



8 Church Search

Focus: How can the local church provide us with information about the history of the village and local inhabitants?

For Teachers

For many hundreds of years the church was the most important building in the community. They were the first places to keep records of births, deaths and marriages. Often churches will contain memorials to important people in the community and the graveyard can reveal names, ages and sometimes the cause of death of the dead.

People in the past often set up elaborate gravestones to the departed and sometimes in different forms and shapes. St Patrick's graveyard is no exception and there are many different types of graveyard furniture.

Main Activities

A Church Search

Graveyard Studies

Memorial Stones

Outcomes: How useful has the graveyard and church in telling us about life in High Spen around 1900?