

CHARING CEMETERY

RULES AND REGULATIONS ARE EFFECTIVE AS FROM 1ST APRIL 2020

1. Prior to the funeral, if a large number of mourners are expected, please contact the clerk to arrange re direction of the buses.
2. Mourners must ensure that parking does not obstruct roads and that emergency vehicles would be able to gain access.
3. As the cemetery is situated adjacent to a school, funerals must be avoided during the hours of 8.30am – 9.30am and 2.15pm – 3.45pm.
4. Advanced purchasing of grave spaces will no longer be permitted. However, any previously purchased spaces from **1987** will have to pay a sum equivalent to the difference between the original price and the price prevailing at the time must be paid to the Parish Council when the burial takes place. Family plots maybe a maximum of two deep.
5. **Full memorial graves have a maximum area of 6'6" x 2'6" if a caskett is being intered then the plot size will be a maximum of 40inches x 7 ft which may be planted with bulbs or plants. No planting or other works are allowed outside the extremities of the grave and trees and bushes are not allowed.**
6. Additional mementoes such as vases these **must not** be glass are permitted but only in full memorial graves and placed within the confines of the kerb.
7. Dead flowers, wreaths, wrappings and faded artifical flowers must be removed from the graves and placed in the Hippo bag. No **bonfires or Lanterns** are allowed. Owners may be billed for items which are left for the Parish Council to remove.
8. Artificial flowers, preferably **NOT** plastic, which fade quickly, are permitted. These must be removed once faded.
9. A period of settlement of six months to one year is required before headstones or full memorials can be placed on a grave. Temporary wooden crosses available from most undertakers may be placed on the grave prior to a permanent memorial being allowed.
10. All kerb stones and memorials must be installed in accordance with the code of practice of the National Association of Monumental Masons and you **MUST** use a monumental mason who has adopted this code of practice.
11. Headstones or memorials must not exceed 3'3" (1 metre) from ground level.
12. As from 1st May 2019 monuments constructed from plastic, soft wood (except temporary crosses), glass, ferrous metals, Paving slabs or tiles are not permitted within the grave space. Please contact the clerk for further information.
13. Railings, chains and fencing are not permitted.
14. If graves are not adequately maintained and become untidy, the Parish Council will maintain them by strimming, mowing or weed killing if encroaching onto other grave spaces.

15. **NO VEHICLES ARE ALLOWED TO PARK OR GAIN ACCESS IN TO THE CEMETERY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF STONE MASONS INSTALLING OR MAINTAINING A MEMORIAL**
16. The maintenance and safety of memorials and headstones are the responsibility of the owners. If a headstone or memorial is found to be unsafe the owner is required to repair it using the services of a monumental mason who has adopted the code of practice laid down by the National Association of Monumental Masons. If the Parish Council has to undertake the repairs it will bill the owner.
17. After 50 years, ownership of the grave spaces will revert to the Parish Council unless owners re-register their ownership. There will be a fee for re- registering.
18. The Parish Council advises owners to take out an insurance policy to cover memorials/headstones and kerbs.
19. When purchasing a grave space you will be required to sign the declaration below indicating that you have read, and agree to abide by, these regulations. Please detach the declaration and return it to the Burial Clerk to Charing Parish Council.
20. Receipts for previously purchased grave spaces must be presented before interment can take place.
21. The Parish Council maintains the right to remove or make safe any grave stone or furniture which it deems necessary.
22. **Benches have to have permission from the parish council prior to being placed in the Cemetery . Without permission the council has the right to remove them.**
23. The interment of ashes within the designated area but have one of two stones placed . Internments without memorial stone is not allowed . for further details of the stone please contact Cleverly & Spencer.

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 I have read, and agree to abide by, these regulations. I am the purchaser of the grave space no.

Signed Date

Print name.....

