

WBJC Business Plan

2026-2029

The Wigton Burial Joint Committee is required to review annually its business plan which outlines its short/medium and long-term goals.

It remains unlikely that Wigton Cemetery will ever be completely self-financing as its burial income is difficult to predict.

Cemetery House needs substantial works carried out. At present it seems prudent to use its rental income to build up adequate reserves until as such time access can be gained to accurately budget. In the medium to long term, the rental income can be used to offset the Cemetery running costs.

We have budgeted for an operational income of £42217.00 for 2026/27 and an operational expenditure of £55350.00

This leaves a deficit of £13133.00 which is to be met by the three councils in direct proportion to the number of electors on the electoral register of each parish – as per the Terms of Reference.

The committee are extremely grateful to the volunteers who help in the running of the cemetery. The committee were pleased to have had 2 more join us during 2025.

The Short-term goals are:

- To commit funds for the repair of some sections of the East Wall
- To repair the Chapel Doors.
- To continue quality grounds maintenance within the cemetery.
- To undertake works to the house to include but not limited to:
 1. Damp and Condensation Works
 2. Replacement Kitchen
 3. Decorating Costs
 4. Electrical Works

The Medium-term goals are:

- To undertake works to the house to include
 1. Potential costs of meeting EPC Requirements
 2. Potential costs of new bathroom.
- Progress with sections of Wall repairs/repointing
- Redecoration of the Chapel.

The Long-term goals are:

- Identify continuing maintenance projects to include:
 1. Continue wall repairs
 2. Continue memorial re-fixing where owners cannot be identified.

3. To maintain a general reserve of funds of 9-12 months of operational expenditure.
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Earmarked Reserves as at 25th November, 2025

Earmarked – House £61000.00

Earmarked – Cemetery £36400.00

The reserves position will be reviewed upon completion of the year end accounts as at 31st March, 2026.