

# Rules and Regulations

In Respect of Staines, Sunbury Cemeteries, and Ashford, Stanwell Burial Grounds

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## 1. General Regulations

# 1.1. Statutory authority

These regulations have been made using the statutory authority of the Local Government Act of 1972 and the Local Authorities' Cemeteries Order 1977

## 1.2. Explanation of terms used

The following terms shall have the meanings given to them below:

"The Council" means Spelthorne Borough Council

"Resident" means a person who is living and whose main residence is within the Borough of Spelthorne at the time of death.

"Non – Resident" means a person who was living outside the Borough of Spelthorne and does not meet the criteria stated in Regulation 2.2

"Relative" means, in relation to any person buried in a grave -

- A husband, wife, or civil partner
- A child or grandchild
- A grandparent
- A parent or stepparent
- A brother or sister or half-brother or half sister
- An uncle or aunt
- A nephew or niece

"Owner" means the person to whom the Cemetery has conveyed a burial right or a person who has acquired such rights by transfer in accordance with the rules of the Cemetery

"Earthen grave" means a full-size plot within the traditional or lawn section

"Grave" means a burial place formed in the ground by excavation and without any internal wall or brick work or stonework, or any other artificial lining.

"Walled Grave" means a burial place formed in the ground by excavation, constructed with a brick wall and occupying one or two grave spaces.

"Mausoleum" means a stone building to accommodate a burial above ground.

"Interment" means the burial of a coffin or cremated remains within a grave.

"Memorial" means any headstone, tablet, vase, cross, ledge or kerb set placed on a grave space

"Exclusive Right of Burial" is purchased in the form of a Deed of Grant, and under current legislation, Local Government Act of 1972 and the Local Authorities' Cemeteries Order 1977 cannot exceed a period of 100 years.

"The Cemeteries Office" means the following:

The Cemeteries Office, White House Depot, Kingston Road, Ashford, Middlesex, TW15 3SE Telephone: 01784 446379 - Cemeteries@spelthorne.gov.uk

### 1.3. Cemeteries and Burial Grounds

The Council owns and manages two cemeteries and two burial grounds.

STAINES CEMETERY, London Road, Staines, TW18 SUNBURY CEMETERY, Green Way, Sunbury, TW16 ASHFORD BURIAL GROUND, Long Lane, Ashford, TW19

#### 1.4. Opening Times

The Cemetery and Burial Ground will be open every day of the year. The opening hours can be found on the website: wwww.spelthorne.gov.uk/cemeteries

The Council reserve the right to close the Cemetery / Burial Ground without notice if it is considered necessary.

The Cemeteries Office will be open from 09.00am – 5pm Monday to Thursday and from 9.00am to 4.30pm on Friday. The office is closed Saturdays, Sundays, Good Friday, between Christmas Day and New Year Day, and Bank Holidays, or when otherwise decided by the Council.

#### 1.5. Conduct

All visitors must always conduct themselves in an orderly manner.

Under Article 18 of the Local Authorities Cemeteries Order 1977 it is an offence for a person to willfully:

- create any obstructions anywhere in the Cemetery / Burial Ground
- create any disturbance in a Cemetery / Burial Ground
- commit any nuisance in a Cemetery / Burial Ground
- interfere with any burial taking place in a Cemetery / Burial Ground
- interfere with any grave or vault, any memorial, or any flowers or plant
- play any game or sport in a Cemetery/ Burial Ground

No person in the Cemetery / Burial Ground shall behave in a noisy, disorderly, or unseemly manner, consume alcohol, gamble, hold any picnic or barbecue, sunbathe, or play any game, use improper or indecent language, trespass on any portion of the Cemetery, damage, or destroy any tree, shrub plant, headstone, monument, memorial, grave or any other property within the Cemetery / Burial Ground or obstruct any Officer in the execution of their duties.

No person shall sit, stand, climb upon or over any memorial, gate, wall fence or building within or belonging to the Cemetery / Burial Ground

Children will not be admitted into the Cemetery / Burial Ground except in the charge of a responsible adult at all times.

Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times and must not be exercised within the Cemetery & Burial Grounds. Any fouling must be cleared up by the owner of the dog.

Horses may be admitted only if they form part of the funeral procession and with prior consent of the Cemeteries Office.

No cycling, skateboards, skates, or scooters (except for mobility scooters) may be ridden in the Cemetery/ Burial Ground.

