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TADLEY CEMETERY

Regulations

- Visitors to the Cemetery are asked to behave in a quiet orderly manner so as to preserve the peaceful atmosphere created in the Cemetery
- No games or sports to be played in the Cemetery or car parks
- No bikes, skateboards or motor bikes to be ridden in the Cemetery or car parks
- No trees, shrubs or planting of any kind are allowed
- Visitors to the Cemetery shall not pick, cut, fell or remove from the Cemetery any flower, tree or shrub, nor sit on any memorial, monument, headstone or structure other than a seat provided for the purpose
- Litter and withered flowers should be placed in the litter bins
- Dogs (**except Assistance Dogs e.g. Guide Dogs**) are not allowed in the Cemetery under any circumstances

Visitors should be aware there is wild animal activity in this area, causing disturbance to the ground and to floral tributes

Headstones

Headstones and wooden crosses can be erected on the grave only with the written authority of the Town Council no other type of memorial is permitted. Application forms are available from the Town Council Offices and [website](#) and need to be signed by the leaseholder, (holder of the Exclusive Rights Certificate).

The overall height of headstones must not exceed 2 feet 6 inches (760mm), standing on a base not exceeding 2 feet 6 inches (760mm) wide by 1 foot 6 inches (460mm). The single sub-base/foundation must be underground and must not exceed 3 feet (900mm) wide by 1 foot 6 inches (460mm) deep by 3 inches (76mm) high.

The headstone must be erected within the border of the plot at the head of the grave by a stonemason or funeral director to an approved standard (single anchor fitting). Erection of headstones must not take place until 6 months after interment, to allow settlement of the ground. The headstone/cremation tablet may incorporate a small portrait of the deceased measuring no more than 15cms square/diameter.

Cremation tablets must not exceed 15 inches (380mm) square by 4 inches (100mm) in depth. Cremation tablets may be erected one calendar month after interment.

Wooden crosses, as approved by the Town Council, may be erected to mark the grave pending the erection of a permanent headstone.

Tributes

The only items permitted on graves are floral tributes, to be placed in a receptacle incorporated within the headstone/cremation tablet only.

This is for Health and Safety reasons and to enable maintenance of the cemetery to a set standard. Such items must not exceed the height/width of the headstone. Care of wreaths and flowers is the responsibility of relatives. Any dead floral tributes or unsuitable containers will be removed by the Town Council. The Town Council regrets that no responsibility can be accepted for the removal of or damage to flowers or containers during the grass-cutting season.

The following are **not permitted**:

- Brick lined graves.
- Elevation/mounding of the surface of a grave (except the initial mounding by the gravedigger to allow for settlement)
- Wire fencing, railings, kerb or edging stones around or on top of the graves.
- The erection of any memorial, planting or placing of any item of any description against the wishes of the leaseholder.

*Prior to the erection of a headstone, floral tributes may be placed on the grave providing they are in small unbreakable containers measuring no more than 30cm high and 15cm wide. The Cemetery is inspected on a regular basis. If any prohibited items are found on graves, the leaseholder will be sent a letter, reminding them of the Cemetery Regulations and advising that if the items are not removed by the leaseholder, they will be removed by the Council and retained for a period of 2 weeks. These items may then be collected from the Council **by appointment**. Thereafter prohibited items will be removed without further notice.*

Maintenance of the Cemetery

The overall responsibility for the maintenance of the Cemetery rests with the Town Council. The Cemetery is a lawned cemetery and will be cut at regular intervals during the growing season.

Rights Reserved by the Town Council

The Town Council reserves the right to close the Cemetery to the public at any time.

The Town Council reserves the right to reverse, reaffix, move, line up or place in such positions as may be required, any headstone/cremation tablet in the Cemetery.

The Town Council reserves the right, in the interests of public safety, without the notice of the leaseholder, to lay down, remove or repair, any headstone which is deemed by the Council to be unsafe. In such cases, a notice will be placed by the headstone and the leaseholder will be informed immediately.

The Town Council reserves the right to pass over and temporarily cover any grave for the purpose of performing any work in connection with interments or the maintenance of graves.

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

The Council reserves the right to alter or add to these regulations.

The Clerk to the Town Council will be pleased to render whatever help or advice is needed and can be contacted on the number, address and email above.