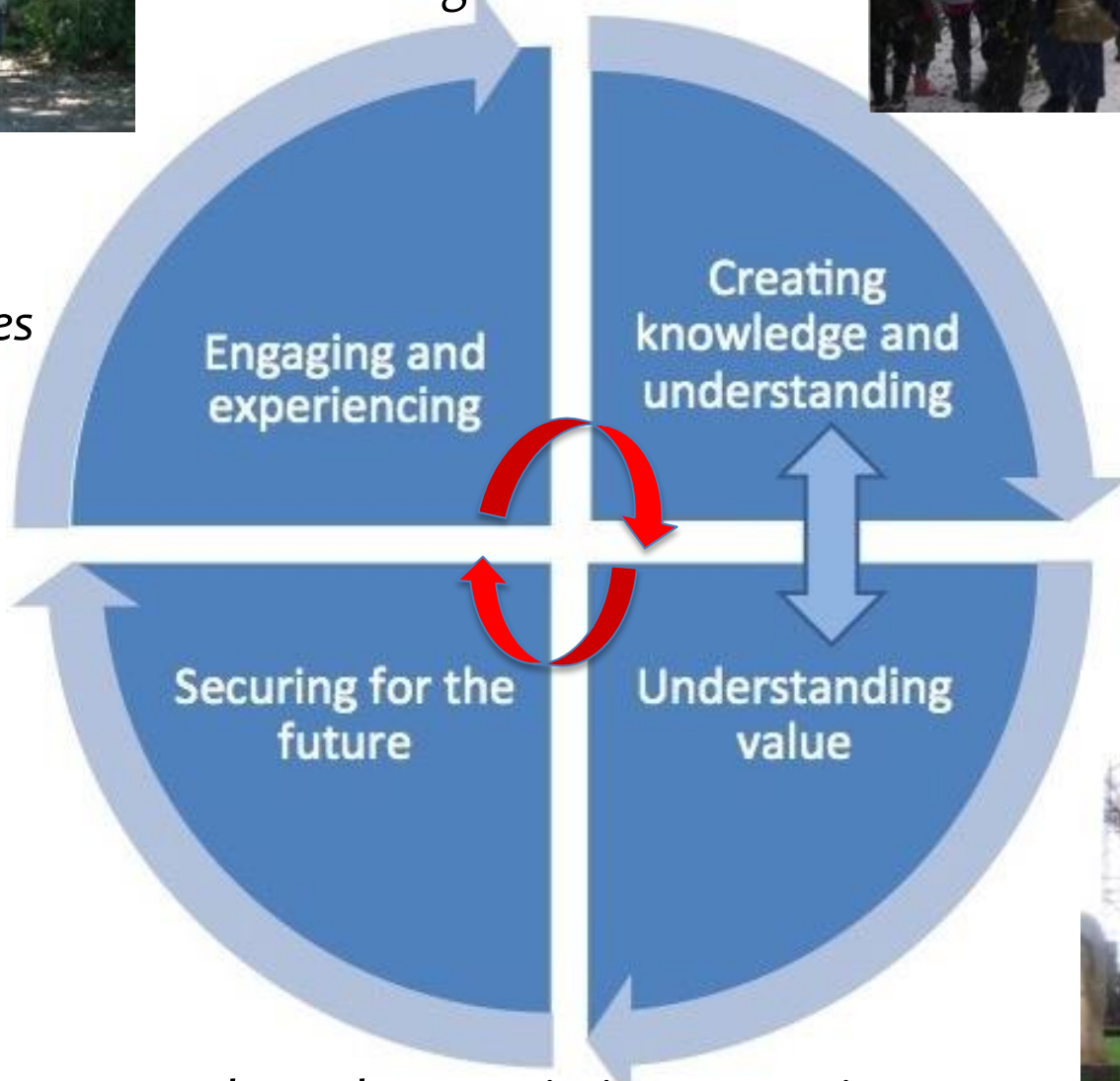


# The Heritage Cycle

*Through experiencing  
understanding*



*Protection enables  
experience*



*Through  
understanding  
appreciation*



*Through appreciation protection*

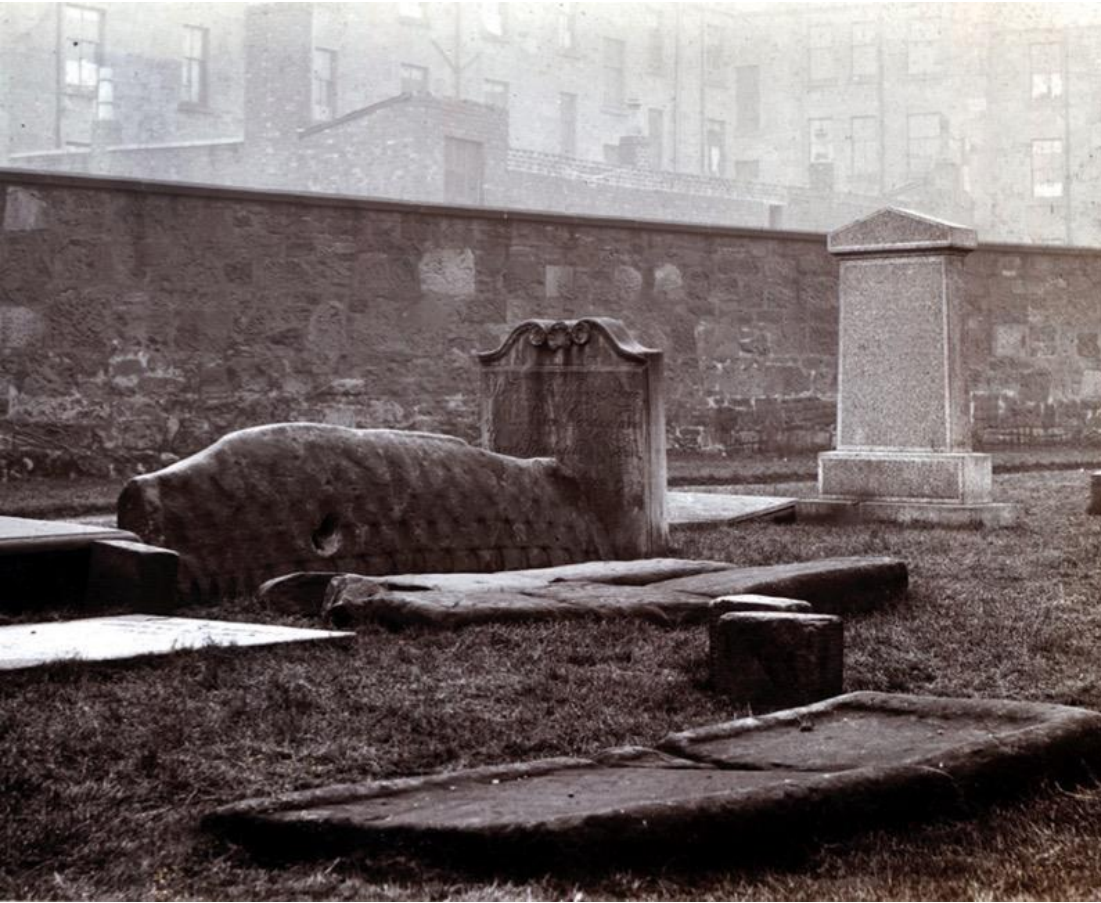


# Local Value

The 'Blood Stone'  
St Ninian's Old Churchyard,  
Stonehouse, South Lanarkshire



# Sense of Place and Authenticity



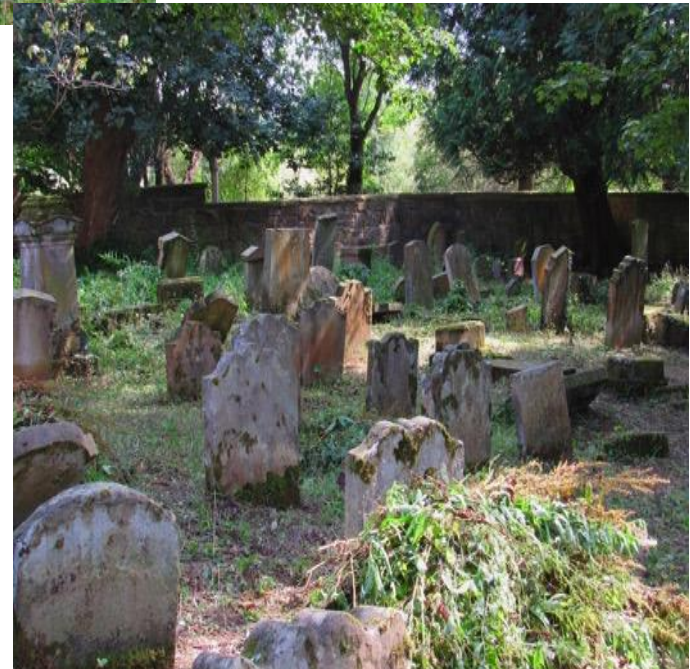
The collection of early medieval grave slabs and hogback stones at Govan, Glasgow are a source of community pride.

Visibility in the place of origin is important. Replica fragment of an early medieval cross, St Michael's Old Churchyard, Cambusnethan, North Lanarkshire.



# Old Graveyard, Dalzell Estate, N Lanarkshire

Located within the estate of former country house, managed by council



- Former parish churchyard, church demolished and private mausoleum built in its footprint in 1790s
- 225 gravestones, including later medieval grave slab but most date from 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries

# Old Graveyard Dalzell Estate



Community engagement

- Buried tombstone survey
- RTI digital photography

Repair

- consolidation
- resetting



# Kirkton Old Churchyard, Burntisland, Fife

- 13<sup>th</sup> century ruined church and churchyard
