

# THE GARDEN HISTORY SOCIETY IN SCOTLAND

## ANGUS SURVEY OF GARDENS & DESIGNED LANDSCAPES RECORDING FORM

A. GENERAL SITE INFORMATION <i>(Expand boxes as necessary)</i>	
<b>A1 SITE NAME:</b>	Kirriemuir Cemetery
<b>A2 ALTERNATIVE NAMES OR SPELLINGS:</b>	The Cemetery on the Hill – The Regality of Kirriemuir by Alan Reid 1909 (Also used locally as it differentiates from the old burial ground at the church)
<b>A3 ADDRESS AND POSTCODE:</b>	Kirriemuir Cemetery Cemetery Road Kirriemuir  There is no postcode for the cemetery. The nearest house is DD8 4DH.
<b>A4 GRID REFERENCE:</b>	NO 389 544
<b>A5 LOCAL AUTHORITY:</b>	Angus Council (Historical County –Forfarshire)
<b>A6 PARISH:</b>	Kirriemuir
<b>A7 INCLUDED IN 'THE INVENTORY OF GARDENS &amp; DESIGNED LANDSCAPES IN SCOTLAND':</b>	No
<b>A8 TYPE OF SITE:</b> <i>(eg. Landscaped estate, private garden, public park/gardens, corporate/institutional landscape, cemetery, allotments, or other – please specify)</i>	Cemetery

**A9 SITE OWNERSHIP & CONTACT:** *(Where site is in divided ownership please list all owners and indicate areas owned on map if possible)*

Ownership:

Angus Council  
Orchardbank Business Park  
Forfar DD8 1AX  
Tel: 01307 466183

Contact:

Angus Council  
Neighbourhood Services  
Direct Services  
Ravenswood  
8 New Road  
Forfar DD8 2ZX  
Tel: 01307 473816

**A10 SIZE IN HECTARES OR ACRES:**

Sizes determined by mapping software:

In 1858 – 1.9 ha (4.7 acres)

In 1870 – 3.5 ha (8.5 acres)

In 1979 – 4.3 ha (10.5 acres)

2005 planned extension of 0.8 ha (2 acres)

Defining the size of the Cemetery using Historic Scotland's definitions is not applicable in this case.

**A11 PUBLIC ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS/OPENING TIMES** *(If any):*

The cemetery is open at all times. As at July 2012, the lodge is open at the following times and contains the 1910 and 1979 plans mentioned below.

Opening times Monday to Friday only (may be closed if personnel are required at another site.)

April to November...7:30 to 16:00

November to Mid-February...8:00 to 15:00

Mid-February to March...07:30 to 15:00

**A12 NATIONAL & LOCAL AUTHORITY DESIGNATIONS:** *(eg. Conservation Area, Green Belt, Tree Preservation Order(s), Nature Conservation Area, etc.*

None

**A13 LISTED STRUCTURES:**

None

**B. HISTORICAL SURVEY INFORMATION: MAPPED, DOCUMENTARY & PUBLISHED SOURCES**

**B1 MAPPED SOURCES:** (please list maps below in date order and attach copies where possible. Give the description or title, date, maker's name if known, and for Ordnance Survey maps give the date of survey, edition number and sheet number)

