

HARTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Gardens of Remembrance

Rules and Regulations

The Rules and Regulations for the management and control of the Burial Grounds and Gardens of Remembrance made by Hartley Parish Council [HPC] under powers conferred by the Local Government Act 1972 and the Local Authorities Cemeteries Order 1977.

The Burial Grounds and the Gardens of Remembrance in Hartley are in the care and ownership of HPC. The Council is conscious of the need to preserve the area as a place of quietness, dignity, and beauty and is active in carrying out this policy.

Any matters or queries concerning the Burial Grounds and the Gardens of Remembrance Rules and Regulations should be addressed to the Clerk to the Council at the address given above, and not to Churches, Undertakers, Memorial Masons, or any other body.

A gardener tends the flower beds and cuts the grass on a regular basis.

All dogs entering the Burial Grounds and the Gardens of Remembrance must be kept on a lead and in order.

At present there is no exclusive right of space allocated for any burial or interment of ashes, which shall be restricted to residents of the Parish, or to those who have had strong connections to the Parish in the past, or to those practising their faith within the Parish.

Full sized graves are not available for the interment of ashes.

A Book of Remembrance can be found in the chancel inside All Saints' Church. Flowers in memory of loved ones will always be welcomed there.

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1. All interments shall take place between the hours of 09.30 hrs and 16.00 hrs on Mondays to Fridays and between the hours of 09.30 hrs and 14.30 hrs on Saturdays. The exact hour in all cases shall be subject to arrangement with the officiating Minister by the person giving notice of interment.
2. A maximum of two interments of ashes are allowed in one single plot in the Gardens of Remembrance.
3. The burial of urns is not permitted in the Gardens of Remembrance.
4. No wreaths, memorial vases, floral tributes, or other objects shall be placed on the Gardens, or around the walls of the plinths.
5. HPC recognises that the bereaved take comfort from leaving flowers. Cut flowers may only be left on the plinths adjacent to the Gardens of Remembrance using the vases provided. This is to ensure grass cutting can be carried out safely.
6. No planting of trees, shrubs, or plants is permitted.
7. HPC reserves the right to remove any item which contravenes these regulations.
8. Stone Memorials laid in the ground in the Gardens of Remembrance marking the space where ashes have been interred shall be of black granite.
9. Stone memorials shall not exceed 200mm by 150mm [8" by 6"] in size and a copy of every inscription, the form, dimensions, and material of every memorial shall be submitted to the Clerk to the Council for approval by HPC prior to purchase.
10. Inscriptions on stone memorials shall be restricted to include name[s], date of birth, and date of death only, and shall be restricted to details of two interments per tablet. No further embellishment around the memorial is permitted.

Please note that under the Local Authorities Cemeteries Order 1977: -

Offences in cemeteries

18 [1] No person shall -

- (a) wilfully create any disturbance in a cemetery;
- (b) commit any nuisance in a cemetery;
- (c) wilfully interfere with any burial taking place in a cemetery;
- (d) wilfully interfere with any grave or vault, any tombstone or other memorial, or any flowers or plants on any such matter; or
- (e) play at any game or sport in a cemetery.

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- (f) [2] No person not being an officer or servant of the burial authority or another person so authorised by or on behalf of the burial authority shall enter or remain in a cemetery at any hour when it is closed to the public

Penalties

Every person who contravenes -

- (a) any prohibition under article 5(6);
- (b) article 10(6);
- (c) article 18;
- (d) Part I of Schedule 2

shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £100 and in the case of a continuing offence to a fine not exceeding £10 for each day during which the offence continues after conviction therefor.