

Elgin Cathedral graveyard

Counting quiz

Common symbols are used around Elgin Cathedral's graveyard.
How many of each you can find?

Remember to ask the steward if you need any help.

'Celtic' crosses – cross with a ring



Total:

Skulls, skeletons, crossbones



Total:

'Deid' (dead) bells – rung at funerals



Total:

Angels



Total:

The words 'Memento Mori'



Total:

Spades and turf cutters – gravediggers' tools



Total:



Hourglasses, ones with wings show 'time flies'



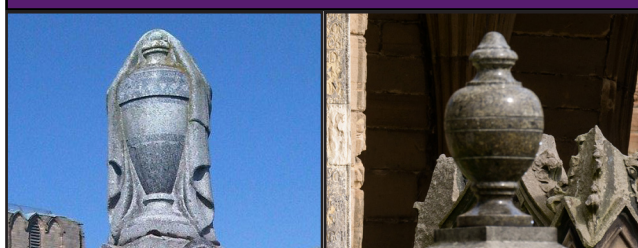
Total:

Flowers or plants



Total:

Urns



Total:

Animals and birds



Total:

Can you find any other symbols?
Write down or draw your favourite.

Blank space for writing or drawing.

Did you know...?

- A skull and crossbones on a grave doesn't mean the person was a pirate. They are part of a group of symbols (including coffins, bells, spades, hourglasses) known as 'Memento mori'.
- 'Memento mori' is Latin for 'Remember you must die'. The idea was remind you that you could die at any time and so to live a good life.

Well done! Now you can collect your free sticker from the steward.



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