



# *Rural Parish Cemetery Records*



# ***First Steps***

**Cemetery Records Information Policy**

**Aim and scope of this project**

**Research previous records**

**Is site of general or local/family interest?**



# ***Background Reading***

**Guidance for Burial Ground Managers**

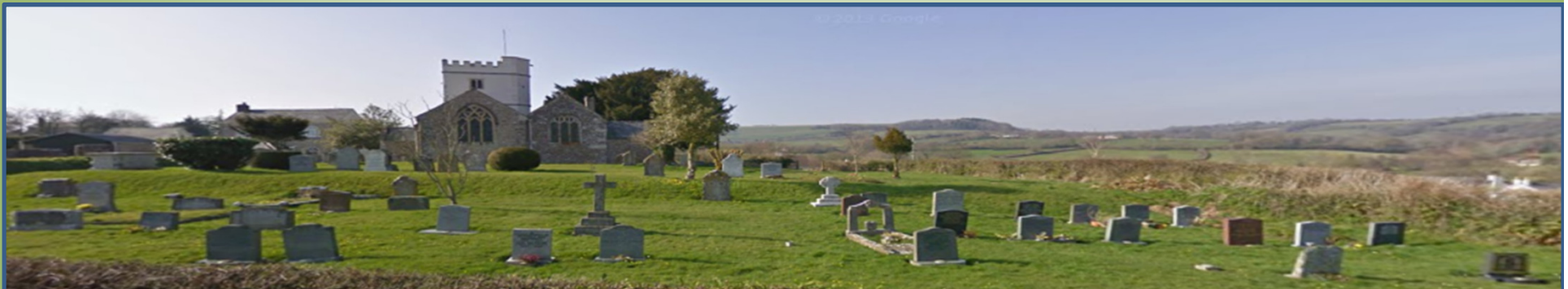
2005 UK Gov

**The Churchyards Handbook**

1962-2012 Thomas Cocke

**Guidance for the Care, Conservation & Recording of Historic  
Graveyards**

Heritage Council of Ireland



# *Site Planning*

**Obtain an accurate plan of site**

**Carry out a grave site survey**

**Smaller areas help in identification**

**Include unmarked plots where known**





# *Software Development*

**Choose Software - proprietary vs. generic**

**‘Cemrec’ written in Excel 2007**

Alternatives may have graphics issues

Handling of dates before 1900

**How much data to include?**

Suggested minimum: grave records, photos, biodata



# Photography

Photograph each grave in good sunlight

Take shots from two or three angles

Include correlation shots to check locations

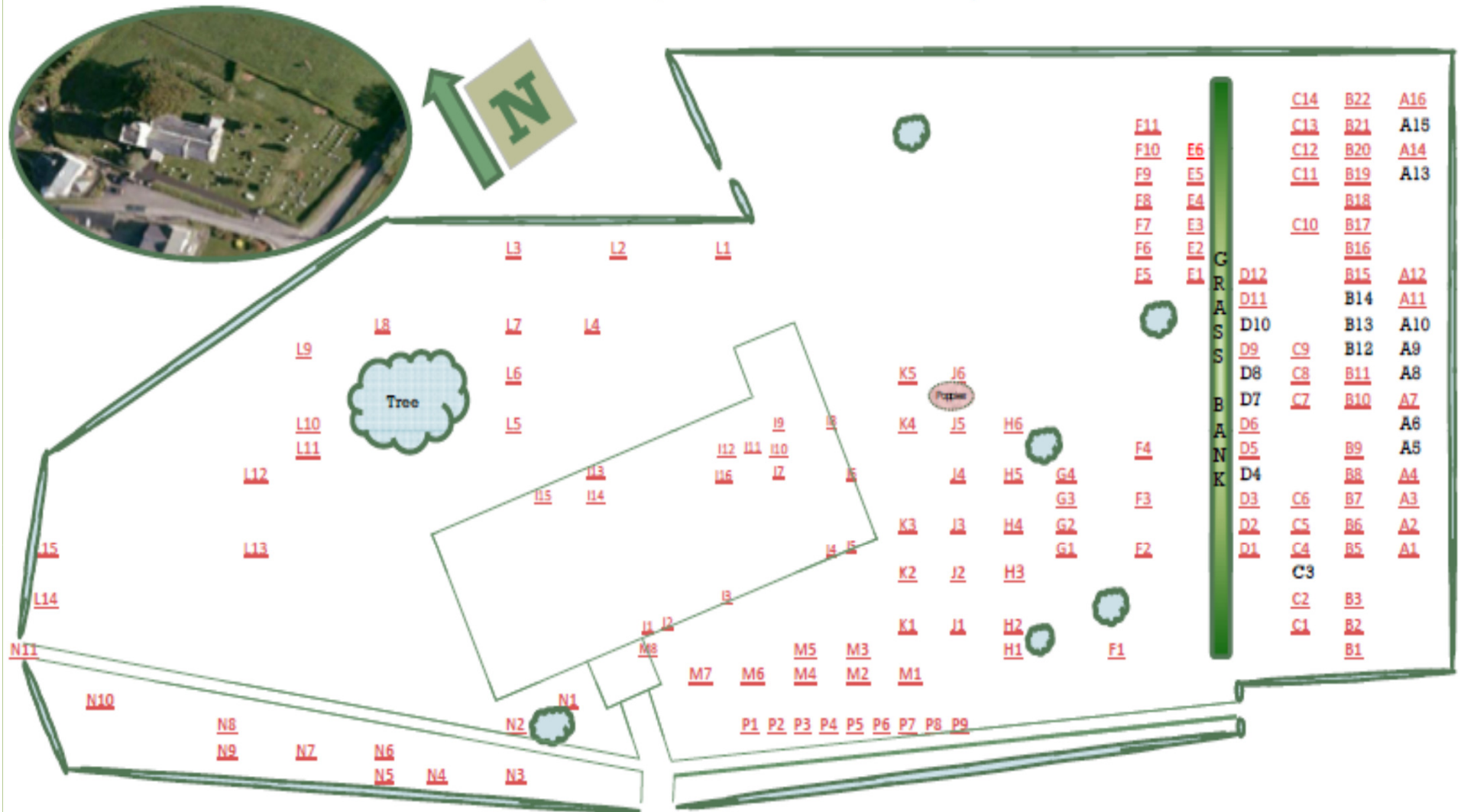
Brush powder on faded or worn inscriptions