Visitors or persons attending funerals shall not interrupt or interfere with the staff working in the Cemetery / Burial Ground. Furthermore, Cemetery staff are not permitted to execute any private work whatsoever in the Cemetery/ Burial Ground on behalf of grave owners.

All persons entering the Cemetery/Burial grounds do so at their own risk, and the Council will not accept any liability for injuries or damage sustained for any reason whatsoever.

## 1.6. Vehicles

Vehicles in the Cemetery/Burial Ground must not be parked in a position that obstructs other motor vehicles or any other form of access. All vehicles are restricted to carriageway and must not drive or park on grass verges.

The Council advises visitors to ensure their vehicles are locked and any valuables hidden from view. The Council accepts no responsibility for any theft of / or from vehicles parked in the Cemetery / Burial grounds.

# 1.7. Regulations effective dates

These Regulations shall come into force on 1 October 2021. And all previously published Regulations cease to have effect.

The Council reserve the right to make any alterations or additions to the foregoing Regulations from time to time.

## 2. Fees and Charges

The Cemetery / Burial Ground fees and charges are reviewed annually.

The current fees and charges are available on the Council website: <a href="www.spelthorne.gov.uk/cemeteries">www.spelthorne.gov.uk/cemeteries</a> or by contacting the Cemeteries Office.

## 2.1. Basis for Fees and Charges

The fees charged for the purchase or a pre-purchase of the Exclusive Right of Burial of a grave, will be based upon the residential status of the purchaser (the Owner) and the Exclusive Right of Burial is valid for a period of 100 years.

The owner does not, however, own the land itself, the ownership of the Cemetery land remains with the Council.

The fees in respect of the interment will be based on the residential status of the person being interred, not the Owner.

Proof of residence within the Borough, such as a current Council Tax Bill or through the Electoral Register should be provided to enable the resident purchase and the correct burial fees to be applied. If neither source confirms residential status, then the Cemetery Officer will require independent written confirmation of proof of residence.

The interment fees include the excavation and preparation of the grave, matting, and attendance by Cemetery staff and backfilling on the day of the service.

Where cremated remains are interred at the same time as a full burial, only an administration fee will be charged for the interment of the cremated remains.

If two sets of cremated remains are interred at the same time, only an administration fee will be charged for the second interment.

Where regulations allow a memorial to be placed on two adjoining grave spaces the memorial fees will be double the permit fee.

## 2.2. Resident / Non-Resident

**Single fees** will apply to Deceased and Purchasers (The Owner) who are residents.

A resident is a person who resides in a permanent address or permanently in a nursing home within the Borough of Spelthorne.

If at time of death the person resided in a nursing home outside the Borough, the single fee will apply if the Deceased or the Purchaser has moved into a nursing home for 3 years prior to the date of death **and** had been a resident of Spelthorne for at least 25 consecutive years in their adult life.

Those, who are the registered owner of the plot, will have the automatic right to be buried in the grave and will be charged at the single fee for interment even so they were resident or non-resident at time of death.

<u>Treble fees</u> will apply to Deceased and Purchasers who are non-residents. This will also apply to residents who moved out of the Borough, regardless of the length of time they resided in the Borough.

The exception to the above is when the deceased is a resident and the purchaser, at the time of the interment, is non - resident, then single fees will apply for both purchase and interment. This will apply for the purchase of a single burial only.

## 2.3. Exclusive Right of Burial

Spelthorne Borough Council offers a choice of graves from Traditional, Lawn or cremation space in the Garden of Remembrance for which the exclusive right of burial is purchased.

The Exclusive Right of Burial is purchased in the form of a Deed of Grant, for a period of 100 years, which under the current legislation, the Local Government Act of 1972 and the Local Authorities' Cemeteries Order 1977, cannot be exceeded.

The person purchasing the Exclusive Right of Burial is termed as the "Owner" and their written permission is required for a further burial to take place (space permitting) and the placing of any memorials.

If the Council gives permission, the owner of an exclusive right of burial may transfer it to another person if he or she provides satisfactory evidence of ownership. The Owner must register the transfer by completing the relevant form and pay the appropriate fee.

The Exclusive Right of Burial may only be granted to one person over the age of 18 years.

Where no interment has taken place in the grave, the Owner of the Exclusive Right of Burial may surrender it to the council. We will pay the owner the original amount that was paid at time of the purchase, less an administration fee.

#### 2.4. Purchase of grave space in advance of an interment

Spelthorne Borough Council permits the purchase of additional plots for burials and interment of cremated remains within their Cemetery / Burial Ground.

