

# Lye & Wollescote Cemetery Chapels – Community Open Day

## Saturday 20 June 2015 Invitation

**West Midlands Historic Buildings Trust** warmly invites visitors to go behind the scenes and see the progress underway and specialist conservation skills at work to return The Lye's disused Victorian Cemetery Chapels to their former splendour. The Grade II Listed Lye & Wollescote Cemetery Chapels is now undergoing regeneration following successful grant applications to Heritage Lottery Fund and other charitable trusts.

You are invited to attend a site tour, meet members of the Historic Buildings Trust, and talks and demonstrations by specialist historic building contractors and local historians to discover more about the history and processes of regenerating the chapels. There will be talks by the project Architect, local historians and authors Jean Weston and Marlene Price, who have been involved extensively in the project, and demonstrations by specialist contractors including window glazier, blacksmith, stonemason, lead worker and roof tilers based around the traditional crafts skills being used and the stories to be told of the chapels, cemetery and repair programme. There will be an opportunity for escorted visit into the chapels building.

The event will be held on Saturday 20 June 2015 at the Lye & Wollescote Chapels in Cemetery Road Stourbridge DY9 8AL. Due to the compact area being a working construction site and contractors' compound, visitor numbers are limited and **access is only by pre-booked tours**. It will comprise two sessions 9:30 - 11:30 and 11:40 - 1:30. Entry is only at the start of each timetabled tour.

**Stout enclosed toe footwear is essential** to enter the building site, (**no high heels, open toed shoes, sandals, thin canvas shoes, thin soles, etc will be allowed for access onto site**) and outdoor clothing is recommended to be worn. Hard hats and high visibility jackets will be provided for entry into the chapel buildings themselves.

To ensure a safe environment visitor numbers will be limited and tours pre-booked. All ages are welcome, but under 16 year olds must be accompanied by a responsible adult. For accessibility issues please discuss with the project contact below.

Timings are:

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| 9.30          | Signing in registration, for  |
| 10.00         | Tour and demonstrations   |
| 11.30         | Tour completion   |
| 11.30- 12noon | Refreshments and opportunity for brief trip into the Cemetery with local historians and Friends' Group coordinator. |

Second session:

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| 11.40        | Signing in registration, for   |
| 12.00        | Tour and demonstrations  |
| 1.30         | Tour completion.   |
| 1.30- 2.00pm | Refreshments and opportunity for brief trip into the Cemetery with local historians and Friends' Group coordinator |

To find out more about visiting on the day and book (arrangements will be wet weather dependent, and may be cancelled due to conditions) - contact Carolyn Healy who is also establishing a Lye and Wollescote Cemetery Chapels Friends Group. Email [Carolyn@redkitenetwork.co.uk](mailto:Carolyn@redkitenetwork.co.uk) or call 07805 489296 or 01952 433380.

