

Cemetery Regulations

1. The following persons have a right of burial in the Mere Cemetery:-
 - (a) A parishioner or inhabitant of the town.
 - (b) Any person who owns Purchased Ground in the Cemetery.
 - (c) Any parishioner who leaves the town to be admitted to a hospital or home or for some exceptional circumstance and who subsequently dies outside the town.
 - (d) The remains of any person who has at some time resided in Mere or who has relatives buried in the Mere cemetery.
2. Grave digging to be carried out by authorized employees of the funeral director arranging the burial. Employees should have received appropriate training in technical and ethical procedures and the operation of plant or vehicles.
3. No memorial of any kind shall be erected in the Cemetery, nor any inscription cut on any tomb or headstone, without the prior permission of the Town Council. The design and inscription shall be submitted to the Town Council before the order for the memorial is given. Flat Memorial tablets only will be permitted in ground set aside for the interment of cremated remains. All headstones, monuments and borders shall be erected in parallel rows and shall be professionally installed to conform to National Association of Memorial Masons (NAMM) guidance or the new British Standard.
4. Kerbing (edging stones) of graves will only be permitted in the old cemetery (east of lane) and not in the new cemetery (west of lane) and only if they are professionally installed by monumental masons accredited with the National Association of Memorial Masons (NIMM). The Council will only permit the installation of kerbs (edging stones) on condition that the owners agree that if the kerbs (edging stones) fall into disrepair the Council will be permitted to remove the kerb (edging) stones upon notice.
5. All applications for Burials shall be made in writing to the Clerk of the Town Council and fees paid to the Clerk at that time. Such application should state by what Minister the Burial Service is to be conducted and the applicant shall himself arrange for the attendance of the Minister.
6. The Town Council shall regulate the admission of the public into the Cemetery.
7. Nothing shall be erected or planted in the Cemetery without the prior order or permission of the Town Council. No raised mounds will be allowed and no shrubs or trees will be permitted to be planted in the area set aside for the interment of cremated remains.
8. No interment shall take place on Sunday, Good Friday, Christmas Day or on any Public Holiday nor on a Saturday unless the most exceptional circumstances arise.
9. No dogs or other animals will be admitted into the Cemetery.
10. Notwithstanding item 1, arrangements for the interment of cremated remains of NON-PARISHIONERS will be allowed in that portion of ground earmarked for that purpose.
11. For the purpose of these Regulations a headstone is defined as such providing it does not exceed 10 inches in thickness. Any headstone exceeding 10 inches in thickness shall be designated as a Monument.
12. The Town Council shall be the sole judge of the right of burial and reserves the right from time to time to make any necessary alterations or additions to the foregoing regulations.
13. The owner of an Exclusive Right of Burial can surrender the Exclusive Right of Burial if the grave has not been used for burial, on completion of a Surrender Form and return of the original Deed of Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial (if possible). The surrender value being the original purchase price as specified on the Deed of Grant.

BY ORDER OF MERE TOWN COUNCIL