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BENGEWORTH, HAMPTON AND WATERSIDE CEMETERIES

Introduction

The Mayor, Town Councillors and Council Officers would like to express their sincere sympathy to you on your recent bereavement.

The Town Council is sensitive to your feelings at this time but hope that the provision of a well-appointed and carefully tended cemetery will be a useful and supportive service.

The Cemetery is administered by the Officers of the Town Council, under the direction of myself, the Town Clerk and will be pleased to assist you in any way they can. Enquiries can be made by using the contact details shown above. The Town Council Offices are open Monday—Thursday 9.00am to 5.00pm and Friday 9.00am to 4.30pm.

In order to preserve the kind of setting where the memory of loved ones can be treasured, everyone is asked to adhere to a few basic regulations. Evesham Town Council reserves the right to take appropriate remedial action should the following rules not be adhered to.

General Information

- Requests for interments must be made at least 72 hours prior to burial
- Times for burials are 9am to 3.00pm – Monday to Friday
- No burials will take place on Saturday, Sunday, Christmas Day and any Bank Holidays except under special circumstances and an additional fee will apply
- A register of graves and maps of the cemeteries are held at the Council Offices
- Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult
- Bicycles shall not be ridden on footpaths, grass areas or planted areas. Bicycles must not be placed against memorials, benches or trees and shrubs. If laid down, the bicycle must not cause obstruction to others.
- The Council reserves the right to take such lawful action against any person who commits a nuisance, wilfully interferes with any burial taking place or wilfully interferes with any grave/memorial, plants or flowers.
- No dogs are allowed in the cemetery, except for Guide Dogs which are to be kept on leads in the cemetery and owners must remove any fouling.

Exclusive Right of Burial

- Burial rights to a grave can be leased for 100 years by way of a Deed of Grant.
- This Grant is a legal document to be kept in a safe place.
- Rights can be transferred by the owner, or on the death of the owner.

Memorials

- Approval for the erection of a memorial must be obtained from the Council
- The Council reserves the right to refuse unsuitable wording
- All memorials are to be installed in accordance with NAMM current Code of Working Practice and BS8415 for the erection of memorials
- Memorials are at all times the responsibility of the owner
- The Council is not responsible for any damaged caused except as a direct result of negligence of its employees
- All memorials will bear the plot number of the grave
- The Council reserve the right to make safe any memorial which, in the opinion of the proper officers of the Council, is unsafe or unfit without further reference to the owner of the Memorial in order to protect the safety of visitors to the burial ground. Inspections into the safety of all memorials shall be made by the Burial Authority at least once within each twelve month period.
- Kerb stones will only be permitted in prescribed sections of the burial ground.
- Stonemasons will be required to remove all spare soil and to clean up the ground carefully after completing their work.
- No stonemason shall solicit orders, exhibit designs or distribute business cards in the cemetery or surrounding areas.
- No Memorial will be allowed to be erected until 6 months have elapsed following burial. This allows the disturbed earth to settle.

Grave Maintenance

- Flowers/wreaths may be placed on the grave but these will be removed after a reasonable time.
- Any flower holders must be of non-breakable material.
- The Council will not be responsible for any loss or damage to property left on a grave.
- No glass or ceramic vases or ornaments to be placed on graves
- No glass beads/aggregate/edging/windmills/windchimes and lanterns to be placed on any grave. The Council reserves the right to remove these
- Any plants should be restricted to the headstone border and of suitable species
- Any overgrown shrubs or plants in borders will be cut back or removed for ease of
- No widening of the borders should be carried out
- The Council can arrange the planting and maintenance of graves for an annual fee. Please contact the Town Council for further details.

Cremated Remains

- Cremated remains in the Memorial Gardens are placed below the turf in urns. A standard size 18" x 18" tablet is permitted to be placed on the top of the memorial plot.
- Approval for the siting of a memorial tablet must be obtained from the Council
- Chippings and aggregate will not be allowed around the memorial tablet.
- The Council reserves the right to refuse unsuitable wording
- Cremated remains in the Garden of Rest or Garden of Remembrance are scattered under the turf and a brass plaque can be placed, if desired, around the ashes the area for ashes.
- Approval for the erection of brass plaque must be obtained from the Council
- The Council reserves the right to refuse unsuitable wording