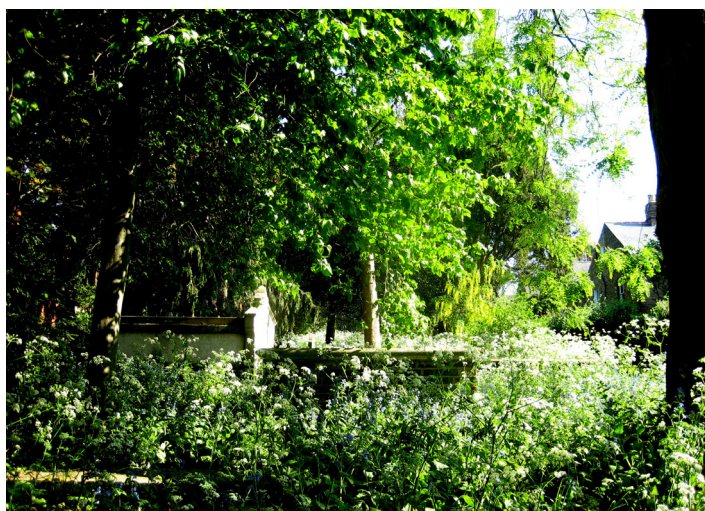


Vineyard Passage Burial Ground



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A Taste for the Unusual

The Vineyard Passage Burial Ground in Richmond is full of surprises. When the Burial Ground was laid out as a Garden of Rest in 1964, the designer certainly knew his stuff. Rather than putting in run-of-the-mill plants, he chose the unusual, particularly trees which had been introduced into England by the plant hunters of the past.

A Woodland Garden

Only a small proportion of the trees and shrubs here are English natives. He also created a sophisticated design, turning an ordinary cemetery into a woodland garden of three sections, each with a different mood and miniature vistas, to give variety to the view as you walk through it.

A Little History

In the late 1700s, Richmond Hill was largely undeveloped. There were a few houses, some along The Vineyard, including Vineyard House at the top of the Vineyard Passage. Much of the land

was open or cultivated as market gardens.

When the need for more burial space arose, Church land was supplemented by that bought from Mr Edward Collins and The Vineyard Passage Burial Ground was opened in 1791. It finally closed for burials in 1874.



Garden of Rest

In 1964, it was decided to create a Garden of Rest. A major reconstruction took place, with gravestones moved or placed flat on the ground, and new landscaping initiated, with many of the trees that we can see today, being planted.

Friends Group

Richmond Council carries out basic maintenance. But the Vineyard Passage Burial Ground Group, part of the Environment Trust, has provided additional care, restoration and improvement since 1995.

We have raised and spent almost £40,000 on the Burial Ground. This has been done with grants and contributions from many sources including the Richmond Parish Lands Charity, the Pilgrim Trust and many individual members and well-wishers. We are extremely grateful for all this help.

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Vineyard Passage
Off Paradise Road
Richmond

Getting there

Walk past the Vestry House which is off Paradise Road near the car park.

Rail: Richmond, 10 min walk

Tube: Richmond

Bus: The main bus station is a 2 minute walk

Map: www.google.com/maps/WNUpp



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