

REGISTER OF PARKS AND GARDENS OF SPECIAL HISTORIC INTEREST

DRAFT DESCRIPTION

LANCASHIRE

PRESTON CEMETERY
(NEW HALL LANE CEMETERY)

PRESTON
SD5630

GD3424

A cemetery laid out in 1855 retaining the original design and mature tree cover reflecting the C19 planting scheme.

HISTORIC DEVELOPMENT

Preston Cemetery was laid out in 1855 by the Preston Burial Board on an area shown as open fields on the 1848 OS map. Three cemetery chapels (demolished late C20) were designed 1854-5 by TD Barry. The cemetery was opened on the second of July 1855, when most of the town's burial grounds were closed (Hewitson). A Jewish burial area was established within the site in the early C20 and a Muslim area followed in the late C20.

SITE DESCRIPTION

LOCATION, AREA, BOUNDARIES, LANDFORM, SETTING

The cemetery is situated c 2.5km east of the centre of Preston in the suburb of Ribblesdale. The c 18ha site is on a rectangular plot of level land in an urban and residential area. New Hall Lane forms the southern boundary, where there is a stone wall which formerly had railings, some of which have been reinstated near the entrance. Miller Road forms the northern boundary where there is a stone wall surmounted by railings. On the east side there is a low stone wall and C20 fences alongside a footpath called Occupation Lane. Fences divide the cemetery from houses and gardens on the west side. Main views are internal with emphasis on unfolding scenes rather than vistas.

ENTRANCES AND APPROACHES

There are two main entrances to the cemetery. The principal entrance is at the south-west corner at the junction of Blackpool Road and New Hall Lane where there are stone gate piers flanking an arched stone entrance of 1855, probably by TD Barry. Lodges which stood on either side have been demolished. On the north side of the site there is an entrance of c 1925 with stone gate piers and ironwork gates on Miller Road directly opposite the entrance to Preston New Cemetery (outside the registered area). A pedestrian entrance at the north-west tip of the site had a lodge, probably by TD Barry (demolished). There is another pedestrian entrance with an iron gate at the south-east corner which was probably introduced mid-late C20.

OTHER LAND

The main entrance at the south-west corner leads north-east to a forecourt with late C20 cemetery offices on the north west side. Paths divide opposite the entrance on each side of a grassed area with flowerbeds. One branch leads east to the section designated for

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District: PRESTON

Parish:

Notes:

For further information regarding this Park and Garden please contact English Heritage

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