## COVID MEMORIAL FOR SOUTH EAST EDINBURGH

A memorial is planned for all in South East Edinburgh who suffered as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic. It will be sited on the outside wall of the Kirk in the corner behind the Bicentenary Cairn. This is close to the main path through the Kirkyard from Kirkgate to Liberton Cemetery and Liberton Brae. Our Minister's vision is: "The pandemic impacted many different people in different ways, and we want to provide a quiet place of remembrance, especially for those who are still processing the loss of loved ones – both near and far."



The oval granite memorial will remember the wide range of suffering during the pandemic as well as those who died. It is hoped that it will be unveiled on Sunday 12th May 2024, close to the first anniversary of the official close of the pandemic. Whilst those who died will not be remembered by name on the memorial itself, it will be possible for relatives to have their loved ones' names inscribed on brass plaques on the nearby benches. In future years a short service of remembrance for those who died will be held in early May.

Anyone may contribute to the cost on Liberton Kirk's Covid Memorial Just Giving page (<a href="www.justgiving.com/campaign/covid-memorial-liberton-kirk">www.justgiving.com/campaign/covid-memorial-liberton-kirk</a>). For other ways of giving contact the Treasurer (e-mail treasurer@libertonkirk.net). Any surplus received will be given to the care homes run by CrossReach (Church of Scotland), which, like all care homes, had such a difficult time throughout the pandemic.