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**Researching Your Graveyard – free booklet** ([get download](#)) Prepared on behalf of the Carved Stones Advisor Project by Gareth J. Wells and Bruce Bishop, published by Historic Scotland 2005. ISBN 1 904966 07 1.

This well produced and attractively illustrated guide will prove useful to anyone researching the history of an individual burial ground. Topics covered include advice on starting your research, sources of information and short examples of graveyard histories. The guide also includes an excellent bibliography and lists of useful addresses to further assist you in your research. Printed copies of this booklet are available from Publications Dept, TCRC Group/Historic Scotland Conservation Bureau, Historic Scotland, Longmore house, Salisbury Place, Edinburgh, EH9 1SH. Tel: 0131 668 8638. Email: [hs.conservation.bureau@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:hs.conservation.bureau@scotland.gsi.gov.uk)

**Understanding Scottish Graveyards** by Betty Willsher new edition co-published by the Council for Scottish Archaeology and [NMSE Publishing](#), National Museums of Scotland, Chambers Street, Edinburgh EH1 1JF 2005. ISBN 1 901663 96 5 Price £9.99

This welcome revised and updated edition of a much-loved and informative book will allow new readers to discover more about the rich history of Scotland's graveyards. It provides valuable information on interpreting the stories and symbols of stones and sets them within their historical context, and lists useful contact address, practical advice and reference material. Essential reading for any gravestone enthusiast.

**Death By Design** by Ronnie Scott, Black and White Publishing 2005. ISBN 1 84502 047 2. Price £5.99 (including UK P&P) available from Black and White Publishing, 99 Giles Street, Edinburgh EH6 6BZ. Tel: 0131 625 4501

This witty and well-researched guide to [Glasgow Necropolis](#) brings the 'city of the dead' to life, revealing the little-known story of its origins and development. Historian Dr Ronnie Scott unveils the mysteries of the great Victorian garden of death, telling the stories of some of the 50,000 permanent residents, and unlocking the secrets of the best 3,500 stones that mark their last resting places. Whether you are a tombstone tourist, a family historian, a fan of architecture and sculpture, a lover of Glasgow history or someone who enjoys city walking, this book is the key to understanding and enjoying all that you encounter in this intriguing suburb.

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- **Hogback Gravestones Govan and Beyond** by Anna Ritchie, [The Society of Friends of Govan Old](#), 2004 ISBN 0-9545321-1-2 Price £3.50 (Inc. UK P&P) available from [The Friends of Govan Old](#), Govan Old Parish Church, PO Box 7325, Glasgow, G51 3BW.

This is the first of a new series of publications by the Friends of Govan Old. Dr Anna Ritchie delivered the Annual Lecture on Saturday 8th March 2003. She discusses the five

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hogback gravestones at Govan as spectacular monuments and as social documents. Anna Ritchie looks at each of the Govan examples, setting them in the wider context of Scotland and England. This monograph builds on the defining work of James Lang, and modifies his classification of classic hogbacks and related monuments, providing a revised distribution map and list of Scottish hogback monuments.

- **Govan from Cradle to Grave** by Stephen T. Driscoll, [The Society of Friends of Govan Old](#), 2004 ISBN 0-9545321-2-0 Price £4.00 (Inc. UK P&P) available from [The Friends of Govan Old](#), Govan Old Parish Church, PO Box 7325, Glasgow, G51 3BW.

The second in the new series of Annual Lectures published by the Friends of Govan Old significantly alters our view of Govan's history. Dr Stephen Driscoll presents the general reader and the specialist student with up-dated reflections on the GUARD excavations he conducted in and around Govan's kirkyard 1994-96. He interprets four phases of the Govan story: the early Christian, stressing that Govan was the Cradle of Christianity on the Clyde; the Viking Age; and the Medieval and Post-medieval periods. He discusses the archaeology of and history of Govan's lost monument, the Doomster Hill, assesses the importance of the royal hall at Partick and places Govan's famed and recently scheduled, collection of early medieval sculpture in a unique context of continuous burial from the fifth to the twentieth centuries.

