



CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS

Introduction

It is the aim of the Council to provide the highest standards within its cemetery service for the bereaved and others who visit the Council's cemeteries. It is essential therefore that rules and regulations are kept in place so that sanctity and respect can be maintained and standards adhered to.

The cemetery rules and regulations are subject to change and the Council reserves the right to alter these in keeping with the requirements of the service.

Grave Deed Ownership

The Exclusive Right of Burial which is issued as a Deed of Grant entitles the named grave owner(s) the right of burial, the right to place a memorial on a grave or an additional inscription on a memorial. The actual ground remains in the ownership of the Council of which we are responsible for the maintenance.

Grounds Maintenance

The Council aims to provide between 14 and 16 grass cuts during the grass cutting season. Unfortunately grass cuttings may occasionally fall onto a memorial whilst the grass cutting operations are being carried out. We understand that this can be upsetting and will therefore endeavour to minimise this wherever possible.

Grave Maintenance

Following an interment, the grave will be mounded and floral tributes carefully placed on the mound. Floral tributes will be removed when either they have wilted or after one month to preserve the dignity and appearance of the cemetery.

The grave mound will be maintained for a period of six months by the cemetery staff. The grave will then be levelled with top-soil and either turfed or grass seeded. The choice of which will be dependant on the weather conditions and the time of year.

When an adjacent grave is required to be re-opened, the soil may be placed on protective soil boards on the grave next to it, we understand that this can occasionally cause upset of which we sincerely apologise however, we assure you that this will not cause any damage and will be removed immediately the adjacent funeral has taken place.

Types of Plant Material, Border Fences, Stone Chippings, Glass Items and Solar Lighting.

Floral displays enhance the appearance of a cemetery however for grounds maintenance and memorial safety reasons the following regulations currently apply:-

- Trees, shrubs and conifers etc are not allowed.
- Plants must not exceed 500mm in height.
- The area allowed for planting is either side of a memorial only (Lawn sections)
- Solar lights of any description are not allowed

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For grounds maintenance and health and safety reasons, the placing of fencing, stone chippings, glass items and solar lighting is not permitted. These are in place to reduce potential risks to staff and visitors and to keep the cemetery safe and tidy.

Items such as those listed will be immediately removed once identified and stored for a period of one month for collection.

Memorial Seats

Authorisation will be required should you wish to place a memorial seat of which an application form can be obtained from the cemetery office. Authorisation will be subject to the availability of a suitable location of which a fee is payable.

Memorials

A period of 16 weeks is required after the date of an interment before a memorial can be installed; this is to allow adequate time for the ground to settle to assist in stability of a memorial.

The cemetery office has a list of registered memorial masons, only these are allowed to operate in any of the Council's cemeteries. The type and size of memorial allowed will depend on the location within a cemetery of which your appointed memorial mason will advise you or you can contact the cemetery office.

All memorials are subject to a safety inspection; this is to ensure the safety of all who visit the cemetery.

Wooden Crosses

A wooden cross will be allowed as a temporary grave marker for a period of twelve months from the date of an interment only. An application form can be obtained from your appointed Funeral Director or the Cemetery office.

Change of Address

We respectfully request that you notify the cemetery office of any change of address as soon as possible so we can update our records in the event of our needing to contact you.

Should you have any queries or concerns regarding any of the information provided or require further advice, please do not hesitate in contacting the cemetery office.

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