This is <u>exclusively</u> available at the time of an interment in a new grave and within one month from the date of the last interment. Only <u>one</u> further grave space may be pre-purchased by a relative (as described in Section 1.2) of the deceased. The number of new grave spaces available is limited, so a location immediately adjacent to the grave, cannot be guaranteed.

The Pre – purchase form should be completed and sent together with the payment of the current fee. Fees may vary depending on the type of plot pre-purchased.

An interment fee is always payable at time of interment in a pre-purchased grave.

#### 3. Burials

## 3.1. Type of graves

Spelthorne Borough Council offers a choice of graves from Traditional, Lawn or cremation space in the Garden of Remembrance. We also have a 24-hour section within our Sunbury Cemetery.

Plots in the Traditional and Lawn section can accommodate up to two interments except for graves in Stanwell Burial Ground, Child Graves, and the 24 hours section in Sunbury Cemetery, which are for one interment only.

In addition, an earthen plot will also accommodate up to 6 sets of cremated remains dependent upon the type of container used.

The grave section will determine what type of memorials can be placed on the plot. Lawn section can only permit headstone and not kerb set.

Cremation spaces in the Garden of Remembrance can accommodate up to two sets of cremated remains. The only type of memorial permitted in this section is a tablet.

## 3.2. Selection of graves

The family or representatives of the deceased would advise which section where they would like the burial to take place. They can either select the traditional or Lawn section for a full burial or the Garden of Remembrance for cremated remains. Only the Cemetery Officer can allocate a grave space. Factors such as ground conditions and effective land management will be taken in consideration.

Should an allocated grave space be found to be unsuitable on preparation, an alternative grave space will be allocated by the Cemetery Officer.

#### 3.3. Burial service times

The time of the interment must be booked with the Cemetery's office when the initial booking is made. The time agreed with the applicant is deemed to be when the service and/or burial commences at the Cemetery.

All interments shall take place between the hours of:

10am and 2pm Monday to Thursday 10am to 1pm on Friday from 1 April to 31 October.

10am and 1pm Monday-Friday from 1 November to 31 March.

No interments will take place on Saturday, Sunday, or public holidays, except for an interment in the 24-hour section.

In the event of a late arrival of the funeral to the Cemetery grounds, the Cemeteries Officer may request that the funeral ceremony is shortened to enable other funerals arranged for the same day to take place without disruption or to enable back filling of the grave.

Late arrival of a funeral service may also incur a charge, the fee will be determined on the circumstances.

#### 3.4. Notice of interment

A provisional booking for a funeral may be made by telephone or emailed to the Cemetery Office. It must be received by 12 noon on the day preceding at least five clear working days before the intended interment and if a bricked grave is required notice must be on the day preceding at least seven clear working days before the intended interment.

The provisional booking should be followed by the submission of a completed Notice of Interment form. Notice of interment forms can be obtained from the Cemeteries Office. Completed forms, together with the necessary documents must be delivered or posted to the Cemeteries Office at least two clear working days prior to the date of interment.

If required, it is the responsibility of the person making the funeral arrangement to ensure that any memorial on the grave is removed at least 4 clear working days prior to the date and time of the interment.

Where there is an existing Exclusive Right of Burial for a grave space, the Owner must give consent to opening the grave by completing and signing the Consent section of the Notice of Interment form.

## 3.5. Certificates of Disposal

The certificate of the Registrar of Deaths (Green Form), or Coroners Order for the Disposal of the body to be buried (White Form), must be delivered to the Cemeteries Office before the interment.

For the interment of cremated remains, a Certificate of Cremation must be produced from the Crematorium.

The burial will not take place without these documents.

## 3.6. Depths of graves

No coffins shall be placed at a greater depth than seven feet and no more than two coffins shall be placed in a grave seven feet deep.

No burial can take place in any grave previously prepared unless there is a minimum of six inches of undisturbed earth above the last burial.

A body shall not be buried in a grave so that any part of the coffin containing the body shall be at a depth of less than three feet below the level of the surface of the ground adjoining the grave unless the Council specifically so authorise in any given case.

Where in the Cemeteries or Burial Grounds any grave in which an interment has already taken place is re-opened for the purpose of any other interment therein, a person shall not disturb any human remains interred therein or remove there from any soil.

