

ASHOVER PARISH COUNCIL

SUMMARY OF RELEVANT BURIAL AUTHORITY'S REGULATIONS

1. Notice of Interment must be given to the Clerk to the Burial Board during the hours of 10am to 4pm.
2. The Funeral Director will be responsible for providing the Grave Digger and will be responsible for supplying him with the correct information to enable him to carry out his duties correctly.
3. Forty-eight hours' notice must be given to the Clerk to the Burial Board prior to any interment exclusive of weekends and Bank Holidays.
4. All burials shall take place between 10am and 3pm Monday to Saturday unless a Coroner or Medical Practitioner issues a certificate for immediate interment. In all other cases a 50% increase in the fees is payable.
5. A private grave space will be 244cms long x 122cms wide (8ft x 4ft) and will allow for up to three interments; one at 244cms (8ft), one at 183cms (6ft) and one at 122cms (4ft) respectively. There will be no deviation from these dimensions.
6. All graves are to be filled in immediately after the interment and the site left level, in a clean and tidy condition with turf replaced and all surplus soil removed.
7. A Registrar's certificate or Coroner's order for burial must be delivered at or before the time of interment (including a still born child) to the Clerk to the Burial Board, together with the appropriate fees payable and a completed form A (Request for Interment).
8. A Headstone not exceeding one metre (3ft 3ins) in height and 76cms (2ft 6ins) in width above ground may be erected on a grave. Where a headstone is not erected, a commemorative slab 600cms x 600cms (2ft by 2ft) **MUST** be placed on a grave within 6 months of the first burial having taken place.
9. No kerbstone sets or fencing of any type around the perimeter of the grave space is permitted.
- 10. EXTENSION E ONLY - Flowers are permitted on the base stone of the headstone only, or at the head of the plot where no headstone is present. The remainder of the plot shall remain as turf, with no additional ornaments or flowers of any kind placed on the plot. An exception to this will be made for up to 6 weeks following a burial.**
11. Only one memorial will be allowed per grave.
12. The Monumental Mason must give three working days' notice to the Burial Clerk before erecting any memorial.
13. Headstones removed for a subsequent burial must be replaced within 6 months or may be disposed of by the Council.
14. The Council will not be responsible for any damage to memorials however caused.
15. The Council reserves the right to remove any memorial which, in its opinion, has become unsafe, dilapidated or not kept in proper repair, or may require the owner to remove it at their expense.
16. Cremated remains, in an enclosed container, may be buried in the Garden of Rest at the discretion of the Burial Board. A plot 600cms x 600cms (2ft x 2ft) may be purchased for this purpose and may be used for up to two interments in one plot. A memorial slab of approved design may be placed on the site of the interred ashes. A vase for flowers may be incorporated in the design. No deviation from this will be allowed.
17. Where relatives do not wish to have an inscribed memorial on the cremation plot, the Council's stone slab will be replaced and remain in-situ.
18. Cremated remains may be scattered in the Cemetery at the Burial Board's discretion. Prior approval for this must be obtained from the Clerk to the Burial Board.
19. The family must remove all wreaths and flowers placed on graves after they have become unsightly and place these in the refuse container provided by the Burial Board for this purpose. These containers are provided for this purpose only and no other waste should be placed in them. Anyone found using these containers for any other purpose will be liable to prosecution.
20. The Burial Board reserves the right to remove any tree or shrub it deems necessary.

21. No cycles or horses will be allowed in the cemetery. Motor vehicles will only be allowed in the cemetery at the discretion of the Burial Clerk and prior permission must be obtained.
22. Any person found causing damage in the confines of the cemetery will be liable to prosecution.
23. Graves of the interred remain the property of the family, who are responsible for the upkeep for a period of 75 (seventy five) years from the date of the last interment.
24. Any resident entering full time care outside the Ashover Parish, will be eligible for Cemetery Fees and Charges at parish rates for up to 15 years.
25. No Grant of Exclusive Rights shall be re-sold other than to Ashover Parish Council.
26. The Burial Board reserves to itself the right, from time to time, to revise the foregoing rules and regulations.
27. Any person has a right of appeal to the Burial Board on any matter relating to the Cemetery and any such appeal must be lodged with the Burial Clerk. Any appeal decision will be subject to a recommendation by the Burial Board to a full meeting of Ashover Parish Council and in accordance with Ashover Parish Council's Complaints Procedure.

Issued by Ashover Parish Council
Acting as the Burial Board for the Parish of Ashover

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