

Welcome to The Howff



The Howff (or 'Houff') is a burial ground which dates back to 1564. Mary Queen of Scots granted the city this land for burials on the ruins of the older Grey Friars monastery, which was destroyed in 1548.

No interments have taken place since 1857.

Until 1776, representatives for the Nine Trades of Dundee would traditionally meet within these grounds to discuss matters concerning their various crafts. The term 'howff' means 'meeting place.'

The cemetery now functions as an open-air museum and a green oasis of calm within the busy city centre. A rich variety of flowers and foliage plants are to be found amongst the interesting old gravestones.

More detailed information can be found on the interpretation panels nearby.



Visitor Guidelines:

We wish your visit to this cemetery to be as pleasant as possible.

Please be responsible, follow these simple guidelines and show consideration for other visitors to the cemetery.

Please see main management rules at Barrack St. entrance for details.

1. **Cemeteries are not play areas. Be aware of loose gravestones**
2. **Consumption of alcohol in the cemetery is an offence**
(The Dundee City Council Prohibition of Consumption of Alcohol in Designated Public Places Byelaw 1999)
3. **Dogs must be on a short lead at all times**
4. **Dog Waste is a Health Hazard:** NOT cleaning up your dog's mess is an offence
(The Dog Fouling (Scotland) Act 2003)
5. **Littering and dog fouling are punishable by instant fines**



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