## 3.7. Coffins / Casket

The body of the deceased person will not be accepted for burial unless properly enclosed in a suitable coffin, casket, or container. Interference of any description with any coffin, casket or container or its fasteners whether before or after the committal will not be permitted within the confines of the Cemetery or Burial Ground.

The name of the person whose body is to be interred must be indelibly engraved on a non-corrodible plate affixed to the coffin.

The exact size of the coffin, casket or container must be given in writing to the Council as soon as possible after the provisional booking is made. The Council shall not be liable for any delay or incident, which may occur because of such dimensions being omitted from or incorrectly entered on the Notice of Interment Form.

To help us all respect the environment, no metallic coffins or caskets are permitted to be buried. Coffin or caskets must be made of perishable material such as wood, wicker, cane, bamboo, wool, cardboard.

Certain coffins due to their size will be regarded as a casket and will be liable to fees that are set for such coffin.

#### 3.8. Grave excavation

All graves must be prepared and closed by Council trained staff.

The Council reserves the right of passage over all graves and to have any grave temporarily covered whilst carrying out excavations. Such covering may comprise of boxed platform or similar, onto which excavated soil may be placed prior to a burial in an adjacent grave. The memorials will be returned to their original positions and any disturbed neighboring graves made tidy as soon as possible after the burial

We reserve the right to delay or reschedule a funeral if any burial area or excavated grave becomes unstable or dangerous due to severe weather, other naturally occurring instances or an act of God.

Any interment in the Cemeteries or Burial Grounds that buries a body in a walled grave shall, within a period of 24 hours of the burial ensure that the coffin is embedded in concrete and covered with a layer of concrete not less than 6" thick, or to be enclosed in a separate cell or compartment of brick, slate, stone flagging or precast concrete slabs of not less 2" in thickness, properly jointed in good mortar.

#### 3.9. Funeral Services

Persons authorized by the Council will normally carry out the back filling of any grave. However, if relatives and friends wish to do so, permission must be sought from the Cemeteries Office at time of booking and the back filling must be carried out under the direction of a member of cemeteries staff or another authorized person. A risk assessment must be completed by the Funeral Director and sent to the Cemetery's Office at least two clear working days before the interment.

Individual requests for a funeral service, i.e., horse drawn hearses, pipers, release of doves must be requested at time of booking to the Cemeteries Office so that these requirements can be considered and allowed for.

#### 3.10. Officiants

Relatives or their representative (e.g., Funeral Director) must make the arrangements for a faith leader (if applicable) to officiate at a funeral service. The Council can take no responsibility for his/her attendance.

#### 3.11. 24 Hours burials

Sunbury Cemetery is the only Cemetery offering a 24-hour burial.

Only 5ft burial is permitted within this section.

The body of the deceased will not be accepted for burial unless properly enclosed in a suitable coffin, body wrapped only in a shroud is not permitted.

Fees for a 24-hour burial must be paid in advance to the Cemetery Office. The Notice of Interment form and the certificate of Registrar of Death must be completed.

#### 4. Memorials

## 4.1. Memorial permit

Memorials may only be erected over graves in respect of which the Exclusive Right of Burial has been purchased. The right to erect a memorial rest with the "Owner" and their written permission must be given and the appropriate fee paid to the Council.

The appropriate Memorial Application Form available from the Cemeteries Office must be completed. A drawing showing the full dimensions of the intended memorial, proposed inscription, and method of installation must be included. Written permission must be granted, before any memorial is erected or

amended within the Cemetery/Burial Grounds. This also includes any other work including refurbishment, cleaning or like for like replacement.

#### 4.2. Memorial Masons

All memorials must be erected in accordance with BS8415 and the National Association of Memorial Mason's (NAMM) or the British Register of Accredited Memorial Masons (BRAMM) code of practice current at the time of installation.

All memorial masons must supply a copy of their liability insurance certificate before any works can be carried out.

No memorials can be installed, or works can take place until the appropriate permit has been granted by the Cemetery Office.

No memorials can be erected or have any additions made until the burial has taken place.

Installation date must be agreed with the Cemetery Office prior to installation.

Memorial Masons, and others employed to work for them, must not continue working in a Cemetery / burial ground whilst a funeral is taking place.

The surrounding ground must not be damaged by their work, but if any such damage occurs, the Memorial Mason will be responsible for any repairs or reinstalment.

All materials for graves and memorials shall be conveyed into the Cemetery in such manner as to avoid damage to the ground.

## 4.3. Inscriptions

We welcome personalisation of inscriptions, as long as they are not offensive or too personal.