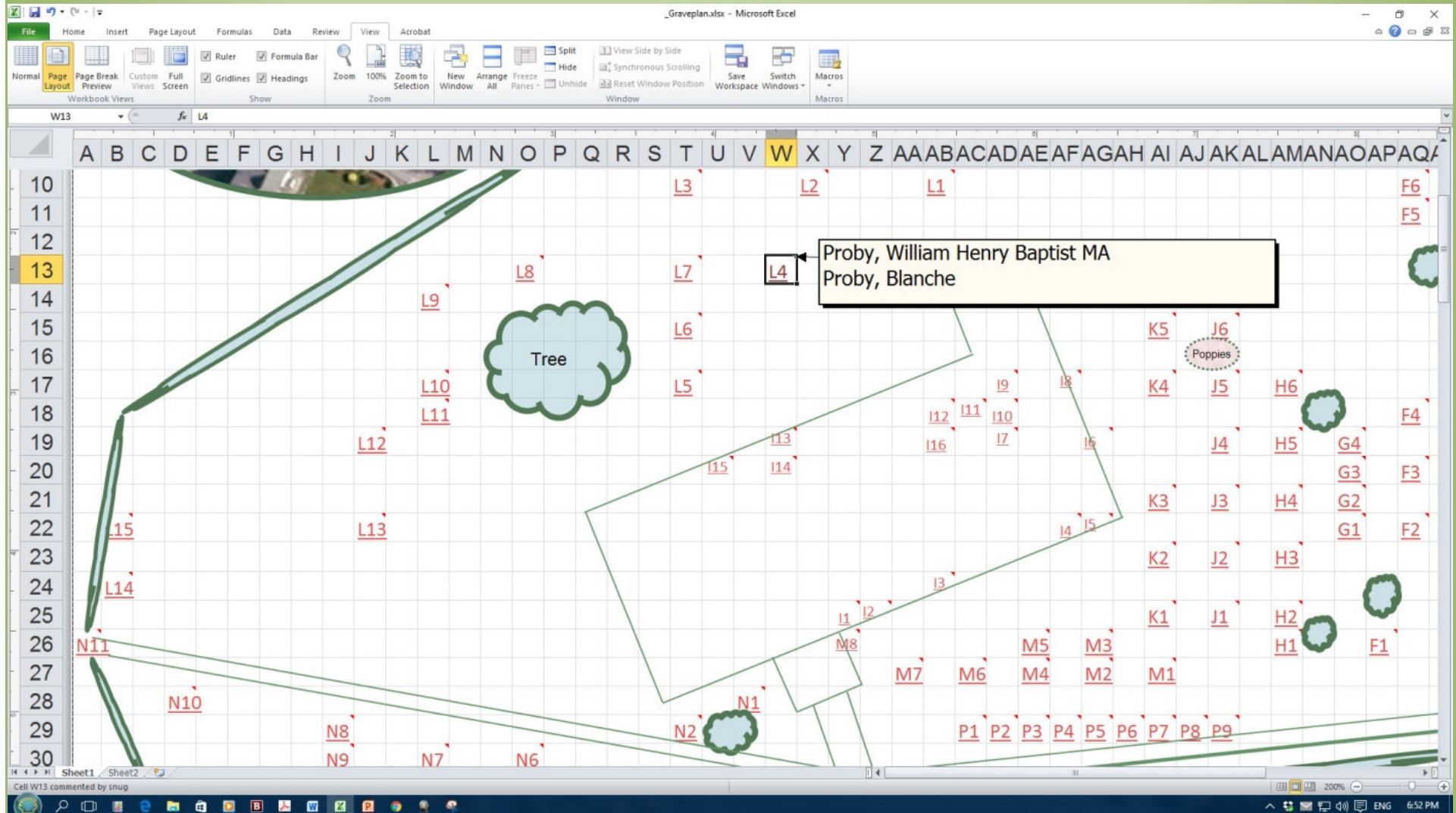


# Site Diagram

**Graves and Memorial Inscriptions at St. Giles Church Northleigh, Devon as at 18/11/2014**  
(50° 45' 26 N, 003° 08' 28 W. GRID. SY195959)



# Occupants (on Mouseover)





# Photo (on Mouse Click)

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Workbook Views

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Sheet1 Sheet2

# Sheet Two – Record Details

Locn	Mem. Record *	Burial Regn. +	Surname	Forenames	Born	Died	Sort Year	Age	Notes and Weblinks + Registrations from 12/94 are prefixed N.
K01	G040	nr	<a href="#">Bowdage</a>	Tristram	1542	28/02/1636	1636	94	Yeoman <a href="#">Part of T.B.'s Will</a> <a href="#">Bowdage Family</a>
I12	IN007	nr	<a href="#">Searle</a>	Edward 'junear'		03/02/1680	1680	nr	Lady Chapel Floor (LCF)
I09	IN008	nr	<a href="#">Marwood</a>	Frances		05/04/1700	1700	71	<a href="#">LCF w/o John Marwood of Blamphayne</a>
I10	IN011	nr	<a href="#">Marwood?</a>	?		1700?	1700	nr	LCF 'Widdow' otherwise illegible
I11	IN010	nr	<a href="#">Unknown</a>	?		1700?	1700	nr	LCF mostly illegible
F01	G061	MF1	<a href="#">Underdown</a>	Thomas		14/08/1796	1796	nr	died in infancy
F01	G061	MF1	<a href="#">Underdown</a>	Sarah		28/01/1798	1798	nr	died in infancy
F01	G061	MF1	<a href="#">Underdown</a>	Abraham		01/11/1801	1801	nr	died in infancy
