



Bury Parish Council

Memorial Safety Testing Information

- Nominated NAMM approved masons will carry out the safety tests at Bury Parish Cemetery on memorials every 5 years.
- Visual checks will be carried out by the Clerk and maintenance contractor when visiting the cemetery.
- Any memorial which fails the test for stability will be deemed unsafe, and a record will be kept of the date of inspection and of any action that is taken.
- Any memorial which is deemed unsafe will, temporarily, be made secure if required or laid down if necessary (as per Local Authorities Cemetery order 1977). A notice stating that the memorial is unsafe will be attached to the memorial. The reasons given will be completed and forwarded to the deed-holder of the grave at the last known address held on Parish Council record. The deed-holder of the grave will be advised that the memorial requires making safe in accordance with NAMM guidelines.
- If a Notification of Unsafe Memorial has not been received, it may be due to Parish Council records not holding current address details.
- No headstone or memorial will be removed from any cemetery.
- If a memorial is deemed to be unsafe, please contact the Parish Clerk. Parish.clerk@buryparishcouncil.co.uk Telephone 07849 107046.
- The Council will be able to provide information regarding reasons why the memorial is deemed to be unsafe and provide a list of NAMM approved monumental masons who will be able to assist with re-erecting a memorial safely.
- Deed-holders of graves or their next of kin, once a Transfer of Grave Ownership has been completed, are responsible for fixing the memorial back in place and in a safe condition, and are required to maintain this as such.

Under no circumstances should anyone try to re-erect a memorial, as this could be dangerous and may result in serious injury. Only approved monumental masons are permitted to carry out work on memorials in the Bury parish cemetery once necessary notification and permission has been received by the Clerk, as per the latest cemetery regulations.