

# HEATHFIELD AND WALDRON PARISH COUNCIL

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BURIAL AUTHORITY FOR THE PARISH OF HEATHFIELD AND WALDRON UNDER THE BURIAL ACTS

## THEOBALDS GREEN BURIAL GROUND RULES AND REGULATIONS ASHES PLOTS

### 1. EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS

- a. A grave will be regarded as a common grave unless an Exclusive Right of Burial fee is paid.
- b. Memorials may not be erected on common graves.
- c. An Exclusive Right of Burial is granted for a period not exceeding 75 years.
- d. The Exclusive Right of Burial may be extended by the Burial Authority at its discretion. For every interment after the first in such graves a further period not exceeding 14 years may be authorised by the Burial Authority after the date of such interment.

### 2. RESERVATIONS

Ashes plots in the Theobalds Green Main Burial Ground may be reserved by parishioners and non-parishioners. The reservation fee does not include the Grant of Exclusive Right.

### 3. INTERMENTS

Interments are in earthen plots not exceeding 1 metre x ½ metre. The area between plots to remain the property of the Burial Authority,

### 4. MEMORIALS

Memorials may be erected where an Exclusive Right of Burial has been granted.

HEADSTONES are the only type of memorials permitted in this area. Nebresina, Yorkstone, Purbeck Portland stone and Black slate. The headstones should be fitted into the ground (no bases allowed) not exceeding 15” wide x 3” deep and not exceeding 24” in height above ground with inscription thereon. Lettering should be cut, **black or grey not gilded or leaded. Any form of engraved decoration (uncoloured) to be approved by the Burial Authority.**

Additional inscriptions are permitted for an additional fee. Any inscription referring to a person buried elsewhere should state the place of burial of that person.

No memorials may be erected within **3 months** of interment - including a subsequent interment. The Burial Authority reserves the right to alter this period should the need arise. Memorials should be erected and fixed within the guidelines laid down by the Burial Authority. The time and date for fitting of memorials must be arranged with the Burial Authority in order that the position for fitting may be marked AND IT RESERVES THE RIGHT to remove any memorials not complying with the above rules and to recall stonemasons should there be any problems with memorials. Any resultant costs will be recharged to the Owner. It should also be noted that the Parish Council are not responsible for any damage resulting from the removal of headstones.

## **PLEASE NOTE**

ONLY ONE VASE PER GRAVE FITTED DIRECTLY INTO AND FLUSH WITH THE GROUND (OBTAINABLE FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL, for which the appropriate fee has been paid) WILL BE PERMITTED IN THE ASHES SECTION OF THE MAIN BURIAL GROUND – Any other containers will be removed

**ANY BROKEN OR DAMAGED VASES WILL BE REMOVED OR DISPOSED OF AS A SAFETY MEASURE – REPLACEMENTS TO BE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PARISH COUNCIL.**

### **5. GENERAL NOTES**

1. PHOTOGRAPHS, PORCELAIN PORTRAITS, KERBSTONES, GRAVEL, FENCING – are not permitted by the Burial Authority in any part of the Burial Ground.
2. FLOWERS – are welcome but must be placed in vases as set out in the Rules relating to Memorials. ALL OTHER CONTAINERS WILL BE REMOVED. BULBS may be planted in the soil within the confines of a grave. ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS, SHRUBS AND BUSHES **ARE NOT ALLOWED** and the Burial Authority reserves the right to remove these.
3. DEAD FLOWERS - These should be placed in the refuse container situated in the Main Burial Ground
4. WOODEN CROSSES / GRAVE MARKERS other than those erected by the Burial Authority are only permitted in the burial ground for a period of 12 months and will be removed after this time.

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