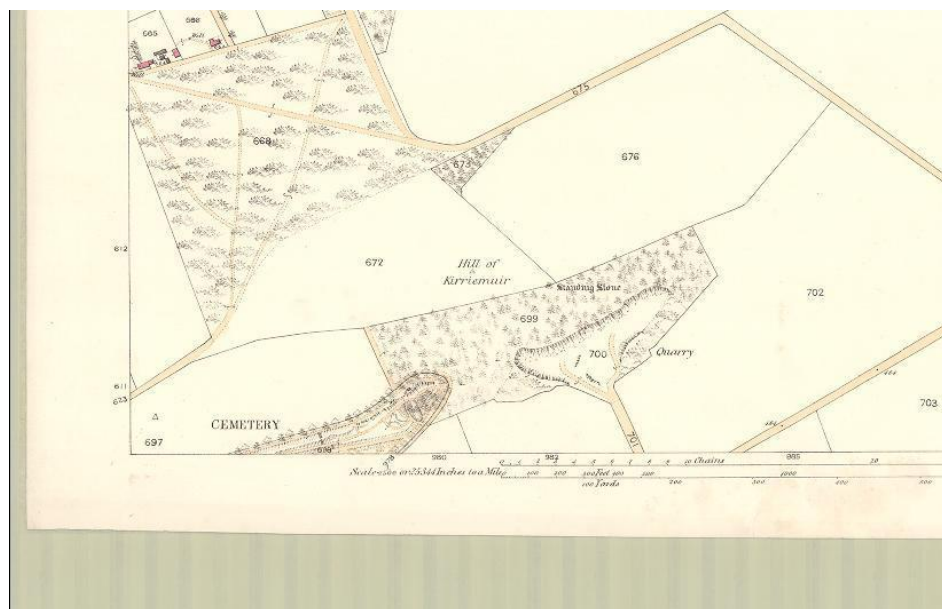
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1859 – 1<sup>st</sup> Edition Ordnance Survey 1" to 1 mile Sheet 56 Surveyed 1865 Published 1870  
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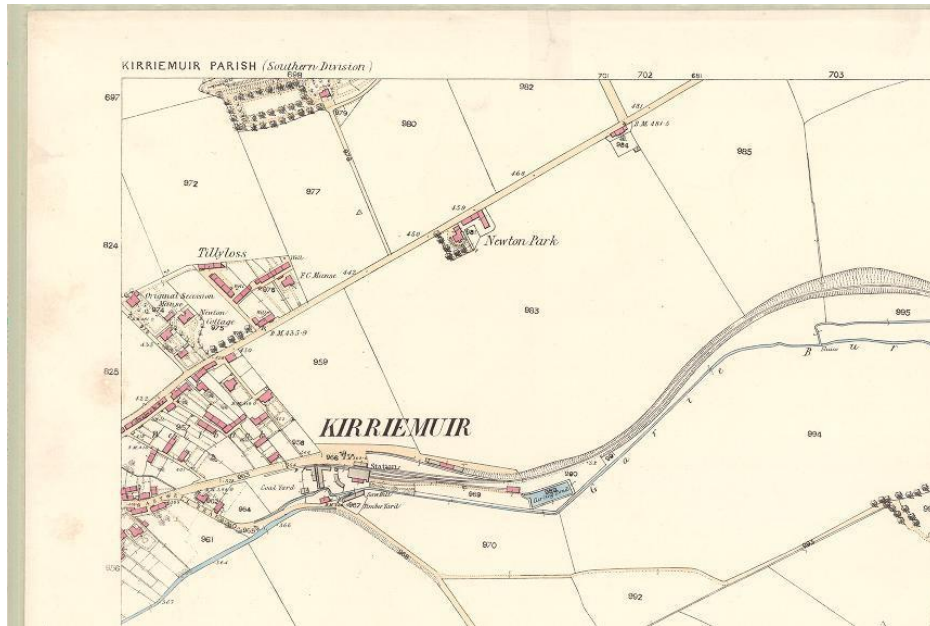


