

Waterbeach Cemetery

Your attention is drawn to the following rules, which have been made for the purpose of keeping the cemetery in a peaceful and fitting setting for those who are interred within and those who visit. Your observance and co-operation will help to ensure that this aim is achieved.

1. The cemetery is open to pedestrians only and those with disability aids.
2. Dogs (with the exception of guide dogs) are not allowed in the cemetery.
3. No headstone, ashes plot ledger (flat stone) or any other memorial or inscription may be placed in the cemetery without the written permission of the Parish Council. Additional inscriptions on any memorial are permitted with the permission of the Parish Council. The maximum height of a headstone is 1200 mm or 4 feet. Ashes plot ledger stone dimensions are 460 by 460 mm or 18 by 18 inches.
4. Headstones may not be erected until a minimum period of 9 months has elapsed from the date of the burial. However, it has been noted that headstones erected earlier than 12 months after a burial can be prone to slippage and movement and you are advised to wait until nearer the 12 months. Ledgers for ashes plots should be placed just below the ground surface to assist with the grass cutting. Headstones and ashes memorials may only be erected or placed by a recognised monument maker.
5. All memorials should be in keeping with, and appropriate to, their setting. Brightly coloured memorials are not considered appropriate. Any memorial considered inappropriate by virtue of its style or colour, or which could give offence to others will not be permitted. If you have any problems or queries before going ahead with your purchase of a stone, please contact the clerk for guidance.
6. Chains, fencing or kerbing may not be placed around a grave, nor any loose stones, ornaments or other ephemera Vases on graves or ashes ledgers are not allowed. However grave memorials and ashes ledgers may have a receptacle for flowers incorporated in them.
7. This is now a lawn cemetery. No bulbs, plants, trees, or shrubs are to be planted on any grave or area reserved for ashes. The Grounds staff whilst

undertaking the grass cutting of the cemetery will remove any that are found planted unauthorised.

8. A flower vase or temporary wooden marker is permitted on a grave space or ashes plot for up to twelve months to allow time to erect a permanent memorial, which in turn can incorporate a vase within the memorial desired. This temporary vase should be of an unbreakable material. There is no charge for placing a temporary vase on a grave or ashes space. Both temporary vases and grave markers will be removed after a permanent memorial has been erected or placed.
9. Please note this is a working cemetery and from time to time grave diggers or Groundsmen will be working on site or other maintenance will be taking place.
10. Christmas wreaths and flowers are to be removed by the 28th February following the Christmas period, otherwise they will be removed by the Groundsmen, following this date, in order to maintain the grass and surrounding area.

SAFETY

1. If whilst in the cemetery you have an accident, or become aware of a hazardous situation, e.g. unsafe memorial or vandalism, please contact the Parish Clerk as soon as reasonably possible.
2. The Parish Council undertake regular inspections of the cemetery.
3. The Parish Council will have the right to lay flat or re-align any headstone considered a hazard or to render the monument safe with a temporary support until relatives or the council are able to rectify the problem
4. The Parish Council will maintain the grass, shrubs and trees together with any buildings, walls, paths and seats.
5. Whilst maintenance of a grave space and memorial is the responsibility of relatives or executors of the deceased, the Parish Council will carry out any maintenance it considers necessary on any grave space or area to maintain a tidy, manageable and pleasant looking cemetery.