
LOCATION



The Burial Ground is sited on Arundel Avenue at the Smithdown Road end. The gate (above) is almost opposite Halkyn Avenue and is on the same side as Bethel Grove.

The site is locked but interested parties may contact any of the four key holders.

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THE QUAKER BURIAL GROUND



The Community
Orchard And Wildlife
Garden



The Garden is open each
Sunday from 1.30 - 4.00pm
It is also available to groups of
people by arrangement ;

School Parties
Youth Groups
Community Groups



A Community Project

The Quaker Burial Ground is an oasis of green space lying in area between houses, shops and a busy main road. This once neglected space, which is full of historical interest and wild life, is only accessible through a single gate and a narrow pathway. A secret garden hidden from view.

The aim of the project is to make this space accessible to the community, making it a maintained informal garden and orchard and encouraging wild flowers and wild life. It is a community project supported by the local residents association, TANN (www.tann.org.uk) and the Liverpool Quakers. The local councillors have also been active in showing their support. The project group has already made great progress clearing and tidying the site, has developed a wet area and has planted fruit trees, bushes, and wild flowers among the gravestones. We are developing habitats for birds, hedgehogs and mini beasts and there is a community bee project on the site.

The garden will be available for use by the local community as a place of peace and meditation and also for community and Quaker functions. Local schools and youth groups will have access and will be able to study the wild life and enjoy the garden.

Once the garden has been developed and established to a level of 'maintenance only' it is hoped the project will draw in more members of the community. Many of the homes in the surrounding area do not have access to gardens and it is hoped the community garden and orchard will inspire residents to help maintain it, grow flowers and pick fruit as well as enjoy an attractive green space.



The Society of Friends (Quaker)

Burial Ground Arundel Avenue

Originally, the Quakers had a cemetery at Hackins Hey, near the present day World Museum. However, in 1854, due to growing awareness of the hazards of having burial sites in densely populated areas, the Privy Council asked the Quakers to find an alternative site.

In 1856, a piece of land was purchased on what is now Smithdown Road. A meeting house was built for the purpose of conducting funeral services. However, the use of the land and meeting house diminished and in 1906, more than half the land bordering Smithdown Road was sold to expand the Smithdown Institution (workhouse). This limited access to the site and its use as a burial ground.

A new smaller meeting house (built 1908) was constructed at the end of the main pathway and was in much use as a Quaker social venue, as well as a place to conduct funeral services. Unfortunately, in 1977 an electrical fault caused the building to burn down. It was never replaced and the graveyard became less frequented, except for the occasional interment of ashes. It is still officially a burial ground.

The Society of Friends (Quakers) decided, in 2013, that it would be mutually beneficial, if this lovely green space was made available to the public, on a controlled basis.

An interesting and fuller version of this potted history can be found www.tann.org.uk