

# WHITCHURCH VILLAGE COUNCIL

## RULES & REGULATIONS AT WHITCHURCH CEMETERY LAWN SECTION AND CREMATION SECTION

The purchase of an Exclusive Right of Burial (50 years) for a grave space at Whitchurch Cemetery shall be conditional upon the acceptance by the purchaser and his successors in title of the rules and regulations in force. These regulations relate to the management of the Cemetery and may be subject to change. It is the responsibility of the purchaser to inform the Village Council of a change of address.

The Village Council are responsible for arranging the maintenance at the Cemetery and can make any changes, as it seems fit, in order to maintain and improve the appearance of the cemetery.

### LAWN SECTION CONDITIONS:

**With the exception of a 39ins (99 cm) wide x 30ins (76 cm) depth soil border at the head of the grave for the erection of a memorial, no receptacles, flowers or plants are to be placed down the length of the grave as this area will be seeded/turfed as lawn. No glass, china or pottery vases are allowed as they crack and break in high winds/frosts and have caused serious injuries.**

A period of 6 months is to elapse before monuments are placed on the lawn section.

Wooden cross are permitted for a temporary period of 1 year after which time they will be removed.

Memorials on graves require permission from the Village Council and must conform to the following specifications and be erected to the standard of the **NAAM Code of Practice.**

### SPECIFICATIONS:

All memorials shall consist of a headstone with base. This should be set on a reinforced concrete slab which should not protrude above ground level and should be of the following measurements:

#### Headstone:

Overall height (including base) 39ins (99cm)

Width (including base) 30ins (76 cm)

The headstone shall be securely fixed to the centre of the base allowing at least a 1 in (2.5 cm) clearance all around.

#### Base:

Height 4ins (10cm)

Depth 12ins (30 cm)

Width 30ins (76 cm)

**On a pre-cast concrete foundation set at ground level :**

Width	42ins	(107cm)
Depth	18ins	(46 cm)
Thickness no less than	3 ins	(7.5 cm)

The setting out of memorials to be erected on graves in the Lawn Section will be by single rows and the line-up shall be by the rear face of existing headstones in that line.

The grave number must be engraved on the back of all memorials together with the name of the monumental mason.

Please note that when new graves or re-openings take place, there may be soil placed on adjacent graves as a temporary measure which will be cleared as soon as possible by the grave digger.

**CREMATION SECTION CONDITIONS:**

The concrete base slab will be provided by the Council and will be in place for the memorial plaque to be set on. Memorials on graves in the cremation section require permission from the Village Council

Cremation Plaque to be set on above mentioned slab.

**Old Cremation Section- Monumental Plaque**

Width	18ins	(46cm)
Length	23ins	(58cm)
Thickness	2 ins	(5cm)

**New Cremation Section-Desk Vase Tablet**

Width	18ins	(46cm)
Length	18ins	(46cm)
Thickness	4ins-2ins	with a 6in flat band with option for one flower hole

One hole for flower vase to be centrally placed 1 ½ ins (3cms) from the front edge of the cremation plaque if required.

**No flowers other than those in the memorial vase and no additional planting is allowed. No glass, china or pottery containers are allowed as they crack and break in high winds/frosts and have caused serious injuries.**

### **Other conditions**

All permitted memorials, plaques and desk tables shall be kept in repair and good conditions by the owner.

Should the size or placing of the memorial differ to the details given, the Village Council reserves the right to ask for them to be corrected or removed.

Any dogs visiting the cemetery must be kept on leads at all times.

The burial of animal remains is not permitted at Whitchurch Cemetery.

No business activities are allowed at Whitchurch Cemetery. Filming, live streaming and taking of photographs is not permitted without obtaining prior permission from Whitchurch Village Council.

### **DISCLAIMER**

The Village Council disclaim any responsibility for items placed on graves or cremation plaques or theft/damage to memorials. The Council recommend that all grave owners arrange their own Memorial Insurance.

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**THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS TO BE RETAINED BY THE PURCHASER**