

POSTSCRIPT...

Addendum to the 2014 Journal

From Patrick Anderson

Since my article was published in the 2014 Journal (page 14, *Inspector John Soutar Suttie, Arbroath Burgh Police : died on duty 8 March 1914*), I have received a communication from Derick Lamond of Angus Council Cemeteries Department informing me that he had also thought it strange that a serving police officer who had died on duty did not have a headstone. So he decided to check, and did indeed find the headstone, but that it was overgrown by shrubs, which he had trimmed back, allowing it to be read :

ERECTED BY HELEN BRAID IN LOVING MEMORY OF HER HUSBAND JOHN S. SUTTIE
INSPECTOR OF POLICE WHO DIED ON DUTY 8TH MARCH 1914 IN HIS 49TH YEAR.
THE ABOVE HELEN BRAID DIED 20TH OCTOBER 1915 IN HER 49TH YEAR

I am thankful that John Suttie's headstone can now be seen, although I was also informed that there was no record in the registers of a headstone being erected, but it *was* recorded that Mrs Suttie had paid the cost of the plot by Saturday 14 March, just days after her husband's sudden death on duty. The cemetery registers had differing handwriting at this point, which may have accounted for the missing entry regarding the erection of the headstone.

It may be that the cost of the plot and the cost of the expensive granite headstone was a result of money collected by the Inspector's colleagues from the Burgh force, as I am sure that Inspector Suttie was a devoted police officer over his twenty-three years service in the Burgh force.

