

HURSLEY CEMETERY

REGULATIONS AND FEES

Hursley Cemetery is owned and administered by Hursley Parish Council and eligibility is outlined in 1 below, irrespective of religious denomination.

Right of Interment.

Parishioners whose names appear or are eligible to appear in the Register of Electors for Hursley, and any children residing in the parish, may be interred in the Cemetery on payment of the appropriate fee as set out in the scale of charges. Non-parishioners with a Hursley connection may be interred in the Cemetery at the discretion of the Parish Council.

Notice of Interment

- a) At least 48 hours notice of every intended interment must be given to the Clerk to the Parish Council.
- b) Except in special circumstances, no notice will be received on Saturdays, Sundays or Public Holidays. Such days must be excluded from the period of 48 hours notice. An exception will be made on production of a medical certificate stating that an early interment is necessary.
- c) Upon receipt of a notice of interment the Parish Council shall confirm the details.
- d) All fees in connection with an interment must be paid to the Clerk to the Parish Council at the time that the notice of interment is given.

Certificates

- e) A Disposal Certificate of the Registrar of Deaths, or, where appropriate, of the Coroner, must be delivered to the Clerk to the Parish Council with the Notice of Interment.
- f) In the case of a stillborn child, the appropriate certificate under the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953 must be produced.

Place of Interments

- g) All graves will be allocated by the Clerk to the Parish Council acting for the Parish Council.
- h) The digging and mounding of graves will be the responsibility of the Funeral

Director but the work must be carried out to the reasonable satisfaction of the Parish Council.

- i) Likewise, excavations to receive cremation caskets will be the responsibility of the Funeral Director or person arranging the burial and must be carried out to the reasonable satisfaction of the Parish Council.

Depth of Graves

- j) A body shall not be interred in a grave in such a manner that any part of the coffin is at a depth less than three feet below the level of the surface of the ground of the grave space, nor shall the cremated remains of a body be interred in a grave in such a manner that any part of the casket is at a depth of less than one foot below the level of the ground of the grave space.
- k) Not more than two interments shall take place in one grave space.
- l) The minimum depth of a grave shall be four feet six inches for one interment, six feet six inches for two interments.

N.B. It should be noted that the above mentioned depths are liable to be checked after digging and if found to be insufficient the interment will not be allowed to take place. This may particularly affect second burials if it is found that the original grave was not dug to a sufficient depth. In such cases a fresh grave will be allocated.

Coffins

No body will be allowed to be buried in any grave unless it is placed in a properly constructed coffin.

Hours of Interment

- m) The hours of interments in the Cemetery will be from 9.30 am to 4.30 pm and no interments will be allowed on Sundays and Public Holidays, unless there are special reasons acceptable to the Parish Council.
- n) Not more than one funeral will be allowed to take place at any one time.

Covering of Graves

Whenever an interment has taken place the surface of the grave will be levelled and covered with turf by the Parish Council as soon as reasonably possible after natural subsidence of the earth has taken place (normally 12-18 months). No mounds will be allowed on any grave. After levelling has taken place no vases, containers or any other memorial will be permitted in anything other than the normal headstone position.

Re-Opening of Graves

- o) A body shall not be interred in a grave in which an interment has already taken place unless the coffin containing that body is effectually separated from any other coffin previously placed and remaining in the ground, by means of a layer of earth not less than six inches in depth.
- p) Where any grave in which an interment has already taken place is re-opened for the purpose of making a second interment, there shall be no disturbance of human remains already interred therein.

Flowers

- q) No flowers or shrubs may be planted in any grave space.
- r) No wreaths shall remain on a grave for more than two weeks, after which they may be removed on the authorisation of the Parish Council.
- s) After levelling has taken place no vases, containers or any other memorial will be permitted on any grave space unless mounted on or integral to the vase base of the headstone. If no headstone incorporating a vase is erected, one flower vase will be allowed above ground level in the normal headstone position. The Parish Council reserves the right to remove flowers or flower containers which are unsuitable (glass jars etc.), or which are incorrectly positioned as described above.
- t) The Parish Council regrets that no responsibility can be accepted for the removal of or damage to flowers or vases, especially during the grass cutting season.
- u) Artificial flowers, Remembrance Day poppies and traditional Christmas wreaths must be removed after a period of not more than two months.

Erection of Headstones, Crosses and Plaques

- v) A minimum period of six months should elapse between the burial of any person to be commemorated and the erection of a memorial.
- w) A memorial in the form of a headstone or a cross or a stone vase, may be placed at the head only of any grave. Where a flower vase is an integral part of a headstone this will be permitted, but no additional memorials or flower containers will be allowed on any grave space or cremation plot.
- x) The consent of the Parish Council, acting through the Clerk to the Parish Council, shall be obtained before any memorial is erected or any inscription is placed on a proposed or existing memorial. Application must be made on a form, which can be obtained from the Parish Clerk. Such consent will be given only if the proposed memorial or inscription complies with the requirements of this regulation. The Parish Council will not be responsible for the cost of removal of any memorial which is unauthorised or incorrectly fixed. Payment of the appropriate fees as set out in the Scale of Charges must be made in advance.
- y) No memorial shall exceed three feet four inches in height, measured from ground level, nor shall it be more than two feet wide. It shall have a thickness of not less

than three inches or more than six inches, except in the case of slate, which may be thinner, but not less than one and a half inches in thickness. An exception may be made in the case of the proposed erection of a stone cross, which may vary in thickness while conforming to overall dimensions as stated, a detailed application to be made to the Clerk to the Parish Council. Any vase base to be no more than 26 inches wide, 4 inches high and 15 inches front to back.