Nicknames are allowed but the full registered name at time of death must be on the memorial.

An owner may request that an inscription be put on the memorial of a person who is not buried in the grave. This is permissible providing the wording indicate that the person is buried elsewhere. No dates are allowed.

The Council reserves the right to refuse permission for the erection of any memorials or the placing of any inscriptions which may be considered unsuitable. The decision of the Council is final.

#### 4.4. Materials

Only memorials of natural material are permitted. Some restrictions, however, are necessary such as prohibiting the use of glass.

We allow photo-plaques incorporated in the memorial. Plastic fencing is not allowed as it impedes maintenance and can be damaged.

#### 4.5. When to erect a memorial

Natural settlement of a grave will take place after a burial. The Cemetery staff will add soil to the grave until settlement ceases. It is for this reason that we only permit potted plants, or planted containers on the grave, so that our staff can move them easily to add soil as necessary.

At least twelve months is needed before erecting a full memorial on a Traditional section. This allows the grave to settle and will aid to the stability of the memorial. With a Lawn grave, the headstone can be placed sooner, as the memorial is fixed to stable ground, or in some cases, to a beam provided above ground.

Any temporary memorial marking the grave are only permitted for one year and should be removed by the owner. The Council reserve the right to remove temporary memorial markings after this time or sooner if they become dangerous or unsightly.

# 4.6. Responsibility for the safety & maintenance

It is the Owner's responsibility to maintain the memorial in a sound condition, and repair or re-fix if required.

The Council reserves the right to require the Owner of a grave to remove or replace any monuments or headstones, which in their opinion has become unsafe. The Owner will receive written notice and in the event of non-compliance, the Council will take any necessary actions to make the plot safe. Any expenses will be recovered from the Owner.

Under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974, and the Local Authorities Cemetery Order 1977 the council has a duty of care to all persons entering the Cemetery and the power to remove the danger of an unsafe memorial which may be by laying it down flat.

Current Health and Safety guidelines require the periodic testing of memorials for stability. The Cemetery will test memorials on a regular basis, and those which fail this safety test, will where possible, be made safe by temporary staking or laying the memorial flat whilst we endeavor to contact the Owner. If the owner cannot be traced, the Council reserves the right to take any necessary actions to make the plot safe.

#### 4.7. Insurance

The Council will not be responsible for any damage to memorials or gravestone by storm, wind, lightening, subsidence, vandalism, or acts of a third party.

The Owner is strongly advised to check the warranty provided by their Memorial Mason at time of purchase.

It is always advisable to insure a memorial against accidental damage and vandalism, making sure the cover takes effect immediately after it is erected. Information regarding this is available from your appointed Memorial Masons or the National Association of Memorial Masons.

## 4.8. Fixings & Erecting memorials

Before any work is commenced the Cemeteries Office must be satisfied that any memorial to be fixed in any of the cemeteries will be provided with proper and adequate foundations of suitable dimensions and construction; and that the memorial will not be likely to sink or move from the position in which it is placed at the time of erection.

The section and number of the grave must be cut clearly in one-inch letters at the back of the base of each headstone or memorial erected on the grave. A trade name can only be cut on to the memorial with the expressed permission of the owner, telephone numbers are not permitted. If a trade name is requested to be cut into the memorial, this must be stated clearly on the permit application form.

The whole of the work in connection with the fixing of memorials must adhere to the regulations of the National Association Masons (NAMM) currently in force.

All memorials placed in the cemeteries are done so at the risk of the Registered Owner or their representative, and the Council is not responsible for any loss or damage.

#### 4.9. Traditional Section

Headstone and a kerb set that forms an edging around the grave area are permitted in the traditional section. Monuments, gravestones, tablets, inscribed vases or kerb railings may be erected.

The dimensions of a full memorial on a traditional section, which cannot be exceeded, are 7ft high x 3ft wide x 7ft long for a single plot or 7ft high x 7 ft wide x 7 ft long for a double plot. (Memorials over the height of 3'will incur additional charges)

The height of all memorials shall be measured from the level of the ground surrounding the graves. The height of the memorial shall include any base, bases and curbstone but exclude the foundation.

All foundations and fixing methods are to be those currently recommended by NAMM.

Grave owners are not required to have a full memorial on the Traditional section, they may choose to have a headstone only and plant the grave space, or have the grave space laid with turf.

