



The Vestry Rooms
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CEMETERY REGULATIONS

Management of Cemetery

Chenhalls Road cemetery is a lawn cemetery and its surface will be kept as level as possible, free from grave mounds and any planting.

All enquiries for interment should be made to the Clerk of the Parish Council. Please note the telephone is not staffed and has an answerphone, so enquiries by email are likely to be dealt with more swiftly.

Applications should be made at least 48 hours before interment (not including weekends and public holidays).

No interment shall take place, no memorial shall be placed and no additional inscription shall be made on any memorial, without the prior permission of the Parish Council.

Apart from existing reserved grave spaces, the allocation of plots is in strict sequence based upon the cemetery plan maintained by the Parish Council.

The Cemetery will be open to visitors at all times for the purpose of visiting or tending a grave, but the Parish Council reserves the right to close it, as may be necessary, at any time, for repairs or in the interests of public safety.

Documentation required prior to interment

A fully completed Notice of Interment and where necessary confirmation of pre-purchasing of grave should be sent to the Vestry Rooms, no later than 48 hours prior to the intended interment.

All fees relating to interments should preferably be paid by BACS (details available from the Clerk). If it is not possible to pay by BACS, cheques should be made payable to St Erth Parish Council and accompany the Notice of Interment form.

A Certificate for Burial (green form), Certificate of Cremation or a Coroner's Order for Burial, whichever is applicable, must be returned along with the Burial Order signed by the gravedigger within 24 hours of a funeral taking place.

Fees

Charges are shown on a separate sheet.

Fees will be higher for anyone not a resident in St Erth. For this purpose a resident is defined as a person who fulfils one of the following criteria: a) resides within the parish of St Erth at date of death b) was a resident of the parish of St Erth within one year of date of death c) was a resident of the parish of St Erth at the time they purchased an Exclusive Rights of Burial.

Fees do not include the cost of grave digging.

Exclusive Right of Burial

An exclusive right of burial must be purchased either 'in advance' i.e. against future use, or immediately prior to an interment taking place.

Each plot can accommodate two interments and the exclusive right lasts for 50 years.

Ownership of Exclusive Rights does not imply ownership of the land itself or the right to carry out any particular activity on the grave plot. The ownership of the cemetery land including the grave surface remains in the ownership of St Erth Parish Council.

Any changes to the Exclusive Right of Burial (Deed of Grant) – e.g. change of name, address, ownership must be advised to the Clerk and accompanied by the relevant paperwork.

It is important to retain the Grant in a secure place as it is the only legal document held by the owner confirming their entitlement to the burial rights.

Memorials

A minimum of six months should elapse between the burial of a person to be commemorated and erection of a memorial. This does not apply to cremated remains.

A Memorial permit application must be completed and returned to the Clerk with the relevant fee and a permit issued, prior to any work being carried out.

Permission is also required for additional inscriptions.

Horizontal surrounds, raised kerbs, railing, plain or coloured stone chippings, figures, open books, bird baths, raised vases, flowers bowls, etc. are not permitted.

Headstones or crosses not exceeding 3' in height, 2' in width and 6" in thickness are permitted and may include a holder for flowers within those dimensions.

They must comply with NAMM safety guidelines and a monumental mason will advise you on this point.

For cremated remains a Cornish Cremation Vase Block not exceeding 15" in height, 15" in width and 6" in thickness is permitted.

Grave space number must be engraved in small letters on the rear.

The owner of a memorial will be responsible for maintaining it in a clean and safe condition.