



# Corfe Mullen Town Council

## Cemetery Charges and Regulations with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024

*If you require any clarification regarding these charges or regulations, please contact  
the Town Council office*

<b>Charges</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Exclusive right of burial in earthen grave</b>		<b>Residents</b>
Full burial grave 2m x 1m	847.00	217.00
Cremated remains grave 1 m x 1m	467.00	122.00
<b>Interment in a grave in respect of which exclusive rights of burial has been granted</b>		
Body of a still-born child, or of a child whose age at the time of death did not exceed one month	No charge	No charge
Body of a child whose age at the time of death exceeded one month but did not exceed 12 years	127.00	37.00
Body of a person whose age at the time of death exceeded 12 years	527.00	137.00
Non-viable foetus	No charge	No charge
Cremated remains	319.00	84.00
Scattering ashes in cemetery (permission required)	No charge	No charge
<b>Memorials, monuments, gravestones, tablets &amp; inscriptions</b>		
For the right to erect or place on a grave in respect of which exclusive rights of burial has been granted:		
A headstone	407.00	107.00
A kerb or border stone (old cemetery only)	407.00	107.00
A vase	107.00	32.00
Each additional inscription on any of above	179.00	50.00

**These charges should be read in conjunction with the regulations overleaf.**

Corfe Mullen residents are entitled to a 75% discount on the above fees. Where a Corfe Mullen resident has moved elsewhere into residential care, the resident charge shall apply.

*All relevant forms available on our website: [www.corfemullen-tc.gov.uk](http://www.corfemullen-tc.gov.uk)*

**NB: All Charges are applied according to the residency of the deceased or, in the case of pre-purchase of burial rights, the residency of the person for whom the grave is intended to be used.**

<b>Other Charges</b>	<b>£</b>
Grave/Burial Search	7.00
Renewal of burial right*	47.00
Transfer of burial right*	92.00

***\*The same charge applies to both residents and non-residents.***

***Should a burial right renewal involve a transfer of burial rights both charges will apply.***

## **Regulations**

### **Exclusive Right of Burial in an Earthen Grave**

1. A right of burial may be purchased in advance or at the time of the first interment.
2. A right of burial will be granted for the period of 50 years (renewable upon application to the Council).
3. A plot for full burial is 2 m x 1m for up to 2 burials and 6 interments of ashes
4. A plot for cremated remains burial is 1m x 1m for up to 4 interments of ashes
5. Cremated ashes casket size up to an approx. maximum (l) 310 mm, (w) 200 mm, (h) 150mm.

### **Interment in a grave in respect of which exclusive rights of burial has been granted**

1. An interment may only take place upon application by the grave right holder or, if deceased, by their executor or next of kin.
2. There must be a transfer of the right if the grave right holder is deceased. This can be done after the interment: please contact the Council for assistance.
3. Notice of an interment must be made by application on the relevant form which must be submitted at least TWO days prior to the proposed interment.
4. The green Certificate for Burial or the pink Certificate of Cremation must be enclosed with the burial application form if available: if unavailable the certificate must be forwarded at the earliest opportunity and in any event PRIOR to the interment taking place.
5. The date of the proposed interment must be booked with the Council before any arrangements are made with officiant, funeral director etc.
6. The digging of graves must be pre-booked with the Council who will identify the grave and mark it.
7. Full burial graves must be dug to a depth of 7ft.

## Memorials, monuments, kerb or border stones, tablets & inscriptions

1. All memorials, monuments, kerb or border stones, tablets and inscriptions must be approved in advance by the Council.
2. Application must be made by the grave right holder or, if deceased, by their executor or next of kin.
3. There must be a transfer of the right if the grave right holder is deceased before any memorial is approved: please contact the Council for assistance.
4. The design of any memorial must be approved by the Council, whose decision is final.
5. Memorials must be within the following dimensions:

Base (including foundation slab unless fitted at or below soil level)	(h) 75 mm, (w) 700 mm, (d) 600 mm
Headstone:	(h) 1 metre
Vase	Maximum (h) 200 mm, (w) 200 mm, (d) 200 mm
Tablet	Maximum (h) 400 mm, (w) 400 mm, (d) 75 mm

- All parts of the memorial must be contained within the footprint of its base.
6. All memorials must be installed to NAMM standards as must any memorials being reinstalled following maintenance or additional inscriptions.
  7. The grave right holder is the owner of the memorial and therefore responsible for its maintenance, repair and safety. It is recommended that consideration be given to taking out insurance: stonemasons should be able to offer advice on this.
  8. Any intended work to a memorial (installation, lifting, reinstallation etc.) must be booked in advance with the Council.
  9. The Council reserves the right to remove or lay flat any memorial which it perceives may be dangerous and will attempt to contact the grave right holder in this instance.

## Adornments

1. Any adornment on a grave must be contained within the footprint of the grave.
2. All adornments must be easily removed for grass maintenance.
3. No permanent planting is permitted and will be removed by the Council.
4. The Council reserves the right to remove dead plants, flowers, pots and containers and will attempt to contact the grave right holder in this instance.
5. The Council reserves the right to remove any adornment deemed inappropriate and will attempt to contact the grave right holder in this instance.

## Access

1. The cemetery is always open for pedestrian access; however, the Council reserves the right to close the cemetery where it may be necessary for repair, emergencies or in the interests of public safety.
2. No dogs (accepted assistance dogs) are permitted in the cemetery.
3. Any person(s) committing a nuisance or disturbance to others attending a funeral or grave, or wilfully destroying, damaging or defacing any property of the Council or any memorial will be reported to the police for prosecution

## Disclaimer

1. The Council cannot be held responsible for any damage caused by an act of god or third party to any memorial or any personal property taken into the cemetery unless acting under the direction of the Council.
2. If any damage is caused to the Council's land or premises by the bringing in of any materials, gravestones, or monument, the person or persons causing such damage will be held responsible for the same and the Council may recover the

cost of repairing such damage from such persons and may take further action under Article 18 of the Local Authorities Cemeteries Order 1977.

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