

which allows the Grantee to control the style and wording of any memorial placed upon the grave, subject to the Council's memorial regulations and the payment of cemetery fees. A copy of current fees can be obtained by contacting the Bereavement Services Team.

This Right is granted for a maximum of 30 years, which is the same amount of time that professionally fitted modern memorials are expected to remain in good, stable condition. Following this 30 year period, it will be possible to renew this Right at 5 year intervals on the condition that any defects that might affect the memorial's safety and stability are rectified.

Buying a grave

The majority of graves are bought at the time of a burial, usually through a funeral director as part of the funeral arrangements. Because the Rights must be legally transferred if the Grantee dies, we recommend that two or more family members assume joint ownership to reduce the need for a legal transfer in the future.

Graves may also be bought many years in advance of a burial and often, people purchase a solid grave space if they wish to be buried near loved ones or in a particular part of a cemetery.

To arrange a solid purchase, or for further information, contact Bereavement Services.

If you require any further help or advice, please do not hesitate to contact us at:

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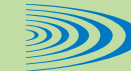
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اگر آپ ان معلومات کو کسی بھی اور زبان یا انداز، مثلاً بڑے پرنت/آڈیو ٹیپ/ٹیکسٹ میں حاصل کرنا چاہیں تو ڈائریکٹ ٹیم (Bereavement Services) کو اس نمبر پر فون کیجئے 01642 527341/42

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Types of Grave

a brief guide to buying a grave



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There are different types of graves available within our cemeteries; however, not all types are available in every cemetery. We respect the individual needs and choice of each family and, wherever possible, we will endeavour to meet their wishes. For further information about the availability of grave types, you should contact the Bereavement Services Section.

Traditional Graves

These graves are suitable for the burial of three adults. A single memorial is permitted on this type of grave and a small bed can be prepared at the head of the grave for planting with suitable plants or for personalisation*. The remainder of the grave space will be maintained as a lawn and no plants or other items must be placed in this area.

You may buy the Exclusive Right of Burial for either 50 years or 100 years.

Lawn Graves

This type of grave is suitable for either two or three adult interments, although permission may be given for the burial of a baby or infant before the adult interments. A single memorial is permitted on this type of grave and a small bed can be prepared at the head of the grave for planting with suitable plants or for personalisation*. The remainder of the grave space will be maintained as a lawn and no plants or other items must be placed in this area.

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Cremated Remains Gardens

Graves within our Cremated Remains Gardens are suitable for the interment of two sets of cremated remains. A single memorial is permitted on this type of grave and a small bed can be prepared at the head of the grave for planting with suitable plants or for personalisation*. The remainder of the grave space will be maintained as a lawn and no plants or other items must be placed in this area.

You may buy the Exclusive Right of Burial for a period of 25 years.

Babies Burial Gardens

With the exception of Eggescliffe Cemetery, an area has been set aside in our cemeteries for the burial of neonatal, stillborn and infants up to the age of one month. These graves are suitable for one burial only. As with the Cremated Remains Gardens, a single memorial is permitted, and with the exception of a small area for personalisation, the entire grave space will be maintained as a lawn.

Unpurchased Graves

You do not have to purchase the Exclusive Right of Burial; adult or infant burials may take place in a public or communal grave. It should be remembered, however, that the Council may bury unrelated persons in these graves. Memorials may not be placed upon an unpurchased grave.

You may find that a family grave has been reserved rather than purchased; this means that at the time of the first funeral, the family paid a small fee to reserve the grave for 14 years, with the intention to lease the Rights to it at a later date. Reservations were discontinued many

years ago, which means that in order to arrange a burial in or memorial works upon a grave that was previously reserved, it will be necessary to lease the Rights to the grave before the Council can authorise the funeral or memorial works.

*Personalising grave spaces

An area equivalent to 25% of each type of grave will be available for personalisation by families. This is approximately 1' 9" (53 cm) on lawn and traditional graves and 9" (23 cm) for cremated remains gardens and babies burial gardens. This area may be personalised by planting annual bedding and spring flowering bulbs and placing a small number of personal items. Permitted items include toys and soft toys, floral tributes, flower holders and planters, photographs and picture frames, but no surrounds, fences or decorative chippings should be used. For further information, please see our leaflet 'Personalising a grave space'.

The Exclusive Right of Burial

When you buy a grave, you do not buy the land that the grave occupies; you actually lease what is called the Exclusive Right of Burial for a fixed period. This means that no burials can take place in that grave without your permission; the person who has leased this Right, the 'Grantee', is entitled to be buried in the grave provided that it is suitable for further burials.

The Right to Erect a Memorial

The Grantee also leases the Right to Erect a Memorial at the time a grave is purchased,