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**0\* *Early Medieval Sculpture and the Production of Meaning, Value and Place: the case of Hilton of Cadboll*** Research Report by Dr Sian Jones, Heritage Policy Group, [Historic Scotland](#), 2004. ISBN 1 903570 43 3. Price £19.99 ([download order form](#))

Hilton of Cadboll (Highland) is the findspot of one of the finest Pictish sculptures. Its upper portion is a prime exhibit in the Museum of Scotland in Edinburgh. Recent excavations led to the discovery and recovery of the missing lower portion, re-igniting controversy over ownership and presentation of this massive cross-slab. Using Hilton of Cadboll as a case study, Dr Sian Jones of Manchester University explores the understanding of the meanings and values surrounding early medieval sculpture and the basis of conflict between various interest groups. The insights gained contribute to a broader understanding of the social value of archaeological sites, particularly in terms of the production of identities and people's sense of place. The implications have the potential to inform wider heritage management and conservation policies and practices, not simply for early medieval sculpture, but for monuments in general. To order ([download form](#)) or contact: Publications Department, TCRE Group / Scottish Conservation Bureau, Historic Scotland, Longmore House, Salisbury Place, Edinburgh, EH9 1SH. Tel: 0131 668 8638 Email: [hs.conservation.bureau@scotland.gov.uk](mailto:hs.conservation.bureau@scotland.gov.uk)

**2\* *Conservation of Historic Graveyards Seminar Abstracts 2001*** edited by Audrey Dakin, 2002, Technical Conservation Research and Education Group of [Historic Scotland](#). ISBN 1 903570 39. Price Free. ([download text](#) and [download front cover](#)).

The abstracts of the papers delivered at the Graveyard Seminar held in Edinburgh in November 2001 are now available in an electronic format ([download text](#) and [download front cover](#)). Copies can also be ordered free of charge from: Publications

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**\* Monumental Inscriptions for Holywood Old Graveyard, Dumfriesshire - a new CD-ROM by Dumfries and Galloway Family History Society. Price £7.50 plus p&p .**

This CD-ROM is a simulation of a website and contains 432 memorial inscriptions (MIs), linked to 900 photographs, which may be easily accessed via an alphabetical index. In most cases, there are views showing the relative location of memorials and their inscriptions in the graveyard. Also included is a general tour around the graveyard and inside the church, as well as historical notes relating to the Abbey of Holywood, its origins and 'destruction'. The CD-ROM is available by mail order from Dumfries and Galloway Family History Society at a cost of £7.50 plus p&p.

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**\* Sources of Financial Assistance for the Conservation of Scotland's Historic Graveyards Reference Report** by Dr Susan Buckham, Heritage Policy Group and Technical Conservation Research and Education Group of Historic Scotland 2003, Scottish Civic Trust and the Carved Stones Adviser Project. Historic Scotland. ISBN 1 903570 07 7. Price free (download text and download front cover).

This publication provides information about sources of funding for projects which seek to conserve the fabric or the natural environment of Scotland's historic graveyards; or to enhance the enjoyment of these graveyards through research, interpretation and education. Potential funding sources for these types of project are identified within the report; with individual entries for each providing contact details and an indication of the type of project work which may be eligible. Directions are also given as to how to access wider, more general funding sources. Details of additional sources of help and advice in the form of publication references and organisation contact details are also set out. To obtain information about other useful Historic Scotland publications, including Graveyards and Gravestones Electronic Leaflets and the Practitioners' Guide to the Conservation of Historic Graveyards (Price £19.50), please contact Publications Department, TCRE Group / Scottish Conservation Bureau, Historic Scotland, Longmore House, Salisbury Place, Edinburgh, EH9 1SH. Tel: 0131 668 8638. Email: [hs.conservation.bureau@scotland.gov.uk](mailto:hs.conservation.bureau@scotland.gov.uk)

**\* Scottish Kirkyards and Tombstone Letting - Research in Inscription Paleography a new CD-ROM by Dr George Thomson. ISBN 0 9540891 1 1. Price £9.95 plus £1.50 p&p (download order form ).**

Arguably, Scotland has the greatest wealth of early tombstone sculpture in the world. This CD-ROM provides a comprehensive introduction to the various lettering styles used

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by Scottish masons on tombstones and graveslabs and contains just under 1,000 images. It is also a useful guide to more than ninety Scottish kirks and their kirkyards. More information on the Research in Inscription Paleography project and Dr Thomson can be found on the CDROM order form ([get download](#))

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Updated November 2003:

- **Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland** - online access to articles on gravestones and graveyards

In October 2003 the [Society of Antiquaries of Scotland](#) and the [Archaeology Data Service](#) launched the digital publication of the Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland (volumes 1-128). The Proceedings contain several articles on graveyards and their monuments and a CSA bibliography listing key papers is available ([get download](#)). There are many more articles, particularly in the earlier volumes, not included in the bibliography, which discuss single memorials or fragments of stones and some of these studies include sites that may be the remains of early Christian churches. Online access to the Proceedings is free of charge, offered as a service to scholars and other interested readers worldwide. The digital archive can be accessed through the web-site of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland at: [www.socantscot.org/Publications.html](http://www.socantscot.org/Publications.html)

- **Short Guide for Cemetery Managers: emergency measures for historic memorials** (Leaflet No 6) by Heritage Policy Group and Technical Conservation Research and Education Group of Historic Scotland 2003, Historic Scotland. ISBN 1 9003570 86 7. Price free ([download Leaflet 6](#)).

Provides guidance for anyone directly involved with organising work in historic burial grounds and details how to minimise the damage caused by emergency measures to ensure monument stability. This guide is one in a [series of Graveyard and Gravestone Electronic Leaflets](#) produced by [Historic Scotland](#). For further information on Graveyards and Gravestones Electronic Leaflets or to obtain information about other useful publication, including the [Practitioners' Guide to the Conservation of Historic Graveyards](#) (Price £19.50), please contact Publications Department, TCRE Group / Scottish Conservation Bureau, Historic Scotland, Longmore House, Salisbury Place, Edinburgh, EH9 1SH. Tel: 0131 668 8638 [hs.conservation.bureau@scotland.gov.uk](mailto:hs.conservation.bureau@scotland.gov.uk)

- **Conference Proceedings: Conservation of Historic Graveyards**, edited by Audrey Dakin, 2002, Technical Conservation Research and Education Group of Historic Scotland. ISBN 1 903570 75 1. Price £15.00. Available from the [Publications Department](#) TCRE Group, Historic Scotland. Contact details as above.

Proceedings taken from the seminar in November 2001 run jointly by Historic Scotland and the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland. The volume Conservation of Historic Graveyards Seminar Abstracts 2001 (ISBN 1 903570 39 5) is available free of charge from the Publications Department [Publications Department](#) TCRE Group, Historic Scotland.

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Contact details as above. Information, with booking form, is now available for the forthcoming [Day Seminar on Historic Graveyards](#) jointly organised by the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland and Historic Scotland, which will take place in Edinburgh on 13th March 2004 ([get download](#))

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- **Scottish Bodysnatchers True Accounts** by Norman Adams 2002, Goblinshead. ISBN 1 899874 40 2. Price £5.95

An accessible and fascinating introduction to the nefarious crimes of the Ressurrectionists in Scotland.

- **'Research in inscription palaeography (RIP). Scottish tombstone lettering 1241-1855: methodology and preliminary analysis'** by George Thomson in *Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland*, 131, 2001. Pages 349-373. ISSN 0081-1564. Available to members of the [Society of Antiquaries of Scotland](#).

This study of pre-1855 gravestones examines how lettering styles change over time across Scotland.

- **Discovery and Excavation in Scotland. New Series Volume 3 2002**, Council for Scottish Archaeology. ISSN 0419-411X. Available to [Council for Scottish Archaeology](#) members.

*Discovery and Excavation in Scotland* provides a rapid, comprehensive summary of all archaeological fieldwork, including graveyard surveys and excavations, undertaken in Scotland each year. An index provides a quick and easy way to locate work relating to gravestones and graveyards. The journal is available to Council for Scottish Archaeology members and most libraries in Scotland will also hold copies. Everyone undertaking graveyard recording and research work is encouraged to submit an entry to *Discovery and Excavation in Scotland*.

- Form and instructions to submit an entry to **Discovery and Excavation in Scotland** ([get download](#)).