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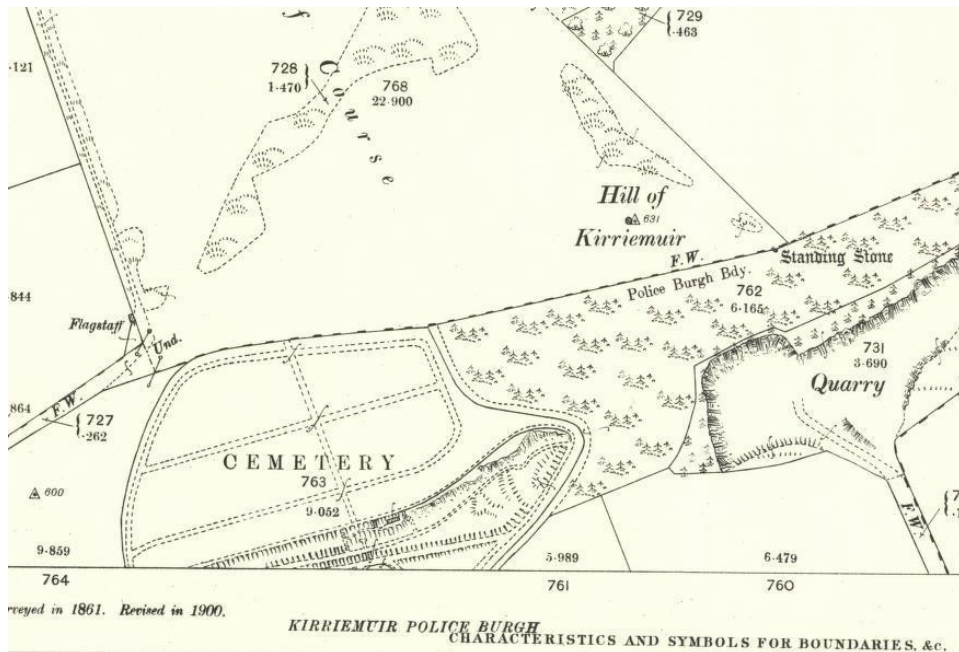


1859 – 1<sup>st</sup> Edition Ordnance Survey 25" to 1 mile Sheet XXXII.9 Surveyed 1859 Published 1865  
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1859 – 1st Edition Ordnance Survey 25" to 1 mile Sheet XXXII.13 Surveyed 1859 Published 1865  
<http://maps.nls.uk/os/25inch/view/?sid=74946721&zoom=4&lat=10224&lon=3710.5&layers=B#zom=4&lat=10760&lon=3472&layers=BT>



1900 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition Ordnance Survey 25" to 1 mile Sheet 032.09 Revised 1900 Published 1902  
<http://maps.nls.uk/os/25inch-2nd-and-later/view/?jp2=82883196&zoom=5&lat=1653&lon=1856&layers=B#zoom=5&lat=1653&lon=1856&layers=BT>



1901 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition Ordnance Survey 6" to 1 mile sheet XXXII.SW Revised 1901 Published 1903  
<http://maps.nls.uk/os/6inch-2nd-and-later/view/?sid=75534497&zoom=5&lat=3960&lon=1554&layers=B#zoom=5&lat=3960&lon=1554&layers=BT>

- 1908 – 3<sup>rd</sup> edition Ordnance Survey 1" to 1 mile Sheet 56 Published 1908
- 1910 – Plan of cemetery with notations on various lairs and alterations to the map. It shows the boundaries of the original cemetery and the 'new' extension. There does not appear to be a reference number showing although there is a file reference for some detail (P&R file 4.11.34 dated March 1990). This map is in a glass wall cabinet in the cemetery lodge. (Duplicated in B2 Primary Sources)
- 1922 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition Ordnance Survey 6" to 1 mile Sheet XXXII.SW Revised 1922 published 1927
- 1922 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition Ordnance Survey 25" to 1 mile Sheet 032.09 Revised 1922 Published 1924
- 1979 – Plan of extension of 1979 with notations. Carries reference number BW/34-2/R4 or RA. This map is in a glass wall cabinet in the cemetery lodge. (Duplicated in B2 Primary Sources)
- 2001 – Ordnance Survey 1:25,000 Explorer sheet 381 Edition A revised 2001
- 2005 – Ordnance Survey (scale not shown, year not shown) from Angus Local Plan, Kirriemuir showing cemetery and agreed extension not yet set up.