N11	G024	MF1	<a href="#">Hooper</a>	Richard		05/05/1803	1803	75	
F01	G061	MF1	<a href="#">Underdown</a>	Henrietta		23/09/1807	1807	nr	died in infancy
I15	IN004		<a href="#">Underdown</a>	Robert		02/04/1811	1811	57	Uncle of R.U. (same plaque)
F01	G061	MF1	<a href="#">Underdown</a>	Samuel		28/03/1812	1812	51	<a href="#">Underdown Family</a>
I04	IN004		<a href="#">Salter</a>	John		1812	1812		
N11	G024	21	<a href="#">Hooper</a>	Mary		11/12/1817	1817	82	
F01	G061	MF1	<a href="#">Underdown</a>	Samuel		11/03/1818	1818	27	Grandson of Samuel (N. Side of chest tomb) (?)
I04	IN004		<a href="#">Salter</a>	Sarah		1820	1820		
J03	G047	37	<a href="#">Bishop</a>	Henry		28/06/1823	1823	73	
F01	G061	75	<a href="#">Underdown</a>	Sarah		30/08/1833	1833	62	(1835?)
H02	G052	70	<a href="#">Webber</a>	Rebecca Mitchell		31/03/1835	1835	33	
J03	G047	92	<a href="#">Banks</a>	Robert		24/08/1837	1837	50	
J03	G047	95	<a href="#">Bishop</a>	Frances M.		25/10/1837	1837	89	
L08	G031	91	<a href="#">Hill</a>	Charlotte		13/06/1837	1837	29	
L09	G030	303	<a href="#">Hooper</a>	Emma		21/10/1837	1837	57	
L05	G032	102	<a href="#">Halfyard</a>	Thomas Joseph		21/04/1839	1839	26	
L08	G031	141	<a href="#">Hill</a>	Elizabeth		20/02/1845	1845	38	
I04	IN002		<a href="#">Salter</a>	William		22/12/1847	1847	88	For many years Rector of Northleigh



