

KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

20th September 2013

Are you related to the Johnson Family, buried in St John's Churchyard, Kirkheaton?

Kirkburton Parish Council is responsible for the maintenance of the major part of the closed churchyard of St John's Parish Church in Kirkheaton. Staff were alerted to an unsafe memorial at the last safety inspection, and are therefore making enquiries to find out if any of the remaining family are still in the area.

Although the Council maintains the grounds, the ownership of gravestones and memorials stays with the family. The grave in question (*in the foreground of the picture*) is at the back of the church, by the path. A lot of the inscriptions are difficult to read, but the following family members are included in those interred in the grave:

Mary, Wife of James Johnson of Dalton, died 1859 John Johnson, died 27 September 1884 Elizabeth Johnson, died 20 April 1916

If you are related to this family, please contact Mrs Angela Royle, Clerk to the Council on Tel: 01484 604391 (Monday & Thursday) or Email: clerk@kbpc.co.uk

If no responses are received by 17 October 2013, the Council will take steps to make the memorial safe.

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Note for Editor: Kirkburton Parish Council consists of 11 villages: Farnley Tyas, Flockton, Grange Moor, Highburton, Kirkburton, Kirkheaton, Lascelles Hall, Lepton, Shelley, Shepley, Stocksmoor and Thurstonland. It has been in existence since the local government re-organisation in 1974.

Contact: Kirkburton Parish Council, Burton Village Hall, Northfield Lane, Highburton HD8 0QT

Angela Royle, Clerk to the Council:

Tel: 01484 604391 Monday and Thursday 9.30 am to 1.30 pm

Email: clerk@kbpc.co.uk

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An answering machine is available at other times, or messages can be sent by email to the above address.