**B2 PRIMARY & DOCUMENTARY SOURCES:** (plans, manuscript documents and other estate records)  
 Please list material consulted in date order and attach copies where possible. Give description of material, and location and reference number of archival holding.

- 1856-1895 Angus Archives K1/4/7-10 Kirriemuir Parochial Board Cemetery

Minutes.

*First date 9<sup>th</sup> Aug 1855 ends 6<sup>th</sup> May 1895.*

*By 24<sup>th</sup> December 1857 complete with trees and shrubs planted.*

*Open for interment 10<sup>th</sup> April 1858.*

*Initially there were six locations considered and test pits were dug at all locations; that chosen was 'on the front of the Hill between the Quarry Road and Tillyloss'.*

*This was on Kinnordy land.*

*Cost of the land was £300 and costs £550.*

*Half of the ground was for free interment as described by law.*

*The old graveyard was closed for interment 10<sup>th</sup> August 1858.*

*1868 began discussions on an extension to the cemetery.*

- 1910 – Plan of cemetery with notations on various lairs and alterations to the map. It shows the boundaries of the original cemetery and the 'new' extension. There does not appear to be a reference number showing although there is a file reference for some detail (P&R file 4.11.34 dated March 1990). This map is in a glass wall cabinet in the cemetery lodge. (Duplicated in B1 Mapped Sources)
- 1979 – Plan of extension of 1979 with notations. Carries reference number BW/34-2/R4 or RA. This map is in a glass wall cabinet in the cemetery lodge. (Duplicated in B1 Mapped Sources).
- 2005 – Angus Local Plan for Kirriemuir – land set aside for an extension; showing cemetery and agreed extension not yet set up.

**B3 HISTORICAL ILLUSTRATIONS & PICTORIAL SOURCES:** *(drawings, paintings, photographs, aerial photographs etc. Include type, subject, artist, source or reference location, and date if known)*

In the first part of this section, all dates are estimated:

- 1900c – George Wilson Photograph C6645 – Photograph from the hill over the cemetery.
- 1900c – Angus Archives AA\_747\_45\_196 – Photograph from the hill over the cemetery.
- 1900c – Angus Archives AA\_747\_45\_271 – Photograph from the hill over the cemetery.
- 1901c – Angus Archives AA\_747\_45\_376 - View of Cemetery Road showing young trees donated 1901.
- 1945c – Angus Archives AA\_747\_45\_392 – Photograph of war memorial.
- 1945c – Angus Archives AA\_747\_45\_393 – Photograph of war memorial.
- 2007 - Barrie's grave © Copyright [Darrin Antrobus](#) licensed for reuse under [Creative Commons Licence](http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-sa/2.0/) (http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-sa/2.0/)
- 2009? – Aerial view over the town and cemetery from 'Kirriemuir Its Streets & Place Names' Photograph - ©flying-scots-cam@live.com
- 2011 – Bing aerial map

**B4 BIBLIOGRAPHY OF PUBLISHED SOURCES:** *(Statistical Accounts, Gazetteers, Directories, Travel Accounts etc.) Please list publications consulted in alphabetical order. Include details of author, title, journal or periodical, and date, volume/edition and page numbers where relevant.*

- Kirriemuir Its Streets & Place Names by David Orr 2009 page 16 – Published by

Friends of Kirriemuir Gateway to the Glens Museum. (Lime trees on Cemetery Road were donated by Mr Smith of Aberdeen.)

- The Regality of Kirriemuir by Alan Reid 1909 pages 275-283.

#### Newspapers

- 2007 – The Aberdeen P&J, June 2007 – Extensive vandalism whereby 34 headstones were toppled and damaged.
- 2007 – Forfar Dispatch, August 2007 – Further report on the vandalism of June, 2007.
- 2008 – Forfar Dispatch, March, 2008 – Repairs to vandalized headstones.
- 2008 – Forfar Dispatch, May 2008 – Work to be carried out to the pavilion (lodge) at Kirriemuir Cemetery.