# Historical Documents

In the name of God Amen. The fifteenth daie  
of february in the year of our Lord God. 1636. A Testimonie Bona fide of mi-  
nisteri lay, in the County of Devon yemen being in my good and perfect remembrance  
I grant God for it revoking all former wills do, make and execute it is my co-  
last will and Testament in manner and forme following that is to say first I  
commend my soule into the hands of almighty God and his sonne Jesus Christ  
my Creator and redeemer and my body to Christian buriall from my house  
I doe in estate for dyed goods yet to come and belonging of and in certain  
parcels and parcells of land and pasture lying and being in the manner of  
afterward called Nothallend Suddons small croft Chrouthall Suddons Wyngate  
Parcels Overlyssed and Nothallend of the demise and grant of Robert  
Lyon Esquire deceased. being by a party of of 1000 pounds fifteen or  
sixteen shillings by an indenture bearing date the fourteenth day of September 1592  
year and thirteenth year of the reign of the late King Elizabeth, 1592  
amongst other things more at large appoynted it doe give devise and bequeath  
to Thomas Biddage and his assignes this parcell of the said Suddons hereafter  
named by one thistle called North Suddons by estimation fifteen acres more or  
less lying near the highway out of the place called Suddons road by  
estimation eight acres more or less lying by East the said North Suddons  
and two meadows called Suddons meadows by estimation five acres more or less  
adjoining to the said Suddons road with all and every of their appurtenances  
during all my estate and terme herein saying by several parties that the said  
thistle the said Biddage and his assignes me with it, and I doe always except out of  
the said Suddons road a certain plot of ground lying in the lower end of  
it containing about twenty fathoms square as the same late had by heretofore  
way led in the end out for a watering place for and next unto a certain place  
called the lower Suddons from I doe give devise and bequeath to the said  
Thomas Biddage and his assignes one piece of ground called the place with the  
appurtenances as now it could be by the devise of Edward Lyon Esquire deceased and  
his estate and terme herein saying by several parties two shillings towards the

E. Biddage  
Bona fide



# War Graves – Roll of Honour

In Memory of  
Rifleman

**H J Bishop**

A/200068, 17th Bn., King's Royal Rifle Corps who died on 21 September 1916

Remembered with Honour  
Hebuterne Military Cemetery



Commemorated in perpetuity by  
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

# *Cemrec - Summary*

- Small rural cemetery (<1000 graves?)
- Planning to computerise records?
- No budget for commercial solutions
- Some Excel experience/expertise
- Time available (2-3 months?)





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