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Case Study

Site Friars Lane Cemetery – Hadleigh, Suffolk
Client Hadleigh Town Council
Contract Cemetery Extension
Duration 5 Months

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The cemetery was opened in 1845 and extended in the 1970's. The site is to the west of the town in a largely unbuilt area. The land rises from the valley of the River Brett in a continuous incline, climbing the hill in an area known as Friars Hill. The Council, being aware of the life expectancy of the current cemetery, investigated in 2011 the possibility of purchasing adjacent land for a new cemetery extension. Eventually purchasing the land and employing designers and engineers to produce design that satisfied their needs.



To enable the land to be transformed into their requirements, I was determined that the entire field would need remodelling which involved the movement of over 5000m³ of soils some of which was used to fill some of the site, whilst the remainder had to be disposed of off site, fortunately the tests carried out on the soils before work commenced confirmed that the soil was mostly sand based and

could be disposed of for reuse thus reducing costs to the client.



With the field graded, we were then able to install the necessary infrastructure of a swale and piped drainage system terminating in a 4m deep soakaway, car park including kerbing and sleeper retaining wall. A full circuit road system was installed with tarmac surface. Finally the shaped topsoil was cultivated and seeded before the entire site was fenced to prevent public access from the wrong location and to stop rabbits accessing the cemetery.



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