#### **B5 PRINCIPAL PERIODS OF DEVELOPMENT:**

The following all from the plans displayed in the cemetery lodge.

- 1858 – Original plan
- 1870 – ‘New’ cemetery ie extension
- 1929 – Revision to layout
- 1979 - Extension

From the Angus Local Plan of 2005.

- 2005 – Extension agreed not yet implemented.

#### **B6 PRINCIPAL ARCHITECTS/DESIGNERS ASSOCIATED WITH SITE:** *(please reference source of information)*

In the Regality of Kirriemuir: A committee of nine men was set up to implement the proposal of a new cemetery. The names of the committee are given in the ‘Regality of Kirriemuir’ page 276, but not the architect nor the designer.

#### **B7 ORAL RECORDS/REMINISCENSES** *Please include a list of any people interviewed during the course of research/survey work. Include name and role of interviewee (eg. family member, former employee, local resident), date of conversation and major dates, features or events recalled. Attach a transcript of the conversation if possible.*

None



<p><b>C. SITE SURVEY</b> <i>Use map provided to mark positions and boundaries. Take photographs where possible.</i></p>
<p><b>C1 ARCHITECTURAL ELEMENTS</b> <i>Note the materials used, the dates and styles of various phases of development, and category of listing if appropriate</i></p>
<p><b>C1A PRINCIPAL HOUSE OR BUILDING:</b></p> <p>The Lodge situated at the main entrance is a single storied building in local red sandstone with a pitched tiled roof. A short flight of steps leads to the front door. It is used as a waiting room and to house the plan of the cemetery.</p> <p>Originally, this was the Keeper's Lodge. (Refer B2 Primary &amp; Documentary Sources, Angus Archives K1/4/7-10 Kirriemuir Parochial Board Cemetery Minutes.</p>
<p><b>C1B OFFICES</b> <i>(stables, outbuildings, etc):</i></p> <p>Attached to the lodge is an outbuilding (double garage) used to house various tools for the maintenance workers.</p>
<p><b>C1C HOME FARM OR MAINS:</b></p> <p>None</p>
<p><b>C1D BOUNDARIES</b> <i>(External &amp; internal; estate walls, ha-has, park fences etc.):</i></p> <p>To the N, E and W, the boundary is a stone wall approximately 1.75m high but dropping on the E to varying, lower heights topped with iron railings. To the S of the old section, the lower stone wall continues topped with iron railings.</p> <p>The W boundary of high stone wall continues along the new (1922) section.</p> <p>The new section (1922) is bordered on the E and S by beech hedges about 1.75m high.</p>
<p><b>C1E GATES/GATE LODGES:</b></p> <p>Refer section above C1A Principal Building for details of the Lodge.</p> <p>To the E and to the W of the lodge, double wrought iron gates give access to the older section of the cemetery.</p> <p>Also to the W of the lodge and slightly S, another pair of gates gives access to the newer part of the cemetery.</p> <p>At the N of the cemetery, there is a single pedestrian wrought iron gate giving access from Kirriemuir Hill. From the car park at the N of the cemetery a pair of gates with gateposts allows access for cars. To the E, there is a single pedestrian gate.</p>
<p><b>C1F GARDEN BUILDINGS</b> <i>(Summer houses, view houses, temples, grottoes etc):</i></p> <p>A pavilion lies to the NE of the lodge. This is a single storey wooden building with a pitched</p>

wooden roof. It is open to the S overlooking the Strathmore Valley and the Sidlaw Hills.



Pavilion

**C1G CHAPELS/MAUSOLEUMS/BURIAL GROUNDS:**

The whole of the site is a cemetery. There are no mausoleums. There is no chapel.

**C1H CONSERVATORIES/FERNERIES:**

None.

**C1J GARDEN STATUARY** (*Fountains, statues, sundials, monuments etc.*) *Note any inscriptions:*

This excludes details of the various monuments on individual graves.

