

CREWKERNE & WEST CREWKERNE JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE
TOWNSEND CEMETERY, CREWKERNE

RULES AND REGULATIONS – GENERAL

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Monday to Thursday - 7.30 am - 12.45 pm and 1.15 pm - 3.30 pm

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1.0 Conduct

- 1.1 All persons shall conduct themselves in a quiet, decent and orderly manner and must keep to the paths except when visiting a grave.
- 1.2 No person shall bring any litter or other waste material into a cemetery and any waste or litter arising from attending or caring for graves shall be deposited in the bins provided.
- 1.3 Cycling, skateboarding, roller skating or playing of sports/games is not permitted in the cemetery.
- 1.4 The taking of commercial photographs and filming is not permitted in the cemetery except with the prior approval of the Committee for which a fee may be charged.
- 1.5 No person shall unreasonably interrupt Town Council staff whilst they are engaged in their duties nor seek to employ them privately to execute any work within a cemetery. No person employed by the Council is allowed to receive any gratuity whatsoever.
- 1.6 No persons shall canvass or solicit orders in the cemetery grounds.
- 1.7 Alcoholic drinks shall not be consumed in the cemetery.
- 1.8 Dogs are allowed in the cemetery provided that they are on a lead.
- 1.9 No smoking within the cemetery.
- 1.10 All vehicles are restricted to the main drive apart from authorised vehicles and disabled scooters.
- 1.11 All damage caused to any boundary wall, fence, ground, paths, memorials or to any part of the cemetery must be repaired to the satisfaction of the Committee by the party causing the damage.
- 1.12 The setting off of fireworks or other pyrotechnics is strictly forbidden, unless explicit permission is granted beforehand by the Committee.

2.0 Interments

- 2.1 All interments are to be arranged through the Town Council office, and at least two working days notice must be given prior to a burial taking place.
- 2.2 Before a grave can be opened, a completed Notice of Interment, and in the case of a previously purchased grave, the Exclusive Right of Burial Certificate, must be received.
- 2.3 Only caskets of wood or other biodegradable materials shall be used for interment.
- 2.4 Following an interment, floral tributes placed on the grave will be removed after three months if they become unsightly. Some disturbance may be necessary if further interments occur in the same area.

3.0 Memorials

- 3.1 No memorial may be placed without full permission to do so being obtained from the Committee in writing.
- 3.2 The Exclusive Right of Burial must be purchased before an application can be made to erect a Memorial.
- 3.3 Applications must be made by the holder of the Exclusive Right of Burial or their Executor.

- 3.4 Memorials should be constructed from materials which are in keeping with, and similar to, other monuments in the Cemetery. Synthetic stone and plastic are not permitted.
- 3.5 No advertisements or trademarks shall be inscribed on a memorial, but the name of the mason may be incised at the side or on the reverse of a headstone in unpainted and unleaded letters no more than half an inch in height.
- 3.6 Memorials must bear the number of the plot on which they are sited.
- 3.7 New Section - Headstones should not exceed 2ft 6ins in height and 2ft in width. Kerbstone surrounds, flat stone, chippings, gravel or shingle will not be allowed on any type of grave.
- 3.8 Old Section – Headstones should not exceed 5ft in height or 3ft in width. Kerbstones should not exceed 7ft in length or 3ft in width and be constructed without rails, chains or palisades. No chippings are permitted unless within a kerbstone.
- 3.9 Memorials are the private property of the holder of the Exclusive Right of Burial and must be maintained in a good and safe condition.
- 3.10 The Committee as Burial Authority has the authority to remove or alter memorials in any way they deem necessary or desirable for the due order of the cemetery. Before taking any action the Committee will attempt to contact owners and families.
- 3.11 The Committee reserves the right on Health and Safety grounds, to take immediate action with regard to any monument which could reasonably be suspected to represent a danger.
- 3.12 No glass or plastic containers may be placed on any grave.
- 3.13 The Committee may remove, any object considered to be a hazard to public safety or to cemetery staff, from any grave without notice.
- 3.14 Plants and flowers may only be placed on/at the headstone of any grave space and must be maintained in a tidy condition.
- 3.15 The Committee may remove or order to be removed any permanent planting as it sees fit.
- 3.16 Wreaths and cut flowers may be placed on graves subject to the discretion of the Committee but when removed must be placed in the bins provided. Wreaths will be removed by staff after three months.
- 3.17 Permission must be obtained from the Committee for memorial shrubs, trees and seats to be placed in the Cemetery.
- 3.18 For families wishing to leave memorabilia on graves, please note that the erection of fences, borders, railings or any type of surround is only allowed if permission is obtained beforehand from the Committee.

4.0 Garden of Remembrance

- 4.1 The rules for Memorial Plaques on the wall of the Garden of Remembrance are the same as those for inscriptions.

5.0 Reclamation

- 5.1 The Committee as the Burial Authority reserve all rights of management of the Cemetery. In particular with respect to unused capacity; in unpurchased graves this is liable to be used at any time; in a case where a grant of Exclusive Rights of Burial has been made but not exercised after a period of not less than 99 years; or if exercised, after a period of not less than 125 years.

6.0 General

- 6.1 As the Cemetery is in a rural location it is occupied by a variety of wildlife which occasionally causes damage to paths and graves. The Committee undertakes to repair such damage to the best of its ability but cannot guarantee its effectiveness.

IN ALL MATTERS CONCERNING MEMORIALS, INSCRIPTIONS, FORMS OF SERVICE AND OTHER ACTIVITIES IN THE TOWNSEND CEMETERY THE DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE IS FINAL