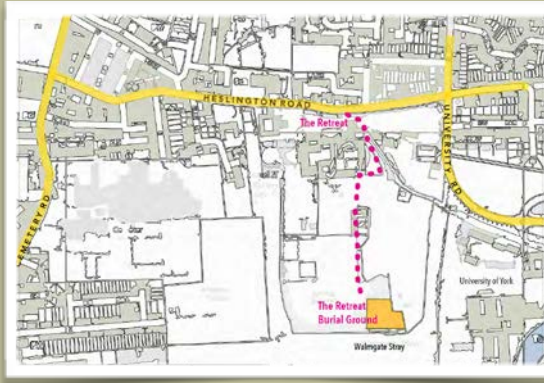


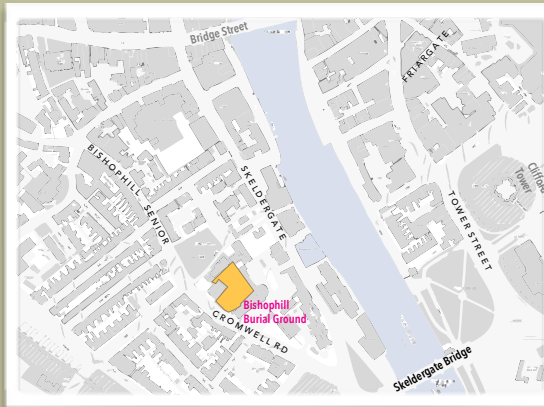


"Such uniformity is preserved... as may effectively guard against any distinction being made in that place between the rich and the poor"

*Quaker Faith and Practice,
15.20*



The Retreat Burial Ground,
The Retreat, Heslington Road, York YO10 5BN



Bishophill Burial Ground,
Cromwell Road, York YO1 6DJ

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Quaker Burial Grounds in York



The Retreat

Heslington Road, York YO10 5BN

In the wooded grounds of The Retreat hospital, the burial ground can be accessed freely. Friends have rights of burial in perpetuity. Burials in this ground are for Friends and Attenders from York Area Quaker

Bishophill

Cromwell Road, York YO1 6DJ (grid ref SE604512)

Opened in 1667 and closed for burials in 1854, Bishophill is now leased to the York Housing Association as a garden. Friends may enter by the residents' gate.

The Retreat



- Within the grounds of The Retreat hospital, the burial ground can be found by taking the entrance to The Retreat on Heslington Road. Follow the road immediately to the left of the hospital, down through the car park and walk to the bottom of the hill. Cars are best left in the car park.
- Established in 1855 for the joint use of The Retreat and York Preparative Meeting.

Reserving a plot

- Friends have rights of burial in perpetuity.
- The ground is laid out formally, and plots can be reserved. Burial plots may be unmarked, or marked with a standard headstone.
- A designated area is available for the interment of ashes, which may be marked with a standard memorial stone. Ashes may be scattered, by arrangement.

Bishophill



- In the parish of St Mary Bishophill Senior, the 3/8 acre ground is now used as a garden by York Housing Association. Headstones are fixed along the edges, amongst old brick walls, lime trees, terraces and flower beds.
- This historic ground is now closed for burials, and for the interment of ashes. Scattering of ashes may be arranged.
- Originally purchased 1 November 1667, extended with an adjoining garden in 1823, and closed for burials on 11 December 1854.
- Friends who are buried here include:
John Woolman - died 1772
William and Esther Tuke - died 1822 & 1794
Henry and Mary Maria Tuke - died 1814 & 1815
Lindley and Hannah Murray - died 1826 & 1834
William Alexander - died 1841

Some Other Quaker Burial Grounds in Yorkshire

The following Quaker Burial Grounds near York are in the care of York Area Meeting:

- **Scotton Burial Ground**
lies off Main Street, to the left approx. 300 metres north from the centre of Scotton village. Positioned on the right of the driveway leading to Scotton Old Hall, and reached through a gate in a stone wall.
Available for unmarked 'green' burials and the interment or scattering of ashes - to Friends and Attenders from all five meetings constituting York Area Meeting.
- **Dacre**
7 miles NW of Harrogate, in an area of outstanding natural beauty, the ground is accessible only on foot. On the road from Dacre to Greenhow, where the road swings right on a rise, a finger post signs the way. Walk along the farm track, then up onto the grass and ahead to the kissing gate, where the burial ground can be seen ahead. The ground is cared for by the Nidderdale Chase Heritage Group.
Ashes may be scattered.
- **Thirsk**
Restored along with the historic meeting house in Kirkgate, it is also used as a garden.
Ashes of those associated with the meeting may be scattered on the ground.
- **Historic Grounds**
In the 17th and 18th centuries more than twenty Quaker Burial Grounds were established in the York area.
The five listed here remain in the ownership of Friends.