At the N of the site, there is a war memorial for the 1914-18 war. This is of grey granite and shows a Highland soldier in combat dress including rifle.

A smaller plain inscribed stone carries the memorial for 1939-45.



War Memorial

**C1K BURIAL GROUNDS/CEMETERIES** *(Note principal memorials and headstones with inscriptions where possible):*

Family grave of playwright J.M. Barrie. This was surrounded in 2010 by a low grey granite wall.

See 'The Regality of Kirriemuir' pages 279-281 for a summary of important gravestones; referenced in B4 Bibliography of Published Sources.



Barries Grave

**C1L BRIDGES:**

None.

**C1M TERRACES** *(Including steps & stairways):*

There are no formal terraces. The site, being on a slope, is terraced into separate sections. In the quarry section to the E, there are several stairways. Shorter sets of steps are used as required between the various levels.

**C1N WALLED GARDENS** *(Including potting sheds, bothies, glasshouse ranges etc.):*

None.

**C1P AVENUES, CARRIAGE DRIVES, ORNAMENTAL WALKS, SERVICE DRIVES ETC:**

The main drive enters from Brechin Road along Cemetery Road and leads to the lodge. It is lined on both sides by pollarded lime trees. At the junction with Brechin Road there are stone gate posts.

From this main drive, carriage drives enter various parts of the cemetery giving access to vehicles over the entire site.

A car park is to the N of the cemetery and allows access to one of the avenues through double gates.



Cemetery Road Looking Up

**C1Q ROCKERIES:**

There is no formal rockery. Part of the area to the E was built in to an old quarry and as such forms a natural rockery.



Old Quarry Section



<p><b>C1R WATER FEATURES</b> (<i>natural &amp; man-made including rivers, cascades, lochs, pools etc.</i>):</p> <p>None (other than water taps for the convenience of visitors)</p>
<p><b>C1S ANY OTHER FEATURES NOT INCLUDED ABOVE</b> (<i>Include any historic or modern feature and indicate use where possible</i>):</p> <p>None seen.</p>
<p><b>C2 PLANTED ELEMENTS:</b> <i>The garden or park should divide up naturally and historically into different areas, e.g. ornamental gardens, parkland, walled garden, policy planting. Each area should be delineated on a plan and current use noted.</i></p>
<p><b>C21. ORNAMENTAL GROUNDS</b></p>
<p><b>C21A GRASSED AREAS</b> (<i>Lawns, meadows, terraces</i>):</p> <p>A section of lawn has been left vacant of graves on the topmost section of the cemetery. This is Section K, the area of free interment. Refer section B2 Primary &amp; Documentary Sources.</p>
<p><b>C21B FLOWER BEDS</b> (<i>Indicate theme or type – parterres, perennial herbaceous border/annual bedding where possible. Note whether significant plant collection</i>):</p> <p>Planting is individual to the graves.</p>
<p><b>C21C SHRUBBERY INCLUDING HEDGES &amp; TOPIARY</b> (<i>Include details of height, species etc. if possible</i>):</p> <p>In the quarry section to the east, the layout includes shrubbery.</p> <p>Mature shrubs are abundant throughout the cemetery.</p> <p>Within the lawn there is an area of mature shrubs.</p>
<p><b>C21D ORNAMENTAL TREE PLANTING</b> (<i>Single specimens, groups – include details of age and species if possible</i>):</p> <p>There are many trees set randomly across the site including several consistent with the age of the cemetery.</p> <p>In the quarry area, there is a small group of trees.</p> <p>The lawn is bordered by two rows of young trees.</p>
<p><b>C21E AVENUE PLANTING</b> (<i>May also cross parkland and policy planting. Note predominant species and whether single or double planted if possible</i>):</p> <p>The main drive is lined by pollarded lime trees donated by Mr Smith of Aberdeen in 1901.</p>

