



Hathern Cemetery – Rules & Regulations

A plan of the Burial Ground, hereinafter referred to as 'the Cemetery', showing all the sections thereof, with separate burial plots marked upon it is deposited at the Clerk's Office, , where copies of these Rules & Regulations, table of current fees and all other information in respect of the Cemetery may be obtained with reasonable notice. This document contains important information for families of the deceased.

Interment

The right of interment in Hathern cemetery is exclusive to parishioners of Hathern and subject to payment of the appropriate fee. At the discretion of the Clerk non parishioners may be interred in the cemetery subject to payment of the appropriate fees for non-residents as decided by the Parish Council. No purchaser of any exclusive right of burial shall transfer or assign such right without the consent of the Parish Council having first been obtained in writing, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

Notices of interment are to be delivered to the Clerk of the Council together with any fees and charges payable in respect thereof before any burial plots are made available. All fees in respect of any memorial must be paid prior to the erection of the memorial.

Any notice of interment must be delivered to the Clerk of the Council at least 5 working days prior to the proposed burial together with full details of the deceased, the day and hour of the burial service and the name of any officiating minister. There shall be no interments on Sundays or any statutory holiday. In the case of any purchased, transferred or assigned grave, evidence of the transfer or assignment and the consent in writing of the current owner of the exclusive right shall be produced to the Clerk of the Council at the same time as the notice of interment. The Parish Council retains the sole discretion in the event of any dispute to state in its opinion the rightful owner of any burial plot.

The selection of a burial plot shall, in all cases, be subject to the approval of the Council or the Clerk of the Council. A burial plot may be reserved by payment of the appropriate fee. The Council offers a standard burial plot (8ft x 4ft) and a smaller plot for interment of ashes (2ft x 2ft).

Memorials

At least one month before the erection or placement of any memorial (including headstone, plinth, plaque, vases or any other container) an accurate drawing thereof, with proposed inscription (if any) shall be delivered to the Clerk of the Council for approval.

- **Standard Burial Plot** : All memorials to be contained within the headstone/plinth including vases and any other containers for flowers. No memorials will be accepted outside of this area.

The maximum width of a headstone/plinth shall be 920mm.

The maximum height of a headstone/plinth from the ground shall be 760mm.

The maximum depth (front to back) of a plinth shall be 510mm

- **Plot for Interment of Ashes** : All memorials to be contained within the burial plot, including vases and any other containers for flowers that must be incorporated onto a stone/concrete plinth/plaque. No memorials will be accepted outside of this area.



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The maximum width of a headstone/plinth/horizontal plaque shall be 510mm.

The maximum height of a headstone from the ground shall be 560mm.

The maximum depth (front to back) of a plinth/horizontal plaque shall be 510mm

All memorials must be made of stone or other long-lasting material. Wood or plastic is not acceptable for permanent memorials. Wooden marker crosses should be removed after approximately six months.

Any memorial which fails to comply with the approved drawing and description thereof shall be removed at the request of the Parish Council. Any failure to comply with the Council's request in this regard shall result in the Council acting in default. Any resultant costs incurred by the Council shall be payable on demand.

For the avoidance of doubt any container which has been placed or installed without the approval of the Council will be removed and the Council will accept no liability for any losses incurred as a consequence of the failure to comply with this regulation.

The Parish Council accepts no liability for any damage to memorials which must be kept in good repair and condition by the owners thereof. The Council will not accept any liability for any damage to flowers which must be kept tended and in good order by the owners. The Parish Council shall at its sole discretion remove any flowers and also lower any memorial to ground level, if, in its opinion, the same shall have become unsightly or overgrown.

The Parish Council undertakes general maintenance of the Cemetery but relatives will be liable for any headstone/plinth/plaque repair.

General

Only flower bulbs may be planted within the confines of each burial plot on the understanding that the surface growth may be lost when the grass is routinely cut. No shrubs, trees or other plants are allowed on the burial plot.

Any shrubs/plants/trees/bulbs planted around the burial plot will be removed.

All dogs shall be kept on a lead and under control at all times in the Cemetery.

Cycling is not permitted in the Cemetery.

Plot owners are responsible for placing all dead flowers, wrapping materials and any litter from grave plots and their environs in the waste containers adjacent to the cemetery gates

The Parish Council reserve the right to review and amend these Rules and Regulations from time to time together with the scale of fees and charges.

By Order of the Clerk To Hathern Parish Council

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I confirm that I have read and agree to abide by the Rules and Regulations of Hathern Cemetery.

NAME (in block capitals)

ADDRESS

NAME OF DECEASED

RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED

Signed

Completed form to be returned to the Clerk to Hathern Parish Council