

Local list description and map for Eastcote Lane Cemetery, South Harrow

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This area meets the following criteria for local listing:

- (A) Date and rarity.** The older a designed landscape is, and the fewer the surviving examples of its kind, the more likely it is to have special interest. Likely to be designated are:
 - i. sites with a main phase of development post-1840 which are of special interest and relatively intact, the degree of required special interest rising as the site becomes closer in time
- (B) Further considerations** which may influence selection, and may exceptionally be sufficient by themselves to merit:
 - i. Sites with a strong group value with other heritage assets

Summary and introduction:

Eastcote Lane Cemetery is of special interest for retaining some of its original simple 1920s layout along with its picturesque Arts and Crafts style entrance lodge with small turret and rustic wooden gates. The lodge has a number of palm trees and conifers and a central tarmac path runs from the entrance, crossed partway along its length by another path, the circular junction surrounded by 4 trees. There is a strong group value with the brutal, modernist grade II listed St Paul's in Corbins Lane built 1937-1938 N F Cachemille-Day as this is highly visible in views from the cemetery.

Details:

The cemetery was established by Roxeth Burial Board and opened in 1922. It later transferred to Harrow UDC when the Burial Board disbanded. Now surrounded by suburban housing, the small cemetery has modest headstones set among the grass with trees predominantly along the Eastcote Lane boundary. At the entrance are rustic wooden gates and a picturesque red brick lodge with small turret. Around the lodge a number of palm trees and conifers have been planted. A central tarmac path runs from the entrance, crossed partway along its length by another path, the circular junction surrounded by 4 trees.

Beyond the housing to the east side of the cemetery is the massive, rather brutal but quite splendid pale grey bulk of the church of St Paul's in Corbins Lane is visible, built 1937-8 by N F Cachemille-Day and described by Nikolaus Pevsner as 'one of his most daring modernist buildings'.

Sources:

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London Gardens Online:

<http://www.londongardensonline.org.uk/gardens-online-record.php?ID=HRW013>

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National List Description of Parish Church of St Paul:

<https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1079712>

