

*The Friends of Calderstones Cemetery*

*2<sup>ND</sup> May 2019*

*Bishop Henderson  
Blackburn Diocese  
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*Dear Julian*

*I am writing further to the objection of the Friends of Calderstones Cemetery dated 28.4.2019*

*As you know from that objection, the Friends are concerned about some 62 interments that appear to have taken place in the Cemetery after 1988.*

*In seeking further to investigate the position as regards those interments, the Friends have once again been looking at the records held at the Lancashire Record Office at Preston.*

*Further examination of those records shows that apart from a single burial in 1971, there is no record of any burial or interment between 1967 and 1977. At the moment the Friends do not know what the explanation for this is. It is of course possible that the remains of those who died at the hospital in this period were interred "off site" but it is hard to see why this should have been the case; on the other hand, the absence of any record might suggest that there were not any interments during this time. Accordingly at the moment there are some 200 – 300 interments from the Hospital which are unaccounted for.*

*The Friends wanted to bring this information to your attention as soon as possible. We are of course seeking to clarify the position as best and as quickly as we can and will write further when we are able to do this.*

*You will appreciate that the possibility of there being further interments in the Cemetery adds to the concerns of the Friends and goes to support their objection.*

*It is a matter of regret that the position is not clearer but that it is not a reason for disregarding the possibility of the land containing the interments of some 200 – 300 people of which hitherto we have been unaware.*

*Yours sincerely*

*D. S. B. H. J.*

*Chairperson of the Friends of Calderstones Cemetery*