



BURY PARISH COUNCIL

CEMETERY REGULATIONS

- INTERMENTS** Only residents, or previous residents of the Parish, including the spouse of the deceased may be interred in the Parish Cemetery. Non-residents of Bury village may not be buried in the cemetery, however, the Council may use discretion if the person has a strong connection to the village. In all such cases the fees shall be doubled. The final decision in these matters rest with the Parish Council.
- LAWN CEMETERY** The Cemetery is a lawn cemetery and the council will fill in/weed-kill grave areas without notice to anyone.
The planting of trees or shrubs on graves is not permitted.
No kerbs permitted to graves after 1968.
The grass lawn area must be kept clear at all times to allow Council staff to mow the grass.
When an interment takes place, the earth mound can be used for the temporary placement of flowers. After six months the mound will be removed, and the area returned to grass at which point flowers must be placed at the head of the grave **ONLY**.
- MEMORIALS** No memorials/vases to be placed until relevant fees paid and designs approved by the Council.
The Council reserves the right to remove unauthorised memorials, vases etc without notice.
The placing of glass items or lights to graves is not permitted.
A memorial safety inspection programme is carried out by the Council, should a memorial fail an inspection the holder of the Exclusive Rights of Burial will be contacted to rectify and make safe within a reasonable time. The council may take immediate action should it believe that the memorial carries an immediate risk to the public or its staff.
All costs incurred by the Council must be met by the memorial owner.
The primary responsibility of memorials lies with the memorial owner (or the holder of the Exclusive Rights of Burial) if the owners cannot be contacted the Parish Council reserves the right to make alterations where public safety is at risk.
- DIGNITY** The public must keep to the paved walks, unless visiting graves, and refrain from touching trees, shrubs and flowers, and to observe decorum always.
- PRIVATE VEHICLES** Are prohibited from the cemetery.
- BICYCLES** The use of bicycles, skateboards, roller-blades, roller-skates and scooters (excluding Motability scooters) is prohibited in the Cemetery.
- DOGS** In order to preserve dignity, dogs must be kept on a lead whilst in the Cemetery. Owners or persons for the time overseeing a dog who allow it to foul the Cemetery and do not clear away shall be liable to prosecution.
- CHILDREN** Must be accompanied by a responsible adult.
- RUBBISH** It is the owner/family responsibility to clear grave rubbish from the cemetery.
- BEHAVIOUR** The Council reserves the right to eject or have ejected from the Cemetery any person who acts in a manner which is deemed by the Council to constitute inappropriate behaviour.
- FEES** The table of fees is included in this document or can be obtained from the Parish Clerk.



BURIAL/INTERMENT CHARGES

Exclusive Right of Burial

In an earthen grave for a term not exceeding 50 years, 9 feet x 4 feet double/triple depth.	£430.00
Cremated remains in the Garden of Rest for a term not exceeding 50 years	£210.00
Transfer of Exclusive Rights of Burial	£50.00

Internments

Of the body of a still born child, or of a child whose age at the time of death did not exceed one month	£nil
Of the body of a child whose age at the time of death exceeded one month but did not exceed 18 years	*£nil
Of the body of a person whose age at the time of death exceeded 18 years.	£175.00
Garden of Rest	£125.00

*As of November 2019 the Prime Minister announced a new Funeral Fund for grieving parents who have lost their child. Under the scheme parents may no longer have to meet the costs of burials or cremations. Fees will be waived by all local authorities and met instead by Government funding.

MONUMENTS, HEADSTONES, TABLETS & MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS

Permission to erect or replace a headstone.

A headstone on an earthen grave not exceeding 3 ft high x 2ft wide	£150.00
A stone incorporating a vase not exceeding 18 inches in height or a flat slab not exceeding 12 inches x 16 inches	£40.00
Garden of Rest restricted design (to fit an 8" cube)	£40.00
Additional inscription to an existing memorial	£40.00

MEMORIALS

- Memorials** - Should be no more than 3ft high and 2ft wide and comply with and fixed in accordance with N.A.M.M. rules.
- Materials** - Colour and stone/marble to be approved by the Parish Council, but no reasonable request will be refused.
- Inscription** - To be on the vertical face and to be approved by the Parish Council.
- Vase** - To be of standard design and set into stone/marble to be purchaser's choice.
- Curbs** - Not permitted.

MEMORIAL STONE FOR GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

- Memorials** - Should be no more than 8" cube. An inset flower vase in optional. The base slab should be 10 inches by 10 inches set with top flush to grass.
- Materials** - Colour and stone/marble to be approved by the Parish Council no reasonable request will be refused
- Inscription** - To be on the vertical face of the stone and inscription to be approved by the Parish Council.
- Vase** - To be of standard design and set into stone/marble base, material to be purchaser's choice.

Notes:



1. All fees and charges to be paid in full to the Clerk in advance. Fees and charges relating to the Cemetery are decided by the Parish Council and reviewed regularly.
2. Notice of internment of at least 4 working days is to be given to the Clerk of the Parish Council with the required registration form and Registrars Certificate (exclusive of Saturday and Sunday). No internments shall take place on weekends or public holidays, Good Friday or Christmas Day.
3. The reservation of a grave space, the exercise of right of burial or the erection of a memorial does not confer upon the relatives of the deceased, or any upon any person, any right of ownership of the land in which the burial is (or is to be) made.

The Exclusive Right of Burial can be purchased by a current resident in advance or at arrangement of the funeral. Existing grave ownership must be confirmed as either being the deceased or a living person named on the deed. If this is not the case the ownership must be transferred prior to the interment.

You also need to transfer ownership to a living owner in order to erect a new memorial or carry out any additional works on the grave.

4. Graves may only be excavated by trained personnel and no grave shall be dug in any way prepared by any person unless appointed by the Parish Council to do so. No grave digging service is provided.
5. No other excavation in the cemetery for any reason is permitted.
6. All headstones, memorial plaques and inscriptions are to be subject to approval by the Parish Council. A drawing showing the form, dimensions and plaques, and a copy of an intended inscription must be submitted to the Parish Clerk for consideration together with the appropriate fee. Once approval has been given no further appendages, i.e. photographs etc may be placed thereon. Should any further inscription be required on the headstone or memorial plaque a further application must be submitted to the Parish Clerk.
Headstones must be placed at the head of the grave with the rear face in line with others. Only headstones and accompanying flower vases that have the prior approval of the Parish Council will be permitted on grave spaces. Every memorial installation must conform to the code of practice of NAMM and to BS8415.
No curb stones or fences are permitted around grave plots.
8. Headstones may only be erected or positioned a minimum of 12 months following burial internment. A memorial plaque may be erected 3 months following an internment. The Clerk must be contacted in advance of any installation to confirm available date.

Under no circumstances should anyone try to re-erect a memorial, as this could be dangerous and 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 these regulations.

The Council reserves the right to remove any objects introduced to the cemetery in contravention of these regulations which permission has not been obtained or which cause difficulty for cemetery maintenance.

The parish council reserve the right to vary these rules at their discretion.

Parochial church rules apply to the garden of rest located in the closed churchyard.

It is possible that some infringements of the rules and regulations may not be brought to the attention of the Council for some length of time. However, this does not make these legitimate and items may be removed irrespective of the length of time that has passed.

Nor can the fact that these items having been left for some length of time be used as a demonstration of precedent to argue for similar concessions.

For any further details please contact the Bury Parish Clerk:

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