- z) Every memorial shall be fixed firmly in undisturbed ground on an approved foundation which shall be wholly below ground level. Details of the foundation and fixing shall be provided at the time of seeking consent.
- aa) Memorials must be of natural stone but not bath, caen or other soft stone, black (ebony) blue or red granite, or Carrara white or similar white marble. Memorials in granite may have a polished finish to the face and surface of any vase-base.
- bb) No memorial shall be removed from the Cemetery except with the consent of the Parish Council, acting through the Clerk to the Parish Council.
- cc) Inscriptions should be reverent and incised or in relief and may be painted in accordance with the Appendix hereto. Other colours or methods of inscription may be allowed exceptionally at the sole discretion of the Parish Council. Additions to inscriptions may be made at a later date following a subsequent interment in the same grave but the lettering, wording and layout must be consistent with the original.
- dd) The Parish Council can accept no responsibility for damage to memorials
- ee) Kerbs or stones must not be placed around the grave or memorial.
- ff) A plaque or memorial in the Cremation Casket area shall not exceed 15" by 15" overall and the regulations concerning material and inscriptions shall apply as above.
- gg) No picture or photograph shall be incorporated in any memorial.

Conveyance and Removal of Materials etc.

At no expense to the Parish Council all equipment, materials and any surplus soil shall be removed from the Cemetery immediately on completion of the erection of a memorial and at the end of the day while the work remains unfinished. Care must be taken to avoid cutting up or injuring paths or grassed areas in the Cemetery. All work in connection with memorials and any necessary reinstatement arising therefrom shall be done to the satisfaction of the Parish Council.

Removal of Rubbish and Surplus Material

Every person engaged in any work or labour in or upon any grave or memorial in the Cemetery shall, immediately upon completion thereof, clear up and remove from the

Cemetery any rubbish or surplus materials, including soil, remaining after completion. If any person, after receiving one days notice from the Parish Council, neglects or fails to comply with this requirement, the rubbish or surplus materials will be removed by the Parish Council and any person who so neglects or fails shall, on demand, pay the Parish Council the costs incurred of the removal.

Children and Dogs

Children under the age of twelve years shall not enter or be taken into the Cemetery except under the charge of a responsible person. Dogs will not be permitted within the curtilage of the Cemetery.

Memorial Plantings

The Parish Council reserves the right to remove diseased trees or plants donated as a memorial.

Visiting Time

During daylight hours.

Revision of Regulations

- hh) A review of regulations and charges shall be made annually or as deemed necessary.
- ii) These regulations supersede all previously issued regulations.

HURSLEY PARISH COUNCIL BURIAL FEES 2026

<u>Residents of Hursley or with family connection</u>	
Burial of Body in Grave	£462
Double depth	£550
Triple depth	£660
(To include cost of levelling and turfing)	
Sundries – returfing after first year	£145
Burial of Cremated Remains	£176

<u>Fees for Memorials</u>	
Small cross of wood.	£50
Small vase not exceeding 12" x 8" x 8".	£82.50
Tablet, erected horizontally (vertical not permitted)	£82.50
not exceeding 15" x 15" commemorating	
Replacement headstone	£150
Additional Inscription	£145
Any other monument inc plaque	£150
Search of Register of Burials	£45

Burial fees reviewed 2026

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APPENDIX

PAINTED INSCRIPTIONS

(With acknowledgements to the Diocese of Winchester: Directions concerning churchyards)

The prime intention of painting onto cut lettering should be to make the inscription adequately legible when there is otherwise little or no contrast between the incised stone and its general surface.

The sympathetic use of a colour other than black or white may also enhance the appearance of the memorial.

The painting must not be vivid. It is for this reason that gold lettering is not permitted

It is also to be taken into account that some stone surfaces when damp can change their general tone to that of the inscription and hence have illegible letters whilst possibly remaining sufficiently contrasting in dry conditions. Colouring is thus helpful here.

A subtle approach to the design is required with the colouring that blends and also has a different tone, but is not a harsh contrast to the colour of the memorial material

Black and white frequently give too harsh a contrast. This is usually so when used with a gloss finish.

It is recommended that an inscription would be acceptable if painted in the following colours and stone combinations:

SILVER	particularly with granites and slates
Different shades of GREY (made up in accordance with above_design_lines)	with most stones
Medium to dark GREEN eg: British Racing Green, Olive, Khaki)	with most stones and green slates but not granites and blue slates)
Dark (Chocolate) BROWN	with most stones but not granites and Slates
BLUE (eg: Wedgwood, Grey Blue, Navy Blue)	with most stones but not green slate
A strong RED	with many stones but not sandstone or some granites

The desired effect with this painting should be to give the appearance of a matt finish. It is accepted, however, that it is customary to use gloss paints with these colours. These do tend generally to dull down unlike gloss black and white which normally retain their severe brightness.