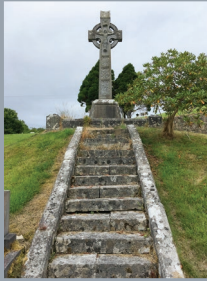


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Timothy Ward - 1873

Timothy Ward, who died in a bathing accident aged just 25, is one of six members of the Ward family commemorated on this, the largest Celtic cross in Bushypark. The cross, approached by 14 steps, is sited on the highest point of the graveyard.

Reference: GA-BUPK-052  
GPS: 53° 17' 38.3136" N, 9° 5' 26.952" W



114

Famine Victims - 1845–1847

This large wooden cross commemorates the victims of the great famine buried here (1845-1847). The figure on the cross is outlined by strands of wire and wears a crown of barbed wire. The cross presides over three rows of unmarked stones.

Reference: GA-BUPK-114  
GPS: 53° 17' 37.5936" N, 9° 5' 25.6056" W



119

Charles Ffrench Forster - 1874

This stone commemorates Charles Ffrench Blake Forster, who died 23 years old. Despite his youth, Charles was a town councillor, a member of the Board of Guardians and a High Sheriff. Other stones on the vault give details of the Forster family.

Reference: GA-BUPK-119  
GPS: 53° 17' 38.274" N, 9° 5' 24.6516" W



132

John Roche - 1847

This large memorial was erected by the people of Galway for Rev. John Roche. He fell victim to a fever caught in the discharge of his duty in 1847, and died at just 29 years old. A profile of the upper body of John Roche decorates one side of the tomb.

Reference: GA-BUPK-132  
GPS: 53° 17' 38.4108" N, 9° 5' 24.5796" W



129

John Sords - 1854

This stone commemorates John Sords, late Royal Engineer Department, who died in 1854 aged 30 and his brother Edward who died in 1855 aged 18. Sords is a very unusual surname here, with a group of names including Carr, Heffernan and Murphy being more common.

Reference: GA-BUPK-00  
GPS: W



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St James' Church and graveyard are located in Bushypark Parish in a prominent location on the N59 Galway-Moycullen Road. St James' Church dates from 1837 and celebrated 175 years in 2012. The church was undergoing extensive renovation works in 2018 when the original stone floor was recorded. The remnants of a demolished early 19th century school was rediscovered in the grounds during the works. The church is a T-plan Roman Catholic Church with a distinctive bell tower. The older memorials are located in close proximity to the church and the modern headstones are located to the rear of the church. The belfry was a gift from Lady Ffrench, whose tomb is located behind the sacristy.

Three large headstones were erected on the outer wall of the sacristy of the church in 1911 to the memory of the Blake-Forster family, whose tomb lies beneath the bell tower. The stone on the right hand side is dedicated to Charles Ffrench Blake-Forster, High Sheriff of Galway, a grand-nephew of Edmund Ffrench, the last Warden of Galway. The central stone outlines the genealogy of the Forster family, the progenitor of the family in county Galway was Francis Forster, who married Mary O'Donnellan, daughter of Sir James O'Donnellan, Lord Chief Justice of Connacht, in 1637. The most frequently occurring family names in Bushypark include Carr; Clancy, Kelly, Lawless, Lydon, Murphy and O'Connor. There is a children's burial ground in the townland of Dangan Lower (GA082-039) located across the road from the church. It is enclosed by a drystone wall and many small granite uprights are visible in the interior. There was also a children's burial ground in Ballybrit, Castlegar and Terryland.

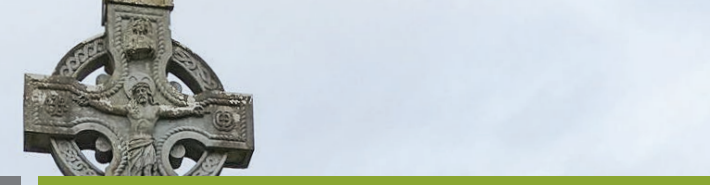
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For further information see 'Bushypark Our People - Our Place - A Parish History' by Christy Kelly (2016).

