

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

EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS OF BURIAL IN EARTHEN GRAVE

- a. A grave will be regarded as a common grave unless an Exclusive Right of Burial fee is paid.
- b. All common graves are double depth and memorials may not be erected thereon.
- 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.
- e. **All graves must be dug to a minimum depth of 6ft 6in.**

RESERVATIONS

A grave space in Theobalds Green Burial Ground may be reserved. The Burial Ground is open to Parishioners and Non Parishioners. The reservation fee charged does not include the Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial.

INTERMENTS

Interments are in grave spaces not exceeding 8' x 4'.

ASHES

Ashes may be strewn in the Burial Ground in the allocated area with prior permission from the Burial Authority.

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 **6 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 AND IT RESERVES THE RIGHT to recall stonemasons should there be any problems with memorials, any resultant costs being 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

MEMORIAL VASES ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL (for which the appropriate fee has been paid) WILL BE PERMITTED IN THE BURIAL GROUND – Any other flower containers must be completely sunk in the ground close to the headstone.

THERE IS NO FACILITY FOR MEMORIALS RELATING TO STREWN ASHES

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 or plant containers 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 . The Burial Authority reserves the right to remove any dead flowers it considers necessary to keep the Burial Ground in a tidy state.
- 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.
5. MAINTENANCE OF GRAVES - Any grave which is not maintained for a period of six months will be grassed over and all debris removed.
6. CULTIVATION - The area of cultivation must not exceed 6' 0" x 2' 6" and any cultivated grave which is left untended for a period of six months will be grassed over and all debris removed.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE REGULATIONS MAY MEAN ACTION BEING TAKEN TO REMOVE ANYTHING CONSIDERED INAPPROPRIATE.

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