

PARISH OF CHEDDLETON

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR CHEDDLETON & ST. EDWARD'S LAWN CEMETERIES

Please read the following Rules carefully as any infringement of the Rules will be enforced against and this can cause upset.

A copy of these regulations must be signed by the Applicant and returned, together with the Application for Interment and Data Protection Form, to the Council.

To ensure the Burial Grounds provide a safe, comfortable, and well-maintained space for people to reflect and remember loved ones, all visitors and users of the Burial Grounds are required to adhere to the rules below.

1. All Charges and fees to be paid to the Council 48 hours prior to any burial/ installation or removal of memorial. With the completed forms as set out 7.17 of the Management Policy.
2. The Council reserve the right to amend the Fees and Regulations and holds records of burials within the burial grounds.
3. No dogs are permitted within the Burial Grounds (with the exception of assistance dogs. Assistance dog owners are responsible for cleaning up and the appropriate disposal of any fouling).
4. Children must be accompanied by a responsible person. Any person creating a disturbance or, nuisance or, acts of vandalism appertaining to the burial ground will be promptly prosecuted.
5. No ashes are permitted to be scattered at the Burial Grounds. Ashes in caskets may be interred with the written permission of the Parish Council.
6. Only individuals approved by the Parish Council are permitted to build a grave, use grave digging equipment or erect memorials and only at the plot where permission has been granted.
7. All memorials must be approved by the Parish Council prior to placement. Unauthorised memorials are subject to removal by the Parish Council without notice.
8. The selection of any grave space shall be subject to the approval of the Clerk. The Clerk's decision in respect of the allocation of the grave space shall be final.
9. Anyone acting as a bearer during an interment does so at their own risk and only professional undertakers may participate in lowering the coffin. The Parish Council accepts no responsibility for any resulting accident or injury to a bearer howsoever caused.
10. Plastic packaging or cellophane must be removed from any arrangements or flowers laid on graves. All dead flowers/wreaths should be removed and disposed of in the bin provided, and

Bottles, cans or other containers of alcohol must not be left on graves or any area of the Burial Ground. The consumption of alcohol in the Burial Ground is prohibited.

11. Wreaths and fresh flowers may only be laid direct on any grave for a maximum of three months following interment. A bin is provided for the disposal of these. After this period, one small vase or plant may be placed at the headstone, but the grave area must be left clear for mowing. Additional items are likely to be removed without notice.
12. Kerbs, railings, or other forms of surrounds may only be placed with the written permission of the Parish Council. This permission may only be granted where the ground conditions prevent lawned or turfed graves. Artificial grass is not permitted.
13. No vase, pot or container of any kind may be sunk into the soil on any grave or placed in chippings.
14. No tree or shrub shall be planted in the Burial Ground without the permission of the Parish Council. Bulbs, plants, and trees shall not be planted in the soil of any grave. Over time, tree or shrub roots could undermine the foundation of a memorial thereby affecting its stability. If planted, the Parish Council reserves the right to remove such trees or shrubs without notice.
15. Grounds Maintenance or anyone else tending a grave are not permitted to use any chemical herbicide or pesticide within the Burial Ground.
16. No bench may be placed without the written permission of the Parish Council. Written permission will usually be granted as per the Memorial Bench policy.
17. The Parish Council accepts no responsibility for the condition of any memorial, grave, headstone, or monument within the Burial Ground. The Parish Council accepts no responsibility for making good any damage caused to monuments, gravestones, or graves.
18. All users of the Burial Ground are required to take reasonable steps to ensure their own health and safety. While efforts will be made to minimise any risks, the Burial Grounds are not supervised, and users of the Burial Grounds must assess whether it is safe for them to enter, particularly during icy weather or when the ground is very slippery.
19. The Parish Council is committed to delivering a high standard of service to the bereaved. The Parish Council operates a complaints procedure. In the event of any dissatisfaction, a complaint should be made to the Clerk.
20. Memorials should meet with the specifications set out in 12.4 or 12.5 of the Management Policy. If no memorial stone is present a temporary wooden cross or small stone cairn is allowed for a maximum of 12 months.

Mrs. L.J. Green
Clerk to the Parish Council.

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