#### 4.10. Children Section

The dimension of a full memorial on the children's section, will be in line with the size of the plot and must not exceed 4ft in length and 2ft in width. The maximum height of the headstone is 2ft

Grave owners do not have to have a full memorial on the children's section, they may have a headstone only and plant the grave space, or have the grave space turfed over.

#### 4.11. Lawn Section

Headstone only are permitted in the Lawn Section. Flowers, potted plants or other type of memorabilia can only be placed in the area immediately in front of the headstone.

Any headstone will be erected vertically 3 ins from the outer edge of bed mentioned above in line with the headstones of adjoining graves and in a position approved by the Cemetery Officer.

A headstone shall not be more than 3ft 3ins in height (including the height of the base), 2ft in width, or 3ins in thickness. The base of the headstone shall not be more than 12 ins in depth, 2ft 3ins in width or 3 ins in thickness. The base shall be secured to a concrete foundation of dimensions not greater than the base and finished not less than 3 ins below the level of surrounding soil.

No part of the soil of any grave spaces shall be raised above the level of the remainder of the soil of Lawn Section.

As soon as practicable after an interment in the Lawn Section, the Council will sow with grass seeds the whole of the grave space and thereafter no person shall interfere with or alter the grave space except for the purpose of carrying out further permitted interments therein.

The Council will maintain the whole of the grassed part of the Lawn Section

The grassed parts of the Lawn Section shall **NOT** be planted, cultivated nor covered with items of memorabilia.

## 4.12. Cremated Remains Grave spaces (Garden of Remembrance)

The only memorial allowed in the Garden of Remembrance is a tablet, with the dimensions of 18ins wide x 18ins long, the maximum height should not exceed 18ins including the base.

The memorial shall be placed centrally on each grave space.

The memorial and the base must be made of Granite or Marble.

Only one Memorial will be allowed on any cremated remains plot. The Council reserves the right to remove any other items or memorial which are not placed within the allocated grave space. Nothing shall be planted in or placed in front or at the back of the memorial.

The Council will maintain the whole of the grassed area between each row of the cremated remains.

#### 4.13. General information

Small shrub, plant, or flowers can only be planted on the grave space in the Traditional Section and must kept in proper and tidy condition. The Council reserves the right to cut down or remove any shrubs, plants, or flowers which they consider to be unsightly or overgrown.

The Council reserves the right to remove loose stones or chippings from any grave or memorial as they are considered hazardous to our ground staff during cemeteries/Burial Grounds maintenance. They are also hazardous to members of the public and visitors.

In order that a proper standard of maintenance can be achieved efficiently and to give due regard to the safety of the ground's maintenance workers, certain items will be specifically excluded on the lawned sections. These items are border stones, edgings constructed of concrete, metal (including chains), timber, plastics, etc and chippings (of any material)

The Council reserves the right to remove any items from any grave or memorials which may be considered unsuitable. The following are some examples of these items:

- Plastic surrounds
- Glass vases, ceramic, or plastic items (breakable items)
- Windmills, wind chimes, flags
- Artificial grass

The Council reserve the right to remove any Christmas wreath from any grave or memorials in the first week of February.

The Council reserves the right to remove and dispose of floral tributes placed at the time of burial after two weeks have elapsed since burial.

#### 4.14. Memorial bench

Only benches authorised and purchased through the Cemeteries Office will be permitted to be placed in the Cemetery grounds. A list of approved benches and fees are available from the Cemeteries Office.

The Council reserves the right to remove and dispose of any other benches placed within the cemeteries without permission.

Memorial benches will only be allowed in locations agreed by the Cemetery Office

Anyone who purchases a bench from the Council must accept full responsibility for the maintenance of the bench and if, in the opinion of the Cemetery Office, a bench has not been adequately maintained, it will be removed and disposed of.

The Council will not be held responsible for any theft or damage to a bench unless caused by the act or default of its employees.

Benches are installed on the understanding that they are a facility which may be used by any Cemetery visitor and are not for the sole use of the purchaser.

Other than the official plaque or plaques that may be fitted to a bench, no other forms of memorialisation should be placed on or around the bench, or ground maintenance or improvement works undertaken around the bench.

#### References

Local Government Act of 1972 Local Authorities' Cemeteries Order 1977 B.R.A.A.M – British Register of Accredited Memorial Mason N.A.A.M - National Association of Memorial Mason

# **Forms**

Notice of interment – Full Burial Notice of interment – Cremated Remains Assignment of the Exclusive Rights of Burial Memorial Permit Application Purchase of additional Exclusive Right of Burial