

Cemetery Regulations & Schedule of Fees

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INTRODUCTION

Grave spaces for both burials and cremated remains are allocated in sequence as determined by the Bury Parish Council.

On the purchase of a lease on a burial or Garden of Remembrance plot you will be issued a Deed of Grant for exclusive right of burial in that plot. The Deed of Grant is an important document and it should be kept in a safe place. It will need to be produced whenever any business concerning the plot is being undertaken, such as ordering a memorial headstone and organising a funeral or interment of cremated remains.

As the Deed of grant is for exclusive right of burial only, placing of memorial stones are subject to approval from Council and payment of the relevant fee. The memorial mason will normally undertake this on your behalf and will advise you accordingly.

Bury cemetery is maintained to a high standard so as to be a peaceful and welcoming place for everyone to remember their loved ones. As the named lease holder, you are solely responsible for ensuring that the rules of Bury Cemetery are complied with in respect of the plot. If the rules are contravened, you will be sent a written notification advising you of the details of the breach and the action you are required to undertake to rectify this. Should you fail to rectify the issue within the time granted in the notification, the Council will take action to resolve this.

Prior to headstones being erected, a *temporary marker* may be placed at the head of the grave, on the area where the headstone will be fixed. This may take the form of a wooden cross of no more that 2' high or a stone or plastic vase. In the interest of health and safety, glass vases are not permitted anywhere in the cemetery.

HEADSTONES FOR BURIAL PLOTS

Headstone may not be erected until at least 6 months after the date of burial. This is to allow a sufficient period for ground settlement to ensure maximum stability for the headstone.

They may be made of granite, marble, slate, limestone or sandstone of any colour and may be of either a lawn type (headstone and base fixed on a foundation slab) or monolith type (upright memorial - with or without a push base - with at least 25% below ground level and fixed in a sub-surface shoe).

All memorials are to be provided and fixed by an accredited memorial mason and are to comply with British Standard 8415. Whilst not compulsory, it is recommended that you select a mason who is registered with the National Association of Memorial Masons (NAMM) or the British Association of Memorial Masons (BRAMM) as both organisations require their members to comply with strict codes of business and working practice and can offer assistance in the event of you being dissatisfied with any part of the service you may receive from the memorial mason.

The dimensions of the headstone shall not exceed:

Lawn type memorials:

Headstone	1360 mm high
	625 mm wide
	100 mm thick
Foundation	915 mm wide
	460 mm deep
	80 mm thick

Table 1:: Fixed in accordance with N.A.M.M rules

Further information on N.A.M.M rules can be [found here](#)

MATERIALS - Colour and stone/marble to be approved by the Parish Council, but no reasonable request will be refused.

INSCRIPTION - To be on the vertical face and to be approved by the Parish Council.

VASE - To be of standard design and set into stone/marble to be purchaser's choice.

KERBS - Not permitted.

Monolith type memorials:

Headstone	865 mm high from ground level.
	610 mm wide
	100 mm thick
Push base	765 mm wide
	305 mm deep - to extend no more than 205 mm to the front and 25 mm to the rear of the headstone if of the "wraparound" type
	100 mm thick

Table 2: Fixed in accordance with N.A.M.M rules

MEMORIALS FOR GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE PLOTS

The concrete kerb at the front of the plot only may be replaced with a marble or granite kerb of any colour. This may contain an inscription if desired. The rear or side kerbs are to remain in place.

Additional to the front kerb, the following memorials may also be placed within the perimeter of the plot:

The size should be no more than **200mm x 200mm x 200mm**. An inset flower vase is optional.

The base slab should be set with top flush to grass.

MATERIALS - Colour and stone/marble to be approved by the Parish Council no reasonable request will be refused

INSCRIPTION - To be on the vertical face of the stone and inscription to be approved by the Parish Council.

VASE - To be of standard design and set into stone/marble base, material to be purchaser's choice.

The inside of the plot may be filled with loose stone chippings of either marble, granite or slate.

PERMITTED DISPLAYS

Up to two vases per plot, integral to the memorial, either as containers set in holes or as vases supplied and securely fixed to the memorial by the stonemason. Fresh or silk flowers are allowed but silk flowers are to be renewed when faded to keep the cemetery looking fresh and tidy.

All displays are to be restricted to the headstone area of burial plots or the inside perimeter of the remembrance plot as appropriate. No item is to be placed outside these areas.

DISPLAYS NOT PERMITTED

Ornaments of any kind.

Glass vases or containers.

Ornamental pots.

Soft toys.

Wind chimes.

Flags.

Glasses, bottles or cans of beer etc.

Candles or lanterns.

Fencing of any kind.

Ornamental stones.

Any item with sticks or spikes.

Metal structures (brass, copper, steel, wrought iron etc).

Any item deemed inappropriate or hazardous by the Parish Council.

CEMETERY REGULATIONS

PRIVATE VEHICLES	Are prohibited from the cemetery
DOGS	In order to preserve dignity dogs are not allowed in the Cemetery
MEMORIALS	No memorials/vases to be placed until relevant fees paid and designs approved by the Council. The Council reserves the right to remove Unauthorised memorials, vases etc without notice
LAWN CEMETERY	The Cemetery is a Lawn Cemetery and the Council will fill in/weed-kill grave areas without notice to anyone. No trees/shrubs to be planted on graves. No kerbs permitted to Graves after 1968
CHILDREN	Must be accompanied by an adult
RUBBISH	It is the Owner/Family responsibility to clear grave rubbish from the Graveyard.
FEES	A table of fees can be obtained from the Parish Clerk and may be displayed in the Church Porch See ANNEX A . Where the person to be interred was no longer a Resident at the time of death all fees will be doubled.
INTERMENTS	Only Residents of the Parish other than Spouse of the deceased may be interred in the Parish Cemetery, final decision in these matters rest with the Burial Clerk/Parish Clerk.

NO GRAVE DIGGING SERVICE IS PROVIDED.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH RULES APPLY TO THE GARDEN OF REST LOCATED IN THE CLOSED CHURCHYARD.

THE PARISH COUNCIL RESERVE THE RIGHT TO VARY THESE RULES AT THEIR DISCRETION.

The clerk to Bury Parish Council will be pleased to render whatever help or advice is needed. Enquiries can to be made to: parish.clerk@buryvillage.co.uk

ANNEX A

BURIAL CHARGES effective from 1st March 2015

INTERMENTS

For any interment in an earthen grave.

- a) Of the body of a still born child, or of a child whose age at the time of death did not exceed one month - £29.00
- b) Of the body of a child whose age at the time of death exceeded one month but did not exceed 12 years - £81.00
- c) Of the body of a person whose age at the time of death exceeded 12 years - £175.00
- d) Garden of Rest - £58.00

EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS OF BURIAL IN EARTHEN GRAVES (PURCHASED THEREOF)

- a) In an earthen grave 9 feet x 4 feet double/triple depth - £430.00
- b) Garden of Rest - £122.00

MONUMENTS, GRAVESTONES, TABLETS & MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS

For the right to erect or place on a grave.

- a) A headstone not exceeding 4 feet 6 inches in height - £122.00
- b) A stone incorporating a vase not exceeding 18 inches in height or a flat slab not exceeding 12 inches x 16 inches - £40.00
- c) Garden of Rest restricted design (To fit 8 inch cube with minimum 8 inch base) - £40.00