

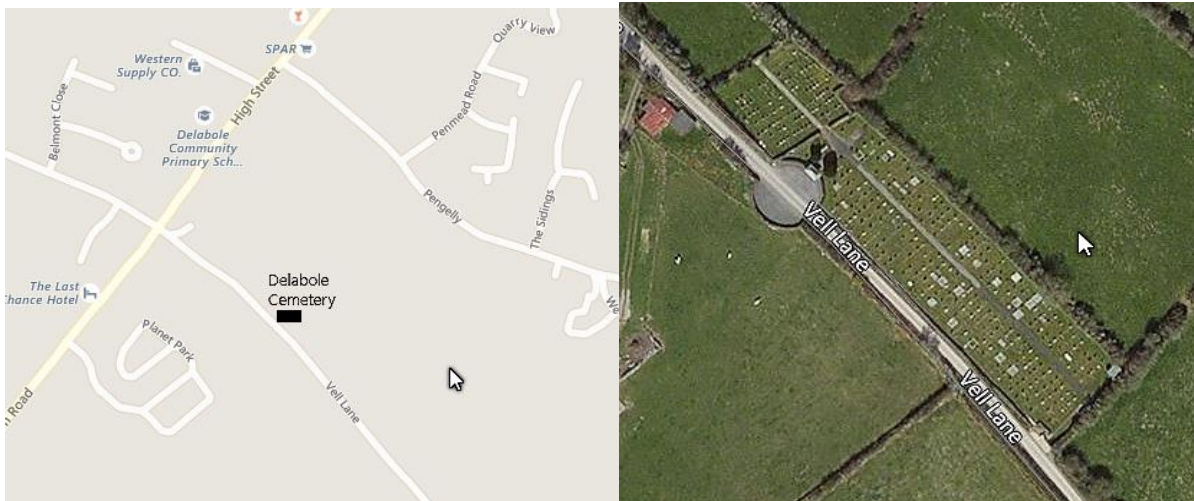
Delabole Cemetery Vell (Vale) Lane Delabole

This Cemetery was opened by the Reverend R. Pike of Plymouth on the 27th of March 1929 and was founded by the three Delabole Methodist Churches. The ground was donated by James Stout who died on the 3rd of Nov of that year and was the first to be buried there.

The Cemetery gradually filled and was eventually handed to the Parish Council in April 1973. They were obliged to take over when the Cemetery was so full it was on the point of closing. Negotiations with the adjacent land owner commenced and it was agreed to purchase with an option to buy additional land when actually needed for burials. The Parish Council agreed to the appointment of a Cemetery Committee which was formed with three members of the former 'Methodist Burial Board' or three representatives of the Methodist Church. The new section was opened in January 1984. The life of the cemetery was further extended when the Committee agreed to have double depth burials. A further extension was negotiated in 2012.

For those of you who are researching genealogy this cemetery is not the only ground in Delabole. The oldest cemetery (churchyard) is the one that surrounds St John's Church, it is now full. This ground was consecrated on the 5th October 1881. Prior to this date it was necessary to use the cemetery at St. Teath and Lanteglos both some distance from Delabole. There is also a small burial ground at the front of the old chapel (carpentry workshop) in Pengelly.

Currently St. Teath Parish Council has responsibility for Delabole Cemetery and the small ground in Pengelly. We also give maintenance grants to both St Teath & Delabole Churchyards.



Thanks to the late Cyril Hicks book 'Days of Yore' 1999. Cyril was the Clerk to the Parish Council for nearly 30 years and was involved in cemetery management throughout. He passed away on the 30th May 1999 regrettably before his book was published. CK.