

St. GREGORY's Churchyard, HECKINGHAM, NORFOLK

Memorial Inscriptions

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The following names were copied from the headstones/tombs in St. Gregory's Churchyard, Heckingham, Norfolk, by members, and friends, of the Loddon & District Local History Group.

The map has been measured and hand-drawn rather than properly surveyed, and arbitrarily divided for convenience of recording. The records are as accurate as we could make them - some inscriptions are difficult to read, some impossible, some stones may have been 'lost' in the grass/hedges/bracken/trees, some broken or fallen on their face.

The results have been catalogued in alphabetical order to make finding an entry easier. For a guide to where the stone can be found, please refer to the map overleaf. The graveyard at Heckingham had only been partially cleared, at the time of our visit, and several stones were inaccessible. However....

Each name is preceded by a code eg. SW D3

The churchyard was divided into four areas, North West, North East, South West and South East. SW & SE are on either side of the main path between the gate and the South porch. SW & NW are divided by an imaginary line from the southern edge of the tower to the west boundary (more or less along the edge of the uncut bushes). The Northern West corner of the churchyard will include those inaccessible graves in the bushes and under the trees and a few scattered stones in the otherwise apparently empty area. The division between NW & NE is another imaginary line from the side of the church to the Northern boundary (see map). NE and SE are divided by a line from the middle of the east window of the chancel to the Eastern boundary (somewhere in the bracken). The first letter of the code indicates the area where the stone is. The next letter refers to the row in which the stone stands - please refer to map. The number indicates how far along the row the stone stands - again, refer to the map. So, our example (if there were one) is in the area to the South of the main path to church porch, 4th row from the main gate

and third grave in from the path. Unmarked graves, empty spaces, or those stones impossible to read, are counted in the numbering scheme and marked on the map but, obviously, no names are recorded.

Biblical inscriptions/texts may have been recorded on paper, but have not been transferred to computer.

At Heckingham we were able to call upon two earlier (one undated, the other 1949) copies from Parochial records listing the names, but not location, of headstones. If information has been taken from these earlier records I have included it in **bold** print. If details recorded in the early lists differs from what we think we can read today, I have added the older information in **(bold)** with brackets.

If you cannot find 'your' headstone, location or other details you could try telephoning 01508 520036, and I will help, if I can.