

## **Information on Safety Testing Memorials.**

### ***Why do we need to test?***

Health and Safety Legislation means that Cefn Community Council must ensure the safety of visitors and staff in our cemeteries. Our responsibilities include checking that memorials are safe.

### ***When will we test?***

Memorial testing is a continuous process started in 2017. We will let people know when and where in the cemetery we expect to be carrying out testing by using notices. Unfortunately we cannot contact people individually at this stage.

### ***Who does the testing?***

Testing of memorials will be carried out by Council Staff.

### ***What will I see happening?***

You may see a member of staff checking the memorial by inspecting it visually and manually. The testing process will not disrupt anything including grave visits.

### ***What happens if a memorial is found to be unsafe?***

If the memorial is found to be in danger of toppling over imminently then we will take measures to make it safe without prior notice. How we do this depends on the size and type of memorial but may include laying the memorial flat or cordoning off the grave space. You may see us using equipment to do this and we will make every effort to protect the memorial from damage.

We will try to contact the person who holds the grave deeds or owns the memorial to discuss how the memorial can be permanently repaired.

If the memorial is found to have a less urgent safety requirement then we will not disturb the memorial and we will try to contact the relevant person as above.