- 85 gravestones, earliest dated 1626 but most date from 19<sup>th</sup> century



# Crail Parish Churchyard, Fife



- Parish church is in use but the churchyard was closed in 1923
- Churchyard surveyed and photographed in 1891
- Over 20 mural monuments dating from late 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> century



# New Calton Burial Ground, Edinburgh



Vandalism at site entrance graffiti  
and fire raising



Internal view looking north showing  
terraces and watch tower

# New Calton Burial Ground, Edinburgh



New interpretation increased footfall and visitor welcome



Volunteer workshop repointing terrace wall with lime mortar

# Resources

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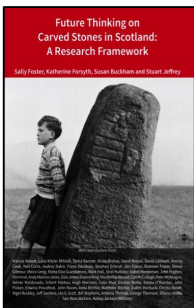
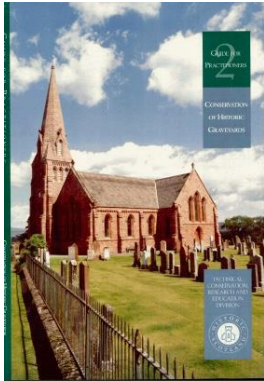
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## Cemeteries and Burial Grounds

This page provides a range of advice on looking after historic cemeteries, churchyards and burial grounds.



**The Importance of Historic Cemeteries and Burial Grounds**  
Introduction to historic cemeteries and burial grounds, particularly Victorian cemeteries.

**Cemeteries Management**  
Sources of advice on managing historic cemeteries.



**Caring for Historic Cemetery and Graveyard Monuments**  
Advice on condition surveys, cleaning and repairing of cemetery and churchyard monuments.

