

For information:

The Local Government Act 1972 and The Local Authorities' Cemeteries Order 1977 provide the main statutory framework for managing cemeteries.

- Standard grave space is 2.7m (9') x 1.2m (4').
- Half grave spaces available for a child or cremated remains interment.
- Full grave spaces are available for up to: 2 burials and four ashes interments. (this can be flexible)
- Graves have to be dug to a sufficient depth to allow for future burials to take place. The grave needs to be deep enough to allow the depth and shape of coffins/caskets. It must accommodate the legal requirements of undisturbed earth between each coffin. This is the amount of earth that must cover the last interment.
- Coffins should be made of Wood, Wicker/cane, Cardboard, Biodegradable caskets, Shrouds or Urns. Any other type of coffin could incur additional costs.
- No memorial may exceed 1.2m (4') in height and 0.75m (2'6") in width on single grave spaces or 1.8m (6') width on double grave spaces.
- Memorials in the cemetery areas are to be installed on 36"x18" (0.92 x 0.45m) concrete flags.
- Upright headstones must without exception be within the following dimensions :
 - For adult burials :
 - i) Height not more than 1200mm (4 feet)
 - ii) Width not more than 900mm (3 feet) or less than 500mm (1 foot 8 inches)
 - iii) Thickness not less than 150mm (6 inches) except for slate memorials which must be not less than 38mm (1.5 inch)
 - For infant burials the minimum dimensions may be :
 - i) Height 800mm (2 feet 8 inches)
 - ii) Width 375mm (1 foot 3 inches)
 - iii) Thickness 50mm (2 inches)
- No advertisement or trademark may be inscribed on the face of a memorial but the mason's name must be inscribed at the side or on the reverse in unlead letters no larger than 13mm (1/2 inch) in height. The plot number should be engraved in small letters on the reverse.
- You may wish to consider a designated area for ashes only.
- Interment of ashes can only take place once a double grave is full. To respond to a request to have a further burial on top of interned ashes requires court attendance as effectively the body then requires exhumation.
- Disabled access to all graves is required.

NORTH HILL PARISH COUNCIL

CEMETERY REGULATIONS in pursuance of our General Powers of Management contained in Article 3 (1) of the Local Authorities' Cemeteries Order 1977.

North Hill Parish Council would like, as far as possible, to ensure the safety of visitors and safeguard the character of the cemetery so far as the upkeep and appearance is concerned. For this reason regulations are in place to manage this cemetery in the best interests of all involved.

1. All enquiries or applications for burial, memorials etc. and payments should be made to the Clerk of the Parish Council. In the Clerk's absence please contact the Chairman or Vice Chairman. No work shall be carried out in the Burial Ground nor memorials erected without the written consent of the Parish Council. The person responsible for the plot should also provide written agreement to these regulations.
2. Applications should normally be made at least 48 hours before burial save in cases of emergency.
3. In all cases fees must be paid at the time of application.
4. Each first burial of an adult shall be not less than 1.83m (6 feet) in depth and in the case of a child 1.37m (4 feet 6 inches).
5. A specific grave digger designated by the Council is to be used. Please contact the clerk for contact details.
6. All spoil/surplus soil shall be removed by the grave digger or monumental mason and not left in the Burial Ground.
7. Initially all graves shall be left no more than 4 inches above natural ground level to allow for subsidence. All graves must be levelled within 6 months of burial.
8. All permanent memorials must have a ground anchor fixing system and details of this and the length of guarantee must be provided with the application for consent.
9. All memorials and inscriptions and additions must be approved by the Parish Council before erection. Memorials that are not of standard shape or size such as crosses or figurines will be considered by the Parish Council in its sole and absolute discretion on receipt of full details. Its primary concerns will be safety, ease of maintenance and perceived acceptability to other parishioners.
10. Memorials may include a photographic representation of head and shoulders of deceased in some permanent material and not exceeding 33mm (5 inches) square but subject to this must be of natural stone (finished as desired) but not of synthetic stone, plastic or any other manmade material. Inscriptions considered likely to cause offence to parishioner will not be permitted.
11. To allow for ground settlement there shall be a minimum period of 6 months between burial and the erection of any permanent memorial though this provision shall not apply in the case of cremated remains. On the erection of any permanent memorial all temporary memorials and decorations shall be removed.
12. After 6 months from burial only one temporary vase or wreath shall be permitted on the grave until such time as a permanent memorial may be erected. Nothing may be placed other than on the area of the purchased grave space and nothing shall be planted on it other than spring bulbs. The grave space shall be kept clean and tidy and nothing may be done that would impede the routine maintenance of the Burial Ground which will include the cutting of all grass. The Parish Council reserves the right to remove anything that may be on or about a grave space in breach of these Regulations.

13. All dead flowers, refuse, trimmings etc. should be removed from the Burial Ground. Please leave the Burial Ground as you would wish to find it.

14. The Burial Ground will normally be open to visitors at all times for the purpose of visiting or tending a grave but the Parish Council reserves the right to close it as and when the necessity arises. The Parish Council can accept no responsibility or liability for any damage or theft by third parties and reserves the right to recover from the owner of any grave space any cost or expense which it may reasonably incur in making good any breach of these Regulations.

15. No person in charge of a dog shall bring the dog into, or permit such dog to be brought into or remain in, the cemetery: provided that this byelaw shall not apply to a blind person in respect of any dog accompanying him.

16. The Council accepts no responsibility for the health and safety of unauthorised persons or other belongings in the cemeteries.

17. The selection of grave spaces shall be subject to the approval of North Hill Parish Council but the wishes and feelings of the applicant will be met if reasonably and operationally practicable.

18. The Council reserves the right to remove any memorialisation, or any part thereof, if said memorialisation is encroaching onto an adjacent grave space, or the free space located between graves.

The fees, payments and sums set out below apply where the person to be interred, or in whom the right is granted is, or immediately before death was an inhabitant, or former inhabitant, or parishioner of the Parish of North Hill, or in the case of a still-born child, where the parents (or one of them) are, or at the time of interment were, such inhabitants or parishioners.

In all other cases, the fees, payments and sums will be increased by 50%

The fees set out below do not include the digging of the grave.

Exclusive Right of Burial must be purchased for all plots.

Part I Interments ~ All Rights shall be Exclusive:-

a) First burial [includes Exclusive Rights fee] £300

b) Second burial £200

c) of the body of a still-born child, or a child whose age at the time of death does not exceed one year No fee

d) of the body of a child whose age at the time of death exceeds one year but does not exceed sixteen years No fee

Cremations

e) Cremated remains in a cremation plot [includes Exclusive Rights fee] £150

f) 2nd burial of cremated remains £75

g) Burial of ashes in a plot purchased under a) £50

Part 2 Monuments:-

One monument only to be erected £125

Additional inscriptions £25