



■ Colin Thurstance (right), chairman of the Ickleford Burial Ground Trust, is pictured with principal funeral director Laurence Cooper and funeral arranger Susannah Fruen of V R Jennings

New burial ground for village

CEMETERY is to be built on a village meadow after a donation of land from a farmer and the support of a funeral home and the county council.

The five acre field in Ickleford is set to become a burial ground after the land was donated by resident Dorothy Parker who received £5,000 from V R Jennings Funeral Service based in the village, and £1000 from Herts county councillor Mel Brooke's 'locality budget'.

Mrs Parker donated the site by Numbers Lane on the condition that it is reserved for former and current villagers and those who have been actively

involved in the community.

Parish councillor Colin Thurstance, who is also chairman of the Ickleford Burial Ground Trust which has worked for five years on the project, said grass seeding had begun and landscaping plans were being drawn up.

Manager of Jennings funeral home Shane Illsley, said he hoped the site would provide a final resting place for villagers for hundreds of years to come.

The cemetery is due to open next spring and will replace the cemetery at St Katharine's Church which is full.

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