

# AN UPDATE FROM THE FRIENDS OF HYDE PARK CEMETERY

SPRING 2021



## JOE DUDDINGTON APPEAL

*We were absolutely blown away by the support..*

At present we are working with a local memorial maker and members of Joe's family to finalise the design of the headstone and an accompanying stone tablet detailing his record breaking part in history. We received some great coverage for the appeal from the [Doncaster Free Press](#), [Yorkshire Post](#) and [LouderSound](#). We will be sure to keep you updated about our progress on this exciting project over the next few weeks!



## REDWINGS

*Our follower Ann sent us some lovely photos of some Redwings visiting the cemetery last month.*

Only a tiny population of redwings breed in the UK and they are on the red list of conservation concern. Most of them come from Iceland and Scandinavia in the winter. Thank you to Ann for letting us share these.





## 2021 WALKS

*We've taken the decision to cancel our planned 2021 guided walks*

With limited access to research tools due to COVID closures, we would not be able to bring the new and exciting stories to you as we normally do on our walks. As a small committee, this will also allow us to focus on the Joseph Duddington project and other exciting things we have in the pipeline for later in the year.

Although we will miss seeing you all in person, we will continue to share stories on our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages, and through our newsletters.

## WORK MORNINGS

*Our work mornings are currently cancelled.*

We are constantly reviewing this situation and will update you as soon as possible when we decide to recommence them. We very much miss getting in the cemetery as a group so hope it won't be too long until we can be together again! Thank you to Katrina and June for helping us to keep on top of litter picking in the cemetery until we can run them again.



# INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 8 MARCH 2021

*This IWD, we remembered  
Abiah Higginbotham..*

She was ahead of her time, and attended a meeting in Sheffield to form a women's political society in 1851. They adopted the manifesto 'Address to the Women of England', and Abiah was the corresponding secretary of the meeting. A petition signed by her was sent to the House of Lords, calling for support for the rights of women, stating

"But now, the women arise in their might and say- Seeing that the Queen is in the enjoyment of her prerogative as a woman, this meeting is of opinion that, until the enfranchisement of women is concluded, justice will not be done"



*Abiah's grave at Hyde Park Cemetery*

Just over a year later, the National Women's Rights Association was founded with Abiah again as the corresponding secretary. Little is known about Abiah after this and she died in Doncaster in 1859, despite being most closely tied with Sheffield. She is buried with her husband at Hyde Park Cemetery. Do you know anything more about this extraordinary woman who was blazing the trail for women's rights over 60 years before the 1918 Representation of the People Act? Get in touch with us at [info@fohpc.org.uk](mailto:info@fohpc.org.uk)

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