

Cockburn Association Doors Open Day September 25 2016

Thank you to all the volunteers and visitors who helped make our third Open Day so successful. We counted in 118 visitors but there were many that slipped by while we were chatting to others!



The weather was not as good as previous years, but the rain was intermittent and not prolonged. Twenty volunteers came either in the morning or afternoon or both. In the morning we set up the grave side posters, put down the white arrows, blew up the publicity balloons, and did some last minute clearing of graves.

Particular thanks to Robin and Morag McCormick for lending, taking round, and placing chairs at all thirty nominated places of interest, and then taking them all away at the end! In the afternoon volunteers stood at strategic places chatting with visitors about individual graves or locations.

Barbara McNaught's idea of having a working party was a brainwave: not only in showing visitors what we can do, but also clearing a whole new expanse of catacomb wall.

We were grateful to the Cockburn Association for letting us participate in DOD, and to South Central Neighbourhood Partnership for providing the funds to enable us to re-erect the "fallen angel" in the central roundel. We were also very delighted that the team from Edinburgh Council's Parks, Greenspace & Cemeteries Dept. were able to clear such a lot of debris and put up two benches in the week before DOD.

The photographs on the next page give a flavour of the day!

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