

Tributes (Flowers, Wreaths, Ornaments)

The placing of ornaments etc. is against the Cemetery Rules and Regulations. Any items placed on a grave that could represent a health and safety risk will be removed.*

Wreaths, Remembrance Day poppies and traditional Christmas wreaths shall be removed after a period of not more than three months.

In the interest of health and safety, glass vases, jars or ornaments are not permitted on any grave.

A water supply is available for fresh flowers etc. near the entrance gates on the left. The water tank is filled on a regular basis and there plastic bottles available for your use.

A waste bin is provided for your faded tributes.

All ornaments, flowers and other tributes are placed at the owner's own risk.

*Any items removed from a grave will be stored in the Cemetery Store for collection. The Parish Council will dispose of any items not claimed within three months.

The Parish Council reserves the right to amend or make additions to these Rules and Regulations annually or when required.
Sherburn Cemetery Information Booklet – September 2017

SHERBURN CEMETERY

Sherburn Cemetery, situated in front of St. Mary the Virgin Church and Churchyard, Front Street, Sherburn Village is owned and run by Sherburn Village Parish Council and its Responsible Officer is the Clerk. The Cemetery, which has been in use since the 1950's, is open at all times.

The Cemetery consists of eight sections, a Children's Section and two Memorial Gardens for the interment of cremated remains.

All graves are single depth only and 'double' graves are side-by-side. Double depth plots in the Memorial Garden are permitted.

Residents living within the parish boundaries and former parishioners now living in residential care may be interred in Sherburn Cemetery on payment of the appropriate fee as set out in the Parish Council's scale of fees irrespective of religious denomination. Non-parishioners may be interred in the Cemetery but at twice the fee charged to residents.

Grave spaces may be purchased through your undertaker or by contacting the Clerk directly.

Provision is made for the erection of eight memorial seats within the Cemetery and relatives may purchase a seat in memory of a loved one. The seats are positioned on the footpath next to the boundary wall.

For further information or advice please contact the Clerk:

Mrs Jan Penn-Jones

Telephone Number: 07784480370

Set out overleaf is a brief outline of Sherburn Cemetery's Rules and Regulations.

Exclusive Rights of Burial

The purchase of an Exclusive Right of Burial for a grave space will be for a period of 99 years after which all rights shall revert to the Parish Council.

An Exclusive Right of Burial in purchased ground (reservation) may not be transferred to another person, without permission from the owner/next of kin, and prior notification being made to and permission being granted from the Clerk and/or the Parish Council.

Interment of Cremated Remains in an Existing Grave

The interment of cremated remains in an existing occupied grave will be permitted provided the ashes are contained in an appropriate urn or casket and approval has been sought from the occupant's family/next of kin and the Parish Council.

No more than four urns/caskets are permitted in a grave.

The scattering of ashes onto the top of, or into an existing grave, is not permitted.

Memorial Garden

The Memorial Garden is for the interment of cremated remains only. All interred ashes are to be contained in an appropriate urn or casket.

Memorials

Should you wish to erect a memorial please engage a reputable memorial mason/stonemason and that they comply with the Memorial Mason's fixing regulations and the regulations set out by the Parish Council. Failure to do so could result in the Parish Council refusing the erection of the memorial in its Cemetery.

The name(s) of masons complying with these conditions can be supplied on request from the Clerk.

No memorials may be erected or an inscription added without prior approval from the Parish Council.

Memorials erected in the Cemetery must not exceed 2'6" in width and 3' (or metric equivalent) in height and must be made of an acceptable material i.e. granite or stone. Vases placed on a grave must not exceed 18" in height.

Due to ground conditions, a period of at least six months following interment must have passed before a memorial can be erected. As a memorial remains the responsibility of the respective family, the Parish Council recommend that adequate insurance cover be obtained. Most masons are able to provide policies with at least five years cover.

No kerbstones or surrounds are permitted.

If, in the opinion of the Responsible Officer, any memorial provides a risk of injury or damage to any other person or property, then the Parish Council will take immediate action to eliminate that risk. Such actions may include (but are not limited to) removal, the laying down, supporting and sealing off the memorial area, and to include the erection of warning notices in the area. Such actions may be taken without the notification or approval of the deed holder.

Maintenance

It is the Parish Council's wish that the Cemetery is maintained to the highest standard as we feel that this may offer some comfort to bereaved families and friends not only now but in the future.

To this end the Parish Council employs a Cemetery Attendant on a part-time basis to ensure that the Cemetery is kept neat and tidy.