

St Albans District Council Cemeteries

There are three cemeteries in the district:

- Hatfield Road Cemetery, St Albans
- London Road Cemetery, St Albans
- Westfield Road Cemetery, Harpenden

London Road Cemetery Site Description

London Road Cemetery, St Albans was opened in 1980 as Hatfield Road no longer had new graves available. It is currently laid out as a lawn cemetery, which is typical of the period. There are Gardens of Rest where cremated remains may be buried. London Road Cemetery is situated on the A1081 St Albans to London Colney Road. The cemetery is about 3.8 hectares and has about 4,800 graves.

The Cemetery

The original lawn cemetery opened in 1980 and a large extension opened in 2009 on land already earmarked for the development. The extension includes provision for those who prefer a traditional grave which may be outlined with kerbs or full planting of the grave space. Likewise on the new Muslim section graves can be outlined to prevent visitors walking over graves and memorials will be placed at the same angle as the graves instead of in straight rows to match the other sections of graves. There is sufficient land at the back of the cemetery that could be used as a green burial area in the future should the Hatfield Road Cemetery green burial area run out of burial space. The new extension to London Road Cemetery has provided sufficient grave spaces for 40 years,

Hatfield Road Cemetery Site Description

Hatfield Road Cemetery is situated on the A1057 St Albans to Hatfield Road, in the Fleetville Ward of St Albans, approximately one mile from the City Centre, and half a mile from the city station. The Cemetery is adjacent to the Alban Way railway trail, which is route 61 on the national cycle route, but there is no direct link into the Cemetery. The only access gate, for vehicles and pedestrians, is directly off Hatfield Road. Hatfield Road is a typical example of a late Victorian Cemetery and is laid out in the manner of those times. The majority of graves are facing east/west and are outlined with kerb sets which were traditional for a late Victorian Cemetery. The cemetery facilities include a cemetery lodge, chapel, office, public toilets and sheltered seating. There are also two sections of war graves, lawn graves, traditional graves, a Garden of Rest and a small section set aside for natural burials.

The Cemetery

Hatfield Road Cemetery, St Albans was opened in 1884 and is a typical example of a late Victorian cemetery, with an abundance of trees and shrubs. It is laid out in a traditional manner with most graves allowing kerbsets and/or full planting. Although the cemetery has no new burial ground available, burials still take place in re-opened graves. There are also 'reclaimed' graves available, which are graves that have not been used for over 60 years, which have never been purchased, and with sufficient space left for further burials. A new green burial

area is now available for those who wish to be buried in an eco-friendly coffin and a grave with no stone memorial

In 1969, when space for new graves was beginning to run out, the Council began to use un-purchased graves in the cemetery, where there was still burial space available; a practice that continues today. However to ensure the Council could continue to provide new graves in the area for the future, and also to provide a dedicated Muslim section, another cemetery was opened in 1980 on the outskirts of St Albans at London Road. There are 13,650 graves in the Hatfield Road Cemetery with a total of 31,778 burials including cremated remains. The cemetery currently provides reclaimed graves, green graves and a new Garden of Remembrance for local residents only. Visitors arrive from all over the world to look for relatives graves.

Westfield Road Cemetery Site Description

Westfield Road Cemetery is situated in the East Harpenden Ward, approximately one and a half miles and a 30 minute walk from the Town Centre.

The Cemetery

Westfield Road Cemetery, Harpenden was opened in 1926 and was originally administered by Harpenden Urban District Council. The cemetery is divided into consecrated and un-consecrated areas, with both traditional and lawn plots. There is also a Garden of Rest where cremated remains may be buried in family plots.as a choice of traditional or lawn sections of graves and sections specifically for children and Roman Catholics.