

Graveyard Clean-up at Kileely

MR. John O'Shaughnessy, Hogan Avenue, Kileely, who has taken on the task of cleaning up the local St. Lelia's graveyard, made an appeal last night for support for his task.

Mr. O'Shaughnessy is doing the work so that local people and visitors may find graves of their relations easily instead of clawing their way through bushes, briars and high grass. "I want to make it respectable so that people may come and say a prayer at the graves of their relations," said Mr. O'Shaughnessy. Work has been under way since the beginning of the summer.

The work being done includes: clearing the walls of ivy, cutting grass, digging paths through the graveyard, cleaning up and repairing old tombs, laying cement paths through the graveyard, and other work of cleaning and repair.

Still in use

The graves in the graveyard date back as far as 1753. One headstone, dated 1854, bears the following inscription: "Erected in memory of Michael Hart, how died on 29th April, 1854." Note

the spelling of "who" and "April". There are also some Fenians buried in the graveyard. The yard is still in use and the last burial was only six months ago.

Mr. O'Shaughnessy offered thanks to those who helped him in the task so far, including some corporation officials who helped with the cutting of the grass.

Volunteers

Mr. O'Shaughnessy said he needed volunteers to help with the work. At the moment local people and some workers from the United Drug Co. are helping him. He also needs materials such as cement, sand and gravel. Also timbers for laying cement. A new gate is also needed.

He said he would prefer this type of aid to cash contributions. Anyone who would like to help may contact Rev. Fr. Culhane, C.C., of Saint Munchin's Parish.