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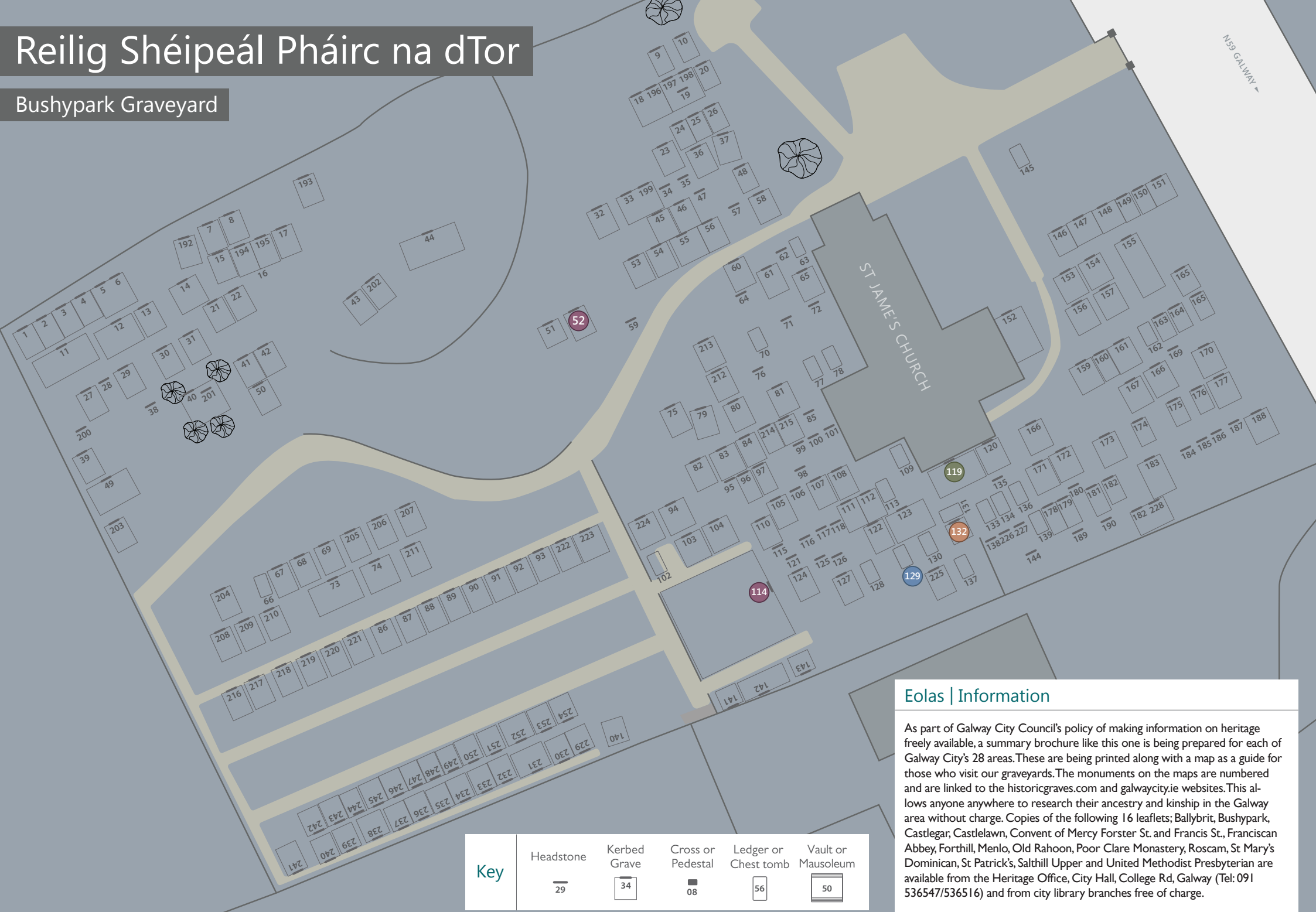
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## Bushypark Graveyard



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As part of Galway City Council's policy of making information on heritage freely available, a summary brochure like this one is being prepared for each of Galway City's 28 areas. These are being printed along with a map as a guide for those who visit our graveyards. The monuments on the maps are numbered and are linked to the [historicgraves.com](http://historicgraves.com) and [galwaycity.ie](http://galwaycity.ie) websites. This allows anyone anywhere to research their ancestry and kinship in the Galway area without charge. Copies of the following 16 leaflets; Ballybrit, Bushypark, Castlegar, Castlelawn, Convent of Mercy Forster St. and Francis St., Franciscan Abbey, Forthill, Menlo, Old Ragoon, Poor Clare Monastery, Roscam, St Mary's Dominican, St Patrick's, Salthill Upper and United Methodist Presbyterian are available from the Heritage Office, City Hall, College Rd, Galway (Tel: 091 536547/536516) and from city library branches free of charge.

Key	Headstone	Kerbed Grave	Cross or Pedestal	Ledger or Chest tomb	Vault or Mausoleum
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