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LOUGHLINSTOWN HOSPITAL PAUPER CEMETERY

In 1848, following the years of hunger and fever which had filled to capacity an earlier burial ground (now lost), a pauper cemetery was consecrated in the grounds of Loughlinstown Workhouse, now St Columcille's Hospital.

After its clearance from dereliction in 1991, a monument was unveiled, commemorating all who were laid there to rest down the years.

A further memorial remembers all babies who 'returned to ... their heavenly maker' without finding a resting place in the cemetery.

The cemetery is in a mature wood with clusters of primroses and a few daffodils annually providing a colourful symbol of resurrection.

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