<b>C21F ANY OTHER ORNAMENTAL PLANTING FEATURE NOT COVERED ABOVE:</b>
None.
<b>C22. KITCHEN GARDENS AND ORCHARDS</b>
<b>C22A KITCHEN GARDENS</b> ( <i>walled, hedged or other boundary. Note any other historical features and current use</i> )
None.
<b>C22B ORCHARDS</b> ( <i>walled, hedged or other boundary. Note any other historical features and current use</i> )
None.
<b>C23. PARKLAND</b>
<b>C23A GRASSED AREAS</b> ( <i>Note current use, amenity grassland, agricultural use – grazing, cultivation etc.</i> ):
A section has been set aside for an extension to the cemetery. This is currently in grass.
<b>C23B TREE PLANTING</b> ( <i>Individual specimens, clumps, belts, roundels etc. Note species if possible, and whether fenced</i> ):
None.
<b>C23C ANY OTHER PARKLAND FEATURE NOT INCLUDED ABOVE:</b>
None.
<b>C24. POLICY WOODLAND PLANTING</b>
<b>C24A COMPOSITION</b> ( <i>Note composition of woodland; deciduous/coniferous/mixed, and principal species if possible. Note current use eg. commercial timber cropping/amenity woodland</i> ):
None.
<b>C24B ANY OTHER POLICY WOODLAND FEATURE NOT INCLUDED ABOVE:</b>
None.
<b>C25. VIEWS, VISTAS, BORROWED LANDSCAPE &amp; PERIPHERAL AREAS</b>
<b>C25A KEY VIEWS</b> ( <i>please note views inwards to the house, outwards from the house, and internally within the landscape</i> ):
All parts of the cemetery give views to a greater or lesser extent over the Strathmore valley and to the Sidlaw Hills.

From the N gates, there is a view to the Angus Glens.



Sidlaws View

**C25B BORROWED LANDSCAPE** (please note any features, natural or man-made, lying outside the designed landscape which act as eye-catchers or contribute to the outward views):

Sidlaw Hills

**C25C PERIPHERAL AREAS** (please note any features lying outside the main landscape but which are clearly designed eg. regularly spaced roadside/field boundary trees, estate walls etc.):

The lime trees on the main drive.

**C3 GENERAL OBSERVATIONS ON CURRENT CONDITION OR CARE OF THE LANDSCAPE**

**C4 SURVEY DRAWINGS AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHS**

*Please include a list and copies where possible of any drawings, photographs made/taken during the ground survey.*

A selection of survey photographs is included in this document. A full set of photographs is available, together with a copy of this recording form on DVD in Angus Archives, Restenneth Priory, Forfar.

**D. SUMMARY HISTORY OF THE SITE** *This section should be set out in chronological form and should include information on the way the site has developed and changed since it was first recorded, using dates and maps where possible. The names of owners, architects or designers involved, and relevant historical events should be recorded, and the sources noted.*

In 1855 discussions were started about the need for a new burial ground. A committee of nine men was set up to implement the proposal of a new cemetery. Although the names of the committee are given in the 'Regality of Kirriemuir' page 276, those of the architect and designer are not recorded. In March 1858 the new cemetery opened and from that August no further burials were allowed at the old Kirriemuir churchyard.

By 1870 the cemetery needed to be expanded and documents and plans refer to the 'original' and 'new' cemetery. David Orr (2009) states that the Lime trees along Cemetery Road were donated by a Mr Smith of Aberdeen in 1901. These have subsequently been managed as pollarded trees.

Following World War 1 the town's war memorial was erected in the cemetery and in 1929 the cemetery's layout was revised. J M Barrie, who died in 1937, was interred in the cemetery in the family grave. Names of the casualties of World War 2 were added to a memorial at the close of the war.

In 1979 the cemetery was extended again and included in the 2005 Angus Local Plan for Kirriemuir is provision for future expansion.

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**DATES OF GROUND SURVEY WORK:**

February and July 2011

**DATE RESEARCH COMPLETED:**

February 2012