



Burytown Lane Cemetery – West Wing

1. The Cemetery shall be open for interments Monday to Friday 9am - 4pm. (Winter closing 3pm), Saturday & Sunday 10am – 3pm (Winter 2pm) No interments on Public Holidays.
2. Seven clear days' notice must be given to the Parish Clerk for an interment in an earthen grave or an Ashes plot.
3. The person to be interred must have been resident in the Parish of Blunsdon at the time of death. The Parish Council will consider other interments where a strong family or other connection to Blunsdon can be demonstrated. Details, by email, should be submitted to the Parish Clerk.
4. Notice of interment will be accepted by telephone but must be confirmed on the correct form. All fees and charges for interments must be paid to Blunsdon Parish Council prior to the funeral.
5. A grave space may be purchased or reserved; the Parish Clerk will allocate a plot. Ashes plots may not be reserved. A grant of exclusive right of burial in a purchased grave for a period of one hundred years will be issued to the purchaser and such person will be registered in the records of the Cemetery as the owner of the right in that grave space.
6. A certificate of disposal issued by a Registrar or Deputy Registrar of Births and Deaths or a Coroners Order for burial shall be sent to the Parish Clerk with the interment form. A certificate issued by the appropriate cremation authority will be required for the disposal of cremated remains.
7. The person making funeral arrangements shall notify the Parish Clerk in all cases where the deceased suffered from an infectious disease or was exposed to radiation. If, in the interest of public health, the Parish Clerk so decides and directs, a body shall be taken direct to the grave.
8. The conduct of any funeral in the Cemetery shall be subject to the control of the Parish Clerk, the sites of all graves will be determined by the Parish Clerk.
9. The person arranging a burial shall be responsible for the attendance of a minister, if required, to officiate at the burial service.

10. Only coffins, caskets or urns will be allowed in graves or cremation plot. Coffins shall be used in all graves and must bear a name plate establishing the identity of the body contained therein. Scattering of ashes or pouring to earth is not permitted.

11. In no case shall human remains be removed except by the Exhumation Order from the Department of the Environment or appropriate Statutory Authority.

12. No grave or grave space shall be raised above the level of the ground immediately adjoining the grave or grave space.

13. Planting of a grave space or ashes plot is not permitted. The Council reserves the right to cut back or remove any tree, plant or shrub or other form of decoration planted in or placed on any grave space.

14. The Council reserves the right to remove any unsightly plants and ornaments be they artificial or not. All dead flowers and wreaths, garden refuse and litter must be conveyed to the nearest waste disposal bin. Wreathes and any other Christmas decorations will be removed by the Groundsman from graves after one month has elapsed from Christmas Day.

15. It is not permitted to leave food/drink items of any description on any grave space or ashes plot.

16. The maintenance of the grave area as a lawn-cemetery includes the use of mechanical mowers and other apparatus or treatment over the grass of the grave areas. Except for a soil border at the memorial end of the grave for planting and /or the erection of a memorial, the remainder of the grave space will be turfed flat and will be maintained by mechanical apparatus or otherwise and flowers and shrubs may be planted in the soil border at the memorial end of the grave space.

17. Grave spaces and ashes plots may be edged but must lay flat and level with the turfed plot to allow maintenance as above.

18. No memorial shall be erected or placed on a grave until the owner of the grave space has been granted permission to do so.

19. All memorials must be fitted by a BRAMM approved fitter and fitted to BS8415 Standards and comply to the NAMM Code of Working Practice. These should be under 5ft in the case of a grave space and under 2ft for an ashes plot. The preferred style for Ashes memorial is a book/tablet.

20. Memorials, vases, and bases associated with them must be natural quarried material and all dowels shall be of copper or galvanised iron. Memorials may not be of wood, metal, concrete, or synthetic material and shall not be painted.

21. Twenty-four hours prior notice must be given to the Parish Clerk before fixing a memorial.

22. Applications for permission to place photographs on headstones must be made to the Parish Clerk together with a copy of the intended photograph. Two photographs only are allowed on a headstone.

23. Monumental masons must remove all surplus earth, refuse and materials after fixing a memorial leaving everything in a clean and tidy condition.

24. All memorials shall be kept in repair by the owner, the Council reserves the rights to remove any such memorials which have become dilapidated or are considered dangerous at the expense of the owner.

25. Where it is necessary to remove a headstone or memorial on a purchased grave where such a grave is to be re-opened, arrangements shall be made with a monumental mason who shall remove it from the Cemetery. The owner of the grave will be liable for the expense incurred and will also be responsible for the replacement of the memorial at his/her own expense.

26. The Parish Council will exercise proper care during maintenance operations but will not accept responsibility for any damage which these operations may cause.

27. All vehicles and bicycles must be left near the entrance gates and whilst so left will be at the owners' risk. Visitors must keep to the drives and paths provided when visiting a grave and must refrain from touching shrubs, plants and flowers.

28. All dogs must always remain on a lead while within the Cemetery. Owners are responsible for picking up and disposing of any dog waste.

29. All persons entering the cemetery do so at their own risk and the Council will not accept any liability for any injuries or damage sustained by any person whatsoever. All persons visiting a cemetery must conduct themselves in a quiet and orderly manner and no inebriated person will be allowed within a Cemetery. The playing of radios or other means of playing recorded sound is not permitted.

30. A register of burials shall be kept by the Parish Clerk, searches may be made, and certified extracts obtained, a charge may be made for the search.

31. Any Rules and Regulations previously in force in respect of the cemetery are hereby superseded. The Council may from time to time make alterations in the foregoing Rules and Regulations and any Right of interment in a grave will be subject to these Rules and Regulations and any others that may be made by the Council or any other Authority and subject also to any present or future statutory Regulations.

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