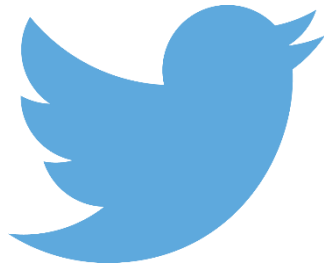


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# A PLACE OF PEACE AND REST

*The cemetery is an open space among the ruins, covered in winter with violets and daisies, it might make one in love with death, to think that one should be buried in such a place'*

*Percy Bysshe Shelley*



# A Growing problem?

**Outrage as man is seen using metal detector while digging near graves in Flintshire cemetery**  
Police attacked after teens go on rampage in Belfast cemetery

**70 memorials wrecked at cemetery**

Grave robbers target ancient Welsh cemetery

**Staff at Rutherglen cemetery "threatened" while attempting to remove alcohol from graves**

Jail for pair after "pre-planned attack" on staff at Brookwood Cemetery

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# Vandalism and anti-social behaviour

- Victorian mortuary – youths breaking in through roof and snapping the head from the water tap, allowing water to gush out.
- cemetery visitors are free to visit their family graves whenever they like because the cemetery gates remain open 24/7. However, this is about to change, to control the anti-social behaviour
- Youths that are congregating at night, stealing wheelie bins from neighbouring homes and setting them alight to give them warmth whilst they are hanging around the cemetery.
- youths are responsible for stealing cars, quad bikes & motor bikes and driving them recklessly over graves and around the grounds. The consequences are very upset/distressing grave owners who are now considering exhumation of loved ones.

# Dealing with the threat of violence

- On birthdays and anniversaries family members congregate in large numbers to party at the graveside involving loud music and alcohol and spend a few hours at the graveside causing upset and intimidation to other cemetery visitors.
- Police advise that they stay away when people know that the grave is being visited.
- Lawn cemetery but, family went to monumental mason outside of area to build something special for their mother.
- Monumental mason advised family of cemetery regulations – family responded by threatening mason with a gun if he didn't comply.
- No-one wants to remove items from grave.
- Legal department considering telling them no future burials will be permitted



# Mourners, mayhem and attempted murder

- **Shocking violence after a mass brawl erupts at a Scottish funeral as mourners hurl punches - and one man thrashes out with a cane - moments after paying their last respects.**
- Man 'stabbed' after mass brawl involving 30 people at Muslim funeral.
- Major police presence for funeral at Stoke-on-Trent church where THIRTY-MAN brawl broke out
- Police launch ATTEMPTED MURDER investigation after Stoke-on-Trent funeral brawl.



# When things get out of hand!

- <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/video/news/video-1600532/Shocking-moment-mass-brawl-breaks-funeral-Glasgow.html>



# Problems and solutions?

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