



David Gallie (1948-2022)

We regret that one of our honorary members, David Gallie, died on 25th May 2022.

David was Town Clerk of Penzance from 1993-2009, and during that period he recognised the historical and cultural importance of the Penzance Jewish Cemetery, which is the first Jewish burial ground to have been Grade II listed. David worked with enthusiasm to conserve the cemetery, and negotiated a voluntary maintenance agreement between the Town Council and the owners, the Board of Deputies of British Jews of London (now BOD Heritage).

Since his retirement the cemetery has been fully restored, with financial support from the Heritage Lottery Fund, the Cornwall Heritage Trust, and other organisations, and from many private donations. When the Committee for the Friends of the Penzance Jewish Cemetery was established, David agreed to become an honorary member. The cemetery has received many visitors, both Jewish and non-Jewish, local people and those on holiday. In 2021-2022 alone, there were around one hundred visitors. We owe him a great debt for his support, and extend our sincerest condolences to his family.