

## Proposal to Wickham Market Parish Council

### Restoration of items stored in the Cemetery Bier House

#### 1. Background

The Bier House is currently used for the storage of tools and equipment used by the Cemetery working group and the Parish wide Green Gym activities. It has also housed various items 'retired' into one corner relating to burials and maintenance. Derek Laidlaw and Simon Harrington, both members of the Cemetery Working Group have extracted these items, undertaken an initial clean and assessment and are **making the following proposal to the Council as the owners of the items.**

2. Proposal. To research the usage and history of the Bier trolley with a view to restoration, possible permanent display and even actual usage for internments. To assess other items with a view to display or disposal.

3. Engagement. Parish organisations to consult would include –  
WMPC

Archive Centre (WMAAC)

Parochial Church council

Shedders (Men's Shed)

Friends of Wickham Market Library

Wickham Market Partnership

Suffolk Archives

4. Costs. All labour voluntary but small grant needed to cover materials.

Note – Whilst clearing out the Bier House a quantity of heavily woodworm infested timber was extracted. It would be wise to undertake a full tidy and inspection of remaining loose timber as well as the roof structure with a view to any necessary treatment to avoid